#### Friday, January 31, 2025



From the Pastor Rev. Kirk Moore

# **Scout Sunday**

It's Scout Sunday. We recognize and celebrate scouting by recognizing all who are and who have been part of Girls Scouts and Scouting, BSA throughout their lives.

It's also the first Sunday of the month, and we celebrate communion together. We are together as God's people living out love and justice in Jesus' name.

Additionally, it's Groundhog day! (again) Will Woodstock Willie see his shadow Sunday morning? (Weather forecasts suggest he won't! Tradition says that means an early Spring!)



Whether we're celebrating scouting, having communion together, or talking about a prognosticating groundhog, *We are a vibrant, inclusive Christian community living out love, respect, and dignity for everyone.* 

This Sunday, in a continuation from last week, we'll talk about the time Jesus said some provocative things and the crowd tried to push him off a cliff. Please see below for a preview.

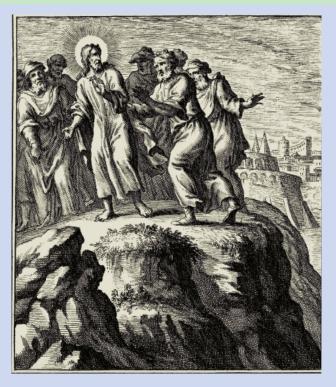
And, as always, please let me know if there are any who could use a pastoral visit.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Kirk



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# **Provocative**

In this week's Bible reading from Luke 4:21-30, everyone loved Jesus. They were all so proud that he had healed folks, welcomed folks, and proclaimed that God's promises were now being fulfilled.

Until he started to say more. . . It was sort of like this.

"You don't really respect me. I'm going to say stuff that is going to make your brains hurt and that will make you angry. You think that you're the ones who are the oppressed? You're the

oppressors! You don't get it! Just because there are people being healed and there's a whole bunch of people following me, it doesn't mean that you're going to somehow become rich or powerful. Quit thinking of yourselves and notice that I'm talking about God's good news for the whole world!"

You may be wondering. Where did I get the "You're the oppressors!" stuff? We'll talk more Sunday.



**Bulletin for Sunday, February 2, 2025** 

### **Calendar**

Sunday, February 2 (Beginning of Heart Healthy Month)

8:45 a.m. - Choir practice

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship service

10:45 a.m. - Fellowship

11:00 a.m. - Confirmation class

Monday, February 3

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - PMCMMC/ Zion Hall

Tuesday, February 4

6:30 p.m. - Zion Hall rental

7:00 p.m. – Bunco/Chapel

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 a.m. - Volunteers

Thursday, February 6

1:00 p.m. - Bible study

4:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Zion Hall rental

6:30 p.m. – Foundation/Chapel

Sunday, February 9 (Super Bowl Subs Sunday & CE Bake Sale)

8:45 a.m. - Choir practice

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship service

10:30 a.m. - Sub Sale & Bake Sale

10:45 a.m. – Fellowship

## **Birthdays**

**February 2**Joanne Bockmann

February 3
Jim Dorencz
Jeff Korbitz, Sr.
Rebecca Mischler

**February 4**Joey Sciacchitano

February 6
Ron Rudnicki
Luna Jefchak

### News, Announcements, Gifts, Memorials, and Prayer Concerns

**Ushers 2-2-25** – Shawn Roorda, Darryl Onak, Diane Oremovich **Ushers 2-9-25** – Pam Cornyn, David Johnson, Carol Ritter

Memorials in Honor of:

**Carol J Gorman** remembered by Den & Judy Kirscher; Marsha Bockmann; Mark Bockmann.

**Dawn Boone** remembered on the anniversary of her passing from Theresa Graben.

New Prayers: For **Verna Kwiatkowski** healing after knee surgery; **Carol Ritter** recuperating after minor eye surgery; **Pat Finn** beginning testing to be placed on the lung transplant list.

Continued Prayers: For Regina, friend of Ray & Jo Kujawa who is having breast cancer surgery; Michael Miulli, Eric's uncle and godfather, prayers for the family after his sudden death; my friend Alex and his family after the loss of his grandfather by Shawn Roorda; Elaine Angone and family after the passing of Tom Angone on December 27th; Joe Graben recovering after eye surgery; Roger Jacobson, lifelong friend of Ray & Jo Kujawa recovering from heart transplant surgery; Michelle Vondrak, Carmen's daughter-in-law, going through cancer treatment; Jan Pratscher recovering after cancer surgery; Earlene Kriechbaum continued healing; Karen Blaser for continued strength and recuperation; Nancy Di Novo rehabbing after her surgery; Russ Hook for healing and strength; Jeanine Gerard in long term care, prayers for healing and strength; Gordon Sieveke prayers for strength and healing.

# This Sunday, February 2, Alan and Cindy will be sponsoring Peace Café in honor of Groundhog Day

**Memorial Plaques** 

The plaques with the following names have been added to the Memorial wall:

Barbara Miller Helen Espinoza Dorothy Halwachs Kathy Faulkner

**PMC Peace Pickleball!** Open gym pickleball is coming soon! The tentative schedule is Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and start date is TBA. If anyone is interested in playing or learning how to play, please contact Alan White, Cindy White or Ruth Van Hecke.

Please join us for **Bible Study on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m** in the Chapel.



Any time -- even during the worship service - You can donate electronically to PMC through tithe.ly. Simply scan this QR Code, or use the <u>"donate" link</u> on our church website or at the bottom of this email. Thank you!

# There was nothing but love abound this past Sunday as our Peace Kids made Valentine's for La Rabida Children's Hospital! □















## **Humanitarian Snapshot #9**

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), along with dozens of international humanitarian organizations, urgently calls upon the international community to address the escalating humanitarian crisis in Gaza. This

comes as findings reveal the failure to implement critical provisional measures outlined by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) a year ago, resulting in unprecedented suffering among Palestinians.

CMEP is a coalition of more than 30 national Church communions and organizations in Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, and Evangelical traditions. Each of these communions and organizations is represented on the CMEP Board of Directors, which sets CMEP's mission, positions, and policy. Decisions are made by consensus of this group. CMEP helps church organizations, leaders. and individuals nationwide advocate in a knowledgeable, timely, holistic, and effective way to express their concerns about justice and peace for all peoples in the region. CMEP activists, board, and staff engage directly with policymakers at every level.



Did you miss church? Catch up on last Sunday's service here. And feel free to share recordings of past services with others who might like to learn more about Peace! You can subscribe to our YouTube channel and also the Worship Services Playlist.

The Heart Healthy Cereal collection begins, Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through and including Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



This annual project in February is in honor and in memory of Louise Smith.

The cereal collected will be delivered to a local food pantry. If our goal of 200 boxes of cereal is achieved, we will deliver to two food pantries.

**Examples of Heart Healthy cereals are:** 

Cheerios Smart Start Special K Barbara's Puffins Kashi SCORE A TOUCHDOWN
FOR YOUR SWEETHEART
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
MEETS VALENTINES DAY
BAKE SALE
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH





GHT YOUR ORDERS IN Sunday February 9th BY SUNDAY FEB. 2nd

Sandwiches will be \$6 each

turkey of Chili With Every Sub salami

combo (ham turkey & salami) roast beef

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA HOOK!



# BEAT THE YEAR AND THE SERVICE OF THE

Peace Memohial Church Saturday, February 15, 2025 6:00 pm Appetizers 7:00 pm Dinner & Fun!

Want to help shake off those winter blues? Meet us for a nice evening of friendship, food and fun!







Tickets available at the Cafe \$15.00 per person.

Invite your friends to come with you! Please contact Kathi Graben for more information





# Peace Memorial Cooking Club Charcuterie

Learn the easy steps for making a perfect cheese and **charcuterie** board, with lots of details about the best ingredients, tools and arrangement strategies.

DATE: Saturday March 8, 2025

PLACE: Zion Hall

TIME: 6 PM to 8 PM

COST: \$20.00 per Board (Collected Day of Event)

All Supplies Provided at the Event

Open to all PMC Members – Family & Friends.

Sign Up Sheet is in the church Narthex at the Center Visitor Desk

Registration Open Until Sunday March 1st 2025

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#### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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