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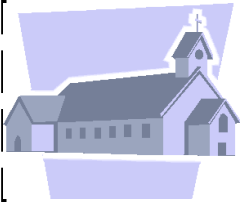
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*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
from your
Church Family!*



"Welcome" to Family of God



WORSHIP HOUR

Posted on our Website www.fogduluth.org,
Family of God Facebook page and on YouTube
9 a.m. each Sunday

Print versions of the bulletin and sermon
are available for download on the website.

If you would like to receive a print copy in the mail, please contact the church office

Regift Bingo

Let's have some fun right after coffee on
January 7 with ReGift Bingo.

Bring new or gently used items to donate as
prizes. We play regular bingo and once
someone has a bingo, they choose their
prize and then we continue until we get
another bingo. After a few bingos, we clear
our board and continue calling until all the
prized are gone.

It's quick, easy and most importantly FUN!
It's also a great way to pass on those items
that you just want to be done with.

Come join the fun. Everyone is invited
whether you bring a prize or not.

Cookies for the Homebound

This year we put the cookies together on
Sunday, December 10 after coffee. It was
great having all the help filling the cookie
containers, and members taking some to
deliver.

Recipients are so grateful for the delicious
treats.

Thank you for all the help baking, filling the
containers and delivering the cookies!

Good job everyone!

Woodland Gardens and Open Arms Senior Living Outreach January 2024

Our worship for residents at Woodland
Gardens is planned for January 14 10:45
a.m. and Open Arms worship is planned for
January 28 at 10:45 a.m. This will include
replaying the morning church service in the
community room and will include communion
during the service and fellowship
afterwards. We would like to continue this
outreach on the second and fourth Sundays
of each month. We are looking for a small
crew of volunteers who are willing to be
called on to help with setup and cleanup,
communion and visiting with the
residents. Please contact the church office
or Greg Hansen for more information. Greg
can be reached at 218)-349-0342 or by
email ghansen5347@gmail.com).





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January second Saturdays

If you are looking for a recurring volunteer opportunity, we have events every second Saturday of each month. In January, we will be preparing a meal for our residents at the Steve O'Neil Apartments. Keep an eye out for the signup form on Facebook! January 13th, time and location to come.

Prayer Chain



Would you like to be part of our group of strong faithful prayers? Let Pam know and you will get on the email list.

January Birthdays

- 2 Tammi Zantek
- 5 Austan Orvedahl
- 7 Leia Zehr
- 8 Quinn Hansen
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- 23 Jaydan Mueller
- 24 Diane Andrews
- 27 Claudia Bennett
Amanda Szybczynski
- 29 Kyle Renner



January Anniversaries

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**You Can Help Fund
our mission electronically**

Set it and Forget it



Please consider setting up an online donation. The system is simple, convenient and automatic so you never have to worry about writing (and remembering) that check again.

Set it all up on our website: fogduluth.org/give or contact the church office for an authorization form. You can choose your checking/saving account, or process your giving via credit/debit card.

Your consistent, uninterrupted support of the mission and ministry of Family of God makes a huge difference.. Thank you!

Quilters

After taking a short holiday break, quilting will resume on Thursday, January 11 at 9 a.m.

Our quilters meet at 9 a.m. on Thursdays of each week. We need help to work on our quilts that we give away to people in need, to the hospitals and for other events. We received some quilt tops, so come help us finish them. Come join us, even if you don't sew. There are many non-sewing steps in the process. Hope to see you 9 a.m. on Thursdays!

We recently donated 12 quilts to Safe Haven Women's Shelter in addition to the 18 quilts we donated Ruth House Homeless Shelter in Superior, WI. They were so appreciative to receive them.



Thank you to Pam and Tom Carroll for delivering them.

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Church Council

President: Jerry Alander
Vice-President: Ed Fuhs
Treasurer: Sandy Meints
Congregational
Secretary: Sharon LaTour



Other Members: Patti Alander, Neil Fredrickson, Becky Hansen, Krissy Stanny, Pastor Tanner and Sharon LaTour, Council Secretary.

Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m.

November 28 2023

PRESENT: Jerry Alander, Patti Alander, Neil Fredrickson, Ed Fuhs, Becky Hansen, Krissy Stanny, Sharon LaTour

GUESTS: Greg Hansen

ABSENT: Sandy Meints

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. opening with "A Prayer for Leaders".

REPORTS:

Pastor: No official report but things are going well. We have the pulpit covered through December.

Secretary's: Neil made a motion to accept the secretary's report as presented. Krissy seconded it. Motion carried.

Financial: Ed reported that we are basically holding our own and are slowly continuing to improve.

Greg Hansen went over the financial reports comparing May - October 2023 to 2022 income and expenses.

Krissy made a motion, seconded by Patti, to accept the financial report as presented.

LEADERSHIP TEAMS:

Praising God: Greg

- Meeting time has changed to the third Sunday of the month following the coffee fellowship time.
- Reminder that any changes to worship schedule should be brought to the leadership team for approval.
- Pulpit coverage is secured through December.
- The music committee will take over securing pulpit supply from Jerry.

- The Advent schedule has been moved up one week because of the fourth Sunday falling on Christmas Eve. Pam will report this change to those supplying pulpit coverage.
- There will be no Christmas program this year.
- Caroling will be on December 17th. Open Arms at 10:30 a.m. and Woodland Gardens at 11:30 a.m. Cookies will be brought to both places.
- Christmas Eve by the fire will be held at 3 p.m. with hot chocolate, caroling, etc. Christmas Eve worship will be at 4 p.m.
- Rose reported that 12 or more people have watched our service via U-Tube.
- Options for AV equipment are being looked at. We hope to be able to broadcast our service live rather than recorded.
- The December meeting will be on December 21st after worship.

Pam has permission to write out checks for pulpit supply and substitute musician ahead of time as long as the Council officers are notified of expenditures.

If someone was in need of a pastor, who do they call? Jerry suggested Pastor Tim from Waters of Life, Pastor Jeff from Kenwood Lutheran, or the Synod Office. Patti and Ed volunteered to be emergency contacts and to check the phone for messages in the event that Pam is not available.

Strengthening Families: Ed - No report.

Strengthening Community: Patti
Mental health training will be held at 7 p.m. on January 17th. Joy from the Synod will be presenting Looking at Mental Health Through a Faith Lens. This event is open to the community at no charge and childcare will be provided.

Cookies for shut-ins are needed by December 10th.

Resource Development: Neil

The tree has been put up. Spotlight has been changed to shine where needed. Nativity scene is up.

Pastor Tanner held a class for those willing to do home communion. Jerry Alander, Dave Dezell, Neil Fredrickson, Krissy Stanny

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participated in the training. If you or anyone you know, would like to receive communion, please contact Pam or one of the above.

Pastor Tanner made up communion kits and passed out pamphlets on how to administer communion.

Pastoral Search:

Jerry has talked with the Synod Office in the past month. Deacon Williams is working on finding a part-time interim for us.

Additions to Agenda:

A property use agreement was on file. Krissy will retype it and correct errors. Discussion on fees for building usage was tabled until our next meeting.

Prayer Chain Requests:

Carlene's sister

Sharon's sister and sister-in-law

Becky made a motion, seconded by Neil to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:31 p.m.

Next meeting will be Dec. 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Sharon LaTour, Council Secretary

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