



# HOUSE OF PRAYER

*Is a gathering of God's people  
connecting our faith to our daily lives  
so that all would encounter Christ in each person.*



## Accessible to All



Pastor Eric Luedtke

When we celebrate Holy Communion at House of Prayer, you'll hear an invitation that reminds us that ALL are welcome at Christ's table. The shape of *all* sometimes emphasizes that children are welcome, other times guests, other times those who aren't members of HOP. No matter what, it is theologically important that ALL people are able to share in this meal.

Recently we were asked by a guest if we have a specific "gluten free chalice" as part of our communion practice of intinction. At the time, we did not, which meant we needed to make a change to our practice. For those that don't know, gluten (commonly contained in wheat) can be shed from one item to another. The act of dipping a wheat wafer into a chalice then means there are tiny bits of gluten in the chalice. For someone who is gluten intolerant or allergic, this presents an issue.

To solve this, we now offer our gluten free wafers with a separate gluten free chalice in both services. You may notice the gluten free plate set on the west side of the altar in the sanctuary

and that after the words of institution the Pastor will move the presentation chalice to this side of the altar as well. This is a specific gluten free communion pairing for those who need it. If you're among that crowd, simply ask the server for gluten free and the server will set down their communion plate, pick-up the gluten free set, and present it to you. You will be invited to take your own wafer and dip it into the chalice, hearing as always the words "body of Christ, given for you" and "blood of Christ, shed for you."

Yes, this process will take a little extra time, but this is how we practice Christ's hospitality in making sure that ALL are welcome at Christ's table. This is how we live out our core value of *Welcoming* and being a *Compassionate Community*. It's how we live into our mission of *being inwardly fed to outwardly feed and caring for each other*. It's how we live into our vision of *encountering Christ in each other* (or maybe how others encounter Christ in us).

How else might we increase accessibility at House of Prayer? What barriers exist that prevent people from being able to participate in worship or activities of our congregation? Share your thoughts and ideas with LMT members, staff, and Pastor Eric so that we can work together to breakdown the barriers that prevent people from joining us regularly.

## Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 11, 2024, 10:30 am

The House of Prayer Leadership Ministry Team is calling a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on extending a Pastoral Call to fill the part-time role of Minister for Congregational Care.

The meeting will provide an overview of the candidate selection process, why LMT recommends this candidate, and a congregational vote will be taken to determine whether to extend a call to this candidate. All House of Prayer members are invited to attend and vote at this meeting. If you have any questions about the Special Congregational Meeting, contact Pastor Eric [eluedtke@hoplc.org](mailto:eluedtke@hoplc.org) 612.866.8471 ext. 2, or Congregation President, Caity Wright [caitywright13@gmail.com](mailto:caitywright13@gmail.com).



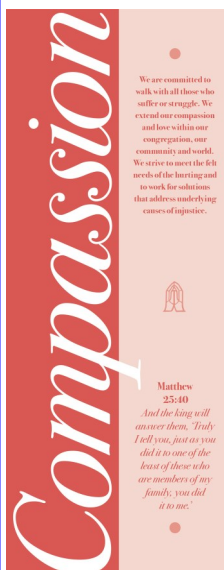
## Leadership Ministry Team Update

### Compassionate Community



Caity Wright  
President

Continuing with our theme of values, next up is Compassionate Community. Here is what our values say about compassionate community: “We are committed to walk with all those who suffer or struggle. We extend our compassion and love within our congregation, our community and world. We strive to meet the felt needs of the hurting and to work for solutions that address underlying causes of injustice.” As with all of our values, one of the most crucial parts is how we broadcast our compassion into the wider community. It’s easy to care about each other in the congregation, and we’re great at it! The harder part is to extend that love out into the world that isn’t always so lovely back. But that’s exactly why we continue to share and spread our love, to show the world that love and compassion is still all around us.



We are great at taking care of each other, it’s one of the things I (and I’m sure many of you) love most about House of Prayer. Our community is so important, I’ve met some of my best friends here. There are so many lifelong relationships that I treasure that have begun at HOP. Each week at handbells I can’t wait to check in with my bell buddies and see how they’re doing. We hear the list of those in our community that need our prayers each week and we keep them in our hearts and minds.

In addition to how great we are at taking care of each other, we also do a pretty great job in the wider community. Lutherans love food and it shows! Between Simpson Shelter, Veggie Table, Every Meal, VEAP, Feed My Children, Loaves and Fishes, Meals on Wheels, the list goes on and on! And those are just the things we are doing in the community to do with food.

The outreach that is done here is so valuable in the short-term as well as the long-term. The things that we do to combat issues that face our community may seem like a given to the people within our walls, but it's important to note that how we treat any situation may have positive ramifications in the future. I see that on display perfectly in the communities and groups that we rent our beautiful space out to every week. If

the people within House of Prayer were standoffish, unwelcoming, or compassionless, something tells me we wouldn’t have as many visitors and different groups as we do. And that’s a wonderful thing! It shows that people that aren’t regular or long-time members value how we run our ship (or ark) enough that they want to become either staples of our congregation or bring their own group in to share in the features of the church that make it so terrific.

There is certainly a case to be made that showing compassion and care is as important externally as it is internally. But there’s no doubt that the lives of people inside of HOP are a special kind of intertwined. I see it in the fact that conversation is always flowing on Sundays, whether people are stopping someone to ask how they’re doing, how their latest vacation was or how their pets are holding up. The fact that so many people care so deeply about the details of each other’s lives is something not to take for granted. With that grouping and conversation comes a natural desire to continue the connection on the ride to and from church, and the amount of carpooling, picking up, and after church outings that occur cannot be ignored either.

A display of how people care for one another is shown in the bad times, not just the good. If we have a sick member of the congregation, it’s an “all-hands-on-deck” effort to make sure they’re cared for. If we have someone come to church that hasn’t been in weeks or months, there’s no sense of judgment, and no discerning eyes sent from pew to pew. Instead, there is always a warm greeting, a handshake or yes, even a light-hearted comment about where they’ve been. The compassion shown in hard times makes it that much more meaningful, and I think we at HOP do a wonderful job of that.

## Leadership Ministry Team Update

### Finance Team Update

#### House of Prayer Lutheran Church Operating Summary Fiscal Year 2023-2024

	Dec-23		YTD		Variance
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
<b>REVENUE</b>					
4000 Offerings	44,634	49,900	200,922	203,000	-2,078
4100 Rental Revenue	10,717	9,967	63,407	56,100	7,307
4609 Other Worship Revenue	728	1,018	1,719	2,760	-1,041
4700 Preschool Revenue	8,740	9,000	38,349	39,400	-1,051
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>64,819</b>	<b>69,885</b>	<b>304,397</b>	<b>301,260</b>	<b>3,137</b>
Expenses					
Outreach, Community Engagement and Congregational Dev.	4,743	5,969	28,269	33,753	(5,484)
Human Resources Ministry Finance, Insurance, Office Admin,	34,963	40,523	204,463	237,396	(32,933)
Legal and Professional Fees	3,221	4,185	27,482	27,100	382
Property and Utilities	6,121	12,179	43,068	56,976	(13,908)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>49,048</b>	<b>62,856</b>	<b>303,282</b>	<b>355,225</b>	<b>(51,943)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>15,771</b>	<b>7,029</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>(53,965)</b>	<b>55,080</b>

#### Dedicated Fund Activity as of December 2023

DEDICATED FUNDS RECEIVED	Dec '23	YTD
Evangelism	100	2964
Facilities	1510	7,745
Fall Festival		4,545
Worship	5,775	8,103
Youth and Family	100	100
Preschool	761	7,457
<b>Total Funds Received</b>	<b>8,246</b>	<b>30,914</b>
<b>DEDICATED FUNDS USED</b>		
Evangelism	0	987
Facilities fund	4376	9406
Fall Festival	113	663
Worship	0	2,099
Preschool	8,205	17,569
<b>Total Funds Spent</b>	<b>12,694</b>	<b>30,724</b>
<b>NET DEDICATED ACTIVITY</b>	<b>(\$4,448)</b>	<b>\$190</b>
<b>Total Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,323</b>	<b>\$1,305</b>

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## Leadership Ministry Team Update

### Monthly Finance Report

December continues a string of good months, with a net operating revenue of \$15,771 compared to a budget of \$7,029. Fiscal year-to-date operating net revenue was higher than budget by \$1,115 compared to a budget of net operating deficit of \$53,965.

Compared to prior year, total revenue is trending similarly, and expenses are slightly higher. Additional dedicated funds received and dedicated funds used contributed to a total net revenue of \$1,305 for fiscal year to date.



#### REVENUE

December offerings came in lower than expected, down \$11,000 from last year, and \$5,066 lower than budget, but January is off to a good start. Fiscal year to date, the total mix of revenue from offering, rent, and preschool tuition is on budget. Additional rent dates booked by our contract renters, and the continued rent contract with Southview will show strong revenue vs budget in the coming winter and spring months. Our budget assumptions excluded Southview rent from Jan - June. The church has not received a "notice to vacate" from Southview, which is encouraging.

#### EXPENSES

Expenses through the second quarter are lower than budget by \$51,943, with savings in utilities, property and human resources categories. A warmer winter with less snow has led to lower heating and plow costs, along with fewer routine HVAC repairs. human resource savings are due to the open ministry position expense.

#### DEDICATED FUND ACTIVITY

Dedicated funds activity in December included a transfer-in of the Jon Kietzer Music Ministry funds previously maintained by the HOP Foundation, for the church to use for such purpose directly. Dedicated funds were also used for nursery carpet replacement including an unexpected asbestos abatement, paid for from preschool (grant funds received) and facilities funds.

~Sara Barnaby, HOP Treasurer

### 2023 Contribution Statements

Thank you for your continuing generous support of House of Prayer!

We have mailed 2023 calendar year contribution statements. Should you have any questions on your statement, please contact Patti Benson at [pbenson@hoplc.org](mailto:pbenson@hoplc.org) or 612-882-3158 ext. 4.



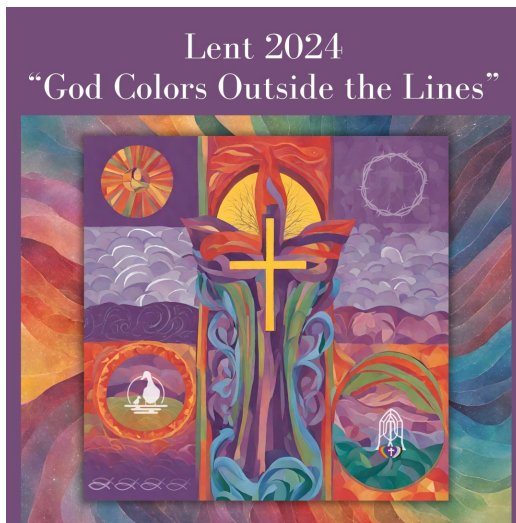
### LMT Meeting

The Leadership Ministry Team meets quarterly to discuss the happenings at HOP. Our goal is to meet the second Tuesday of each quarter, and sticking to that our first LMT meeting of the year is set to be on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 pm in the Fireside room. If you have any business you'd like to bring to the LMT's attention please contact Caity at [caitywright13@gmail.com](mailto:caitywright13@gmail.com).



## Around House of Prayer

### God Colors Outside the Lines – Lent / Easter 2024



Maybe you've looked at a piece of art at a museum and thought "that looks like a three-year-old scribbled that" and there it hangs in the museum with hundreds or thousands of people admiring it. Somewhere along the way, we've been taught that we should color "inside the lines" that there are specific rules we must follow, a certain way things are intended to look. Then we look at scripture and realize that all along God has been doing things differently, "coloring outside the lines" as it were, impacting the world in remarkable ways, or to keep the metaphor going, to make remarkable works of art. Throughout the season of Lent we will join with our collaboration partners from Woodlake Lutheran Church for dinner, conversation, and worship. Each week we'll explore ways that God colors outside the lines, we'll create some community art pieces together, and we might even be challenged to color outside the lines together.

Wed, Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm – House of Prayer Sanctuary  
Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer 8:30am – Woodlake Lutheran Chapel

Wed, Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20 – Wednesday Dinner, Conversation, Worship 5:30-7pm  
HOP Fellowship Hall

5:30-6:00	Dinner
6:00-6:30	Guided Conversation
6:30-7:00	Holden Evening Prayer

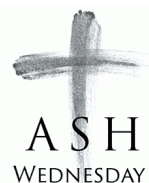
Thurs, March 28 – Richfield Area Churches Maundy Thursday 6pm – at Oak Grove Lutheran Church

Fri, March 29 – Good Friday Worship – 7pm – House of Prayer Sanctuary

Sun, March 31 – Easter Worship – 9:30 Traditional & 11am ReFuel

### Ash Wednesday Worship

The beloved hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* has a line that invites God to "tune my heart to sing thy grace." I had never thought of this as a metaphor for Lent, but thanks to the creative team at *A Sanctified Art* (the people who created the Advent resources we used) this idea created a spark for me. The image they offer here is that of an orchestra tuning before a performance – if you've ever experienced it, it seems like chaos. But this very chaos often leads to some spectacular musical blessings.



As we enter the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 14, you are invited into your own time of "tuning your heart." Getting ready for what God will be doing in and through you in this Lenten season. Our collaboration partners at Woodlake are offering a morning prayer worship service with ashes at

**8:30 am in the chapel at Woodlake Lutheran.**

**7 pm in the Sanctuary at House of Prayer**

Our congregations will join together for a worship service with imposition of ashes. Choose either or both experience as you enter into the season of Lent. Please contact Pastor Eric at 612-866-8471, ext. 2, or [eluedtke@hoplc.org](mailto:eluedtke@hoplc.org) if you have questions.

## Around House of Prayer

### Minister for Congregational Care



After two interviews and a meet & greet with LMT, we are pleased to have a primary candidate to present to the congregation for the Minister for Congregational Care position.

In order to maintain integrity in the candidate's current call setting, we are not able to publicize the name of the candidate. That information will be shared at the Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 11.

The call committee and LMT are excited about the gifts this candidate will bring to HOP including an energetic personality and enthusiasm for visitation ministry as the primary responsibility of the role. This candidate has served in multiple congregational and non-congregational settings and understands the role of congregational care to be critical to the life of a vibrant community of faith.

Contact Pastor Eric at [eluedtke@hoplc.org](mailto:eluedtke@hoplc.org) or 612-866-8471, ext. 2, with questions.

### Lenten Choir Opportunity

As part of our special offerings during the upcoming season of Lent, all are invited to come sing with the Combined HOP & Woodlake Lutheran Choir. We will together prepare some beautiful choral music for our Lenten services, strengthening the community we share through the meaningful experience of singing together. Our rehearsals will follow our weekly 6:30 p.m. Lenten Holden Evening Prayer services, meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at HOP.

WELCOME TO ALL! If any questions, contact Roselyn Hanson Weber, Dir. Liturgical Worship, at [rhansonweber@hoplc.org](mailto:rhansonweber@hoplc.org).



### Coffee & Donut Fellowship

Our ever-popular fellowship hour continues to be a wonderful time for gathering and connecting. We whole-heartedly thank our devoted volunteers who faithfully make the coffee, pick-up the donuts, set-up, serve, and clean-up. We look forward to more fellowship times ahead in the New Year and encourage more friends to volunteer. Youth can help, too! The sign-up board is available every Sunday morning in the Narthex or contact the church office to be added to the roster. We especially need a coordinator to keep us organized. Please connect with Andry Jurcich ([andryj@invisik.com](mailto:andryj@invisik.com)) to get involved.



### Synod Assembly Delegates Needed

Each year our Minneapolis Area Synod holds Synod Assembly, a gathering of rostered and lay leaders from across our Synod who make decisions and set the direction for ministry of our Synod. This year at Synod Assembly there will be an election of Bishop (Bishop Ann has served two six year terms, the limit as directed by our Synod constitution) in addition to the regular business of the Assembly. House of Prayer gets to send two lay people to the Assembly as voting members. Synod Assembly is held May 2-4.

If you are interested in serving in this way or want to learn more about what is involved, please contact Pastor Eric [eluedtke@hoplc.org](mailto:eluedtke@hoplc.org) or 612.866.8471 ext. 2.



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## Around House of Prayer

### Altar Guild



Thanks to the ladies of the Altar Guild, who cleaned the Sanctuary on January 8th, spiffing it up for the next year!

Altar Guild meets on the second Monday of every month at 1:00 pm, and we would love to add some additional members.

If you have questions about what we do, or what our meetings entail, please contact Lerea Finn at [lereaf@comcast.net](mailto:lereaf@comcast.net).



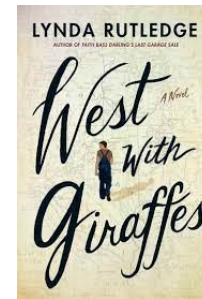
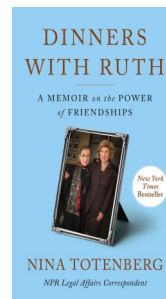
### Book Discussion Group

House of Prayer Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, February 8th, at 1:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.

At our February meeting, we will be discussing: *Dinners With Ruth* by Nina Totenberg

In March, we will be discussing: *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

We welcome anyone who loves to read! For more information about Book Club, please contact Sandy Williams at [srwllms70@hotmail.com](mailto:srwllms70@hotmail.com).



### Women's Retreat at Luther Park February 9-11

It's time to treat yourself! Join other women February 9-11 at Luther Park in Danbury, WI, for a weekend of community, worship, crafts, and rejuvenation. For more information on the accommodations, schedule of events, speakers, registration and scholarships please visit [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com) or connect with Madison Main, [retreats@lutherpark.com](mailto:retreats@lutherpark.com).



### Game Meet-Up

Do you love card and board games? Want to learn some new ones or play old favorites?

Join Dave and Sara From 1:30 to 5:00 pm on Friday February 2nd in the Narthex. Come in the door with the awning.



We will have games to play, but you can bring your own. It is your responsibility to keep track of your games. Covered drinks are allowed.

Want to take the bus?  
77th St E & Chicago Ave S  
Stop Number: 48623 Route 540

If you have any questions, please contact Sara Barnaby at [anriassgames@gmail.com](mailto:anriassgames@gmail.com).

## Around House of Prayer

### Card Ministry

If you're looking for a fun, creative activity that brightens someone's day, come join us for Card Ministry on the 7th of February, from 10:00-11:30 am. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in Classrooms 1-2.

We will also be selling cards on the last Sunday of the month. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact Nancy Bjornstad at [ne\\_bjorn6203@yahoo.com](mailto:ne_bjorn6203@yahoo.com).



### Lonely Library

Our library seems to be the loneliest room in our church, but we do have so many great books for you there! Here are some special titles to consider for your winter reading. Also, go to our online catalog at [www.librarything.com/catalog/HouseofPrayer](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/HouseofPrayer) to find more books, CD's and DVD's.

- *Same Kind of Different as Me* (Hall) 920 HAL
- *All the Light We Cannot See* (Doerr) FIC DOE
- *The Color of Water: a Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* (McBride) 974.1 MCB
- *Before We Were Yours* (Wingate ) FIC WIN

These are just a few of the many titles we have in the library. We encourage you to spend some time perusing the list, and invite you to check out a book! For questions, please contact Mary Markes at [mmarkes@frontiernet.net](mailto:mmarkes@frontiernet.net).

## RALY, Youth, Children and Family

### House of Prayer Preschool

Hello from House of Prayer Preschool! We spent the month of January playing in the snow, making snowflakes, embracing winter, and continuing to grow as a community. We love our sweet little group and can't wait to celebrate Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, a birthday, and Leap Day in February! We are already starting to put together plans for summer camps and the new school year in the fall - stay tuned for details! If you have any questions about HoPP, contact Nicole Olson at [nolson@hoplc.org](mailto:nolson@hoplc.org).

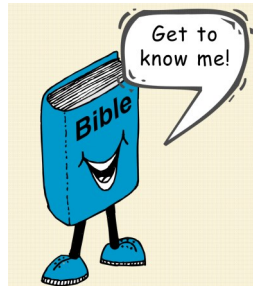




## RALY, Youth, Children and Family

### Introduction to the Bible Focused for Children

In Baptism parents promise to “place in their hands the Holy Scriptures” but what good is a Bible if we never read it? And where do we begin? During the season of Lent we invite our elementary age youth (and anyone else who wants to join us) to explore the Bible on Wednesdays at 7pm. We’ll start with the basics and dig as deep as our group wants to go – from questions like “what is the Bible?” to “how do I find a specific verse?” to “what does this mean?” If you have specific questions, let us know and we’ll add them to what we plan to cover. If you’re interested in going on this journey, contact Pastor Eric [eluedtke@hoplc.org](mailto:eluedtke@hoplc.org) or 612.866.8471 ext. 2.



### Boys and Girls Club



In January, we are learning to be adaptable! While we had the initial instinct to offer tutoring in this month, it turns out that the most of the kids coming to the after school program really just need a mental break. No problem! We’ll play uno and eat snacks instead! Tutoring will remain available, but the important thing is that we continue to build meaningful relationships in the community. In February we’ll be playing gaga ball with our inflatable gaga ball pit. (And maybe dodgeball?). If you would like to participate, please email Pr. Neal Cannon [ncannon@woodlakechurch.org](mailto:ncannon@woodlakechurch.org).

### JustMOVE Social Justice Lock-in

Wow! What an amazing night!! Over 75 youth (not including adults and HS helpers) were there to worship, learn about justice, and have lots of chaotic and holy fun! Nationally known speakers Dave Scherer and Joe Davis presented their JUSTmove music, poetry, and conversation to our group! The kids were inspired and locked-in to the message. After the presentation we had dodgeball, karaoke, music, inflatables, "chill spaces", snacks and more. We did not get a lot of sleep, but it was worth it! Special thanks to youth leaders, Pr. Neal Cannon, Pr. Eric Luedtke, Pr. Stephanie Luedtke, Sarah Maslowski, Lacy Tooker-Kirkevold, Josh Svenulski, Kris Bjorke, and all the amazing adult and youth volunteers that helped us out. What a great night! Hopefully we’ll catch up on sleep soon! If you have any questions about the Lock-in, or RALY, contact Pastor Neal at [ncannon@woodlakechurch.org](mailto:ncannon@woodlakechurch.org)



## RALY, Children, Youth and Family

### HOP Sunday School

For children up to 5th Grade



Fun continues for our Sunday School friends Sunday mornings at 10:30AM. In February, we learning about the life and teachings of Jesus as we grow to understand God's love for all people. All children aged Pre-K and older are welcome to enjoy crafts, songs, and games. No pre-registration required! Parents are welcome to attend or enjoy Coffee and Donuts Fellowship. For questions or more details, please contact Kristi Liu at [kline010@umn.edu](mailto:kline010@umn.edu).

### Sprout-a-Spark: A space to grow your faith

Our special space for our youngest members continues to be a joyful experience Sundays during ReFuel. Children of all ages can gather at the just-right sized art table and engage in worship while letting their creativity flow. The generosity of HOP members to provide craft supplies and toys for this special ministry makes it possible to continue Sprout-a-Spark in tandem with Sunday School all year long. For information and to get involved with Children and Family Ministry at HOP, please contact Andry Jurcich at [andryj@invisik.com](mailto:andryj@invisik.com).

### It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Please stop by the Girl Scout Cookie Booth on **Sunday, February 18th** to support local Scouts. All nine cookie varieties will be available for just \$6 a box. The best part is 100% of the proceeds stays with local communities, so you can feel good about every bite. Girl Scout Cookies make great gifts and give-aways, so be sure to stock up before the Cookie Season ends. Thanks for supporting Girl Scouts! Contact Andry Jurcich at [andryj@invisik.com](mailto:andryj@invisik.com) with questions or orders.



### RALY Recap – January Richfield Area Lutheran Youth (6th-9th Grade)

#### RALY Recap

The weather is cold in January, but RALY is just heating up!! January 10th we had 11 youth attend "Dude Perfect" Night. We practiced near impossible trick shots while we learned "nobody's perfect!" Following the Lock-In, January 17th we had a chill movie night! On January 24th our Ikea carpenters put together 2 dressers for Bridging! And finally on January 31st we tested our mental fortitude with "Gameshow Blitz." All in all we got to share a little bit of Jesus with the kids each week while having lots of fun!



#### RALY Upcoming Events

**February 7 - RALY Night** (Dinner Provided) - Big Questions! Everyone has questions, especially when it comes to faith! On this night, youth will bring their questions and a panel of leaders will walk with youth through these questions. We don't have all the answers, but collectively there is wisdom and experience we can draw from. Let's explore these big questions together!

**February 14 - NO RALY** (Ash Wednesday)

**February 21 - RALY** (Dinner provided) During Lent RALY will join the bigger congregation in the Color Outside the Lines worship. Please note the time change of 5:30-7:00pm.

**February 28 - RALY** (Dinner provided) Color Outside the Lines worship. 5:30-7:00pm.

Contact Pastor Neal at [ncannon@woodlakechurch.org](mailto:ncannon@woodlakechurch.org) or Pastor Eric at [eluedtke@hoplc.org](mailto:eluedtke@hoplc.org) with questions.

## Community Engagement

### VEAP



Please place non-perishable food items in our designated VEAP tub in the narthex. Terri Behrends-Singer or Jean Peterson will transport your donated items to the VEAP distribution center. VEAP also publishes a monthly “wish list” that you can check and help fulfill: <https://veap.org/ways-to-give/most-needed-items/> This page also provides a link to order directly from Amazon to have items delivered directly to VEAP. For questions, please contact Terri Behrends Singer at [terri@hr4u.org](mailto:terri@hr4u.org).



### Every Meal

In January, we were invited to join a packing event at the Every Meal warehouse. Together we packed over 2400 meal bags and we got to participate and understand the process. Every week a team of volunteers from House of Prayer distributes these bags of food to lockers of children who have signed up to receive Every Meal food assistance. Our team delivers on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm (may vary with school-release days) by meeting at the school, gathering the distribution inventory, and putting bags into lockers. You can help support this great organization by donating here: <https://www.everymeal.org/give/> Contact Kim Houle at [wifeofadrumnerguy@gmail.com](mailto:wifeofadrumnerguy@gmail.com) or 612-558-0634 more information. Together we can fight child hunger in our community.



### Richfield 4th of July

Plans are underway for RALY youth (along with HOP and Woodlake) to enter a float in the 2024 parade that will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup>. If you can assist with the concept and design of our float, please contact Kim Houle (612) 558-0634 or [wifeofadrumnerguy@gmail.com](mailto:wifeofadrumnerguy@gmail.com) to join the fun.

We need creative talent and energy for the design and build, so if you are blessed with either one of these attributes, we need YOU! And stay tuned for further updates.



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## Milestones

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Anniversaries (50+ years and 5 year increments)*

Couples	Date	Years
John and Pamela Bostrom	2/24	51
Pr. Eric & Pr. Stefanie Luedtke	2/27	25

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

1/27 Patricia Buffington

## A Look Back



**2009 Snow Tubing**