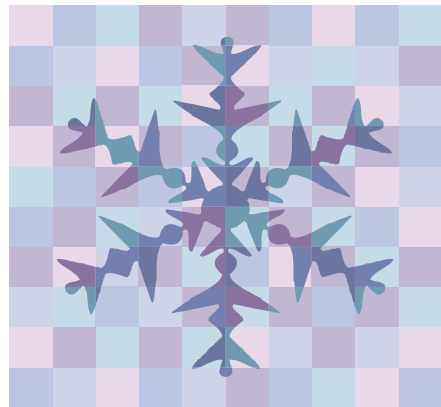


**2023  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY  
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**OFFICE HOURS: M, W, Th, F - 9:00-Noon**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.**

**COFFEE TIME: 10:30 A.M.**

**WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.**

**EDITOR: Bonnie Cowell**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers for Sunday Worship should call the church at 786-0643 or sign the sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$20 and brightens our altar.



**RADIO BROADCAST**

WDWC Radio 680 AM on your dial airs the 10:30AM worship service every Sunday. If you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast, there is a clipboard to sign in on with the date you prefer in the Narthex. Cost for this service is \$100 per week. You can donate the full \$100 or any portion of the broadcast.

**PRAYER LIST**

Please remember all those who are homebound and in nursing homes as they are in need of your prayers for healing, gaining strength, and courage during an illness or injury.

May God bless you and keep you in His loving care during this time of illness and concern and know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

**YEAR END STATEMENTS**

Sign up in the narthex to request 2022 Giving Statement. **Statements will be mailed the week of January 15, 2022 or you can call the office to pick yours up.**



**Happy are those who trust in the LORD...!**

The above Bible verse comes from the Prophet Jeremiah, chapter 17, verse 7a. With all the happenings during Advent Season, Christmas, New Year, and Epiphany (12th Day of Christmas) the “Holidays”, maybe we haven’t had a chance to stop and reflect on the positives we can expect for 2023. Some people make plans for the upcoming year, like vacation time a year in advance when they can get the better deals from the hospitality industry; for example, air flights, hotel reservations and the like.

It is all good and exciting for those who can afford it. There might be others thinking on new jobs according to their vocations or passions, academic opportunities, and serving God and the Church in one or more of the many ministries it encompasses. People think on how to better their lives. Typically, we look back and evaluate last year’s goals to see if we achieved them in the time frame we programmed for them, etc.

Nevertheless, there are those who endured hardships, illness, loss of love ones, and more. They can only think on how to get over that, to thrive and survive the best they can. Maybe they don’t even think about succeeding for they are, possibly, hopeless.

The latter situation reminds me that the Prophet Jeremiah, along with the captive Judeans during their exile in Babylon around 586 BCE, endured a really tough season; even the king and the royal family, who were granted amnesty.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11).

Let’s pray for each other,

*Pastor Laura*



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

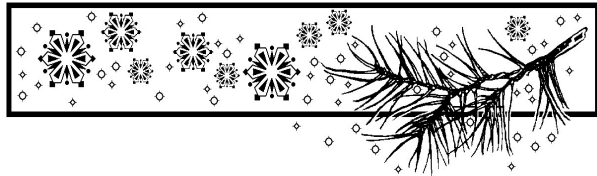
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:45 a.m. Children's Church

### NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available for children four and under during Sunday morning worship and at our Christmas Eve services with our caregiver, Valerie Rose. Coloring pages, books, and stuffed animals are available in the gathering space for children worshipping with their families.

### UNHANGING THE GREENS

Thanks to all who helped after church on Sunday, January 1st in taking down our Christmas trees and decorations. Thank you to Joe Teal of Teal's evergreens for donating our beautiful Christmas tree and to all those who helped bring them in, and put them up. And to Janet Snowden and those who helped decorate the church.



### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday evening a Bible Study Group meets in the Lounge at 6:00p.m. We are continuing the "Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom. You can join in at any time. **We begin again on January 4, 2023.**

### ROSES & THORNS

If you have a concern or compliment to pass along to the (SPRC), Staff Parish Relations Committee, please fill out a card and let us know your thoughts. Cards can be found in the church pews. Your opinions are important to us and we will address each concern and/or compliment.



### PASTY SALE

The 1st Pasty Sale for 2023 Year is Friday, **January 20th.** Help is needed at 8:00AM

Thursday to make/roll dough, cut potatoes, onions and more. Friday, (Sale & Pick Up Day) workers are needed to make pasties, cook and clean-up beginning at 8:00 a.m. Plain and rutabaga pasties will be available. Cost is \$6.00. Get your order in early by calling the office at 786-0643 or Arleen at 233-9194.

**Next sale will be Friday, February 17th.**

### 2023 GIVING ENVELOPES

Your new Giving Envelopes are ready for pickup in the Gathering Area. Please be sure to put your name on the envelope weekly. Thank you!

### LOVING FINGERS QUILTERS

The Loving Fingers Quilters meet in Room #9 on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9:00AM. They make quilts for Escanaba/Marquette Hospice and members of our church or anyone we know who would find a little comfort in a quilt. Our group is made up of young and old, sewers and non-sewers. Please join us for a day, a morning, or an afternoon of good friendship.

### HELPING HANDS

Please remember our Helping Hands Fund during this difficult economic time. The funds are for Central members who are facing urgent financial challenges and in need of assistance. All help is strictly confidential. Please see Pastor Laura for assistance.

### FOOD PANTRY

Prayerfully consider bringing weekly food donations to help supply our food pantry. All the donations will help supply the Salvation Army food bank. Winter needs for fuel and electricity are great. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection or brought to the office. Thank you for your help.



### GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated the various items for the Giving Tree. The Salvation Army appreciates your generosity.

### JANUARY FINANCE STEWARDS

01 Laura Kluka, Jackie Johnson  
 08 Cheryl Swanson, Bev Ladin  
 15 Janet Snowden, Sue Gaudette  
 22 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin  
 29 Laura Kluka, Bev Ladin

### JANUARY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Committees will meet Thursday, **January 19, 2023,** at 6:00PM followed by the Council meeting at 7:15PM.

### FEBRUARY FINANCE STEWARDS

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### FEBRUARY MINISTRY MEETINGS

The February meeting night is Thursday, **February 16, 2023** with the Committees meeting at 6:00PM and the Council at 7:15PM.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd this year. Watch the bulletin for more information on our service and on Soup/Sandwich and Vespers.



### PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

The Palm Sunday Service will be **Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Central.** Palms and celebrations will begin Holy Week.