



ANNUAL MEETING

*Please join us on
Sunday, January 28th at 10:45am
immediately following worship
in the sanctuary.*

*Please turn your Committee Reports in to the church office
by January 3rd, 2024.*

*(Word format only - **NO PDF**)*

Thank You

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Pastor's Page

I love to celebrate the holidays. From the little ones to the big ones, they all deserve some decoration and fun food! New Years is no different. As I look forward to New Years, I become more reflective of what was, rather than goal oriented to the next. I love the time to sit and remember all of the good and the bad that made up the 365 days of the year that flew by too fast. Meta Herricks-Carlson has a great blessing that I want to offer you all as we celebrate the New Year. I pray that it offers you reflective time and space to honor 2023 so that 2024 can be met with newness and hope, as God's people!

For the New Year

Before resolutions, reflection.

Last year merits a moment
for setting free both grief and gratitude
for what has already been,
things within and beyond my control.

Remembering grants time to ask,
am I running away from what was
or toward what still might be?

Perhaps this year's resolve is to
heal who I already am. My person
does not need fixing or replacing so much as
mending and gentle attention.

This requires deeper promise,
a sacred acceptance of the one
who deserves so much more than
this annual beat down,
this withholding of grace and tenderness.

Begin by reacquainting yourself and
confessing the fear of being truly known.
That is resolution enough today and every day.

Meta Herrick-Carlson

New in the Library

Library Update

We're starting off 2024 with the delivery of brand new books to our St. Ansgar's Library! Beloved author Karen Kingsbury recently published her book, *Just Once*. Kingsbury brings back a character, Irvel Holland Myers, who was introduced in her Baxter family series. This love story takes place in 1941 while World War II is raging overseas. In this novel, Irvel

finds herself torn between her love of her country and two brothers.

All My Knotted-up Life is the memoir of famous author and teacher Beth Moore. You may have studied one of her bible studies. In her book, Moore introduces us to her humble beginnings and takes us with her on her journey from childhood to present day. She summarizes, "In all the bruising and bleeding and sobbing and pleading, my hand has been tightly knotted, safe and warm, with the hand of Jesus. In all of the letting go, He has held me fast. He will hold me still. And he will lead me home."

The last book we will highlight is *Making Good Choices at School* written by Randolph local and early childhood educator Hillary Podritz. Podritz believes there are only good children in this world. She thinks that using "poor choice" instead of "bad" will hold kids accountable without labeling. This "new normal" way of speaking might be applied at home as well as at school.

Make it a New Year's resolution to check out these new books and browse through the hundreds of other great books we have in our beautiful library. Please also consider joining the library committee; new members are greatly needed.



The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available!

They will be in the narthex for pickup.

January

Serving Schedule

Date	Acolyte	Computer	Usher's & Greeters (3)	Sound board	Live Streaming	Reader	Ring Bell	Communion
7-Jan	Nolan Hanson	Owen Anderson	Shari & Bill & TBD	Bob	Mitch	Vicky Duden	Jeff Samuelson	Deb, Bob & TBD
14-Jan	Paityn Banks	Georgia Quiggle	Deb, Jeff & Lydell	Doug	Carie	Glenn Schulz	John Hobert	
21-Jan	Hailey Landon	Carsen Eckhoff	Paul, John & Linda	Bob	Bob	John Hobert	Dallas Forsman	Deb, Bob & TBD
28-Jan	Owen Anderson	Oscar McManus	Charlie, Maureen & Kirk	Doug	Mitch	Paul Jacobson	Tony Busiahn	

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find someone to trade with. Thank You.

Altar Guild

Debra Norstad and Lindsey Reid

Offering Counters

Jan 7 Bryce & Danielle
Jan 14 Donna & Debbie
Jan 21 Charlie & Maureen
Jan 28 Kris & Deb

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 No Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service (Special Music - Donna Nelson)	1 Office Closed	2 7:00am FCA Breakfast 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Mission Committee Meeting	3 6:30pm Choir Practice	4 1:00pm Pastor Kira - Spiritual Direction	5	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study
7 Baptism Milestone 9:30am Communion Service 10:45am Call Comm Regroup	8 8:00am Finance Committee 1:00pm Mission Quilting	9 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Retired Teacher Meeting 4:30pm Executive Committee 5:45pm Worship Committee 6:00pm Property Committee	10 6:00pm Faith Night 6:30pm Choir Practice	11 9:30am Cannon River Conf - First English (Faribault) 6:30pm Church Council	12	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Christmas Tree Take Down
14 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	15 1:30pm Elizabeth Circle	16 7:00am FCA Breakfast 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 5:30pm Youth & Learning Committee	17 6:00pm Faith Night 6:30pm Choir Practice	18	19	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study
21 Sunday School 9:30am Communion Service 10:45am Forum - Obstacles in your Life (Mackenzie Franklin)	22 Pastor Off 1:30pm Morning Circle (Cannon Rivers)	23 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	24 6:00pm Faith Night 6:30pm Choir Practice	25 10:00am OCIC (First English)	26	27 7:00am Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Community Table (First Congregational /Bethel Rock Church)
28 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Annual Congressional Meeting	29 1:00pm Library Meeting	30 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 6:30pm Welcome and Outreach	31 6:00pm Faith Night 6:30pm Choir Practice	1 1:00pm Pastor Kira - Spiritual Direction	2	3 7:00am Men's Bible Study

*When scheduling an activity at the Church please contact the office at (507-263-3645)
or email sachurchoffice@gmail.com as soon as possible in order to check on
availability and fill out a **"Facilities Use Request"** form*

St. Ansgar's Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 21 @ 6:30pm

1. Meeting called to order – President Jim Lundell
Minutes taken by Secretary Deb Norstad

Devotions & Refreshments: Bob Durdahl

Vision Statement: A Welcoming Church, focused on Christ, together actively reaching out to the community.

Mission Statement: Proclaiming God's love and salvation for everyone through Jesus Christ.

2. Approval of the Agenda

a. Any additional Items to be brought up or added to the business agenda?

3. Read and Proof October Minutes: MSP to accept as presented.

a. Communion Servers list – special need for servers for Christmas Eve service.

4. Financial Reports: Review the October EOM Financial Report, along with the reports of the Finance Committee. **MSP to accept as presented.**

October Income:	\$ 17,261	Building Fund	\$ 22,663
October Expenses:	\$ 20,048	Designated Svgs:	\$134,645
Net difference:	\$ 2,786-	Parking Lot Loan:	\$ 49,483.90

YTD: \$ 24,648.10-	Parking Lot Fund: \$ 163.40-
YTD Income: \$ 198,794.12.	YTD Expenses: \$ 223,442

5. Reports:

- a. Updates from Pr. Kira
 - i. See "Pastor's Report – November 2023" hand out.
- b. PAC reports/questions/discussion. One motion to approve all reports as submitted. MSP
- c. Other

6. Old Business:

- A. Property Committee - updates, pricing on security cameras
 - a. They will invite Bryce to the next Council meeting to, hopefully, have a recommendation and pricing for 2024 budget.

- B. Updates from the Bi-law Committee – more information to follow at December meeting.
- C. Digital Sign update: the new sign will be delivered tomorrow!
- D. If you have not yet gotten your committee budgets in, please do – urgently.
 - a. 12/11 Finance meeting to review
 - b. 12/19 Council's first view of tentative budget
 - c. Get year end numbers gathered for Finance Meeting Jan 8
 - d. Thursday, January 11 th is next Council meeting for final review.
 - e. 1/14 Budget needs to be available for congregation viewing.

7. New Business:

- A. Nominating Committee updates: working on filling all open positions to have ballot ready for annual meeting.
- B. MSP to set January 28 th , 2024; 10:454 for the ANNUAL MEETING.
- C. Executive Leadership: be thinking about serving on the Executive Committee in the coming year.
- D. Church Insurance – Finance is looking at options for a possible change.

Recap Committee Actions for follow up:

- *Property Committee to create a plan, based on needs, for security cameras – present a proposal.
- *Property Committee to create more detailed plan for the repair of the parking lot. – tabled until spring.

Tickler File: Three Month Calendar Review –

Any highlights, FYI's, follow ups, announcements of events, or questions?

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 19; 6:30

*Devotions &; Refreshments: Deb Norstad

Motion for Adjournment

Close with the Lord's Prayer



St. Ansgar's New Sign

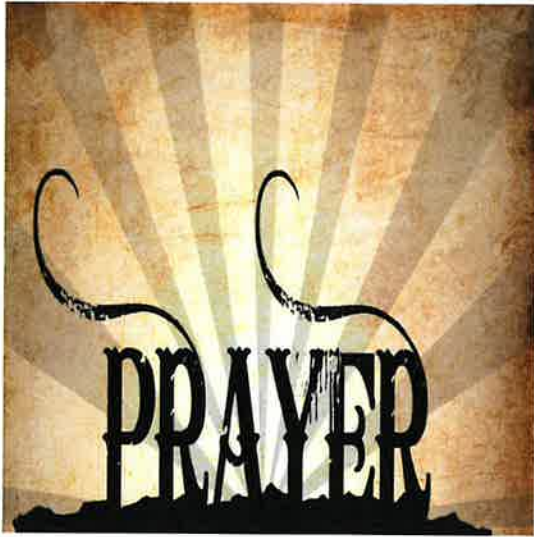


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As a community of faith, we invite you to hold these people in prayer this week:

Eva Marie Bergstrom, Linda Rifenberick, Lorraine Johnson, Paralee Lamberty, Bruce and Nancy Kreutzian, Alice Groth, Bev & Dani Lind, Marge Kurtz and Gloria Peters, Roger & Sharon Korkow, Samuel Eroglu and Shari Ekstrom. For those

who have been called to active military service and for our mission partners around the globe. Amen.

Please keep the Church Office informed about the need for people to be on the Prayer list .

If you would like your name added or removed please contact Kim at sachurchoffice@gmail.com or call 507-263-3645



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LOCATION:

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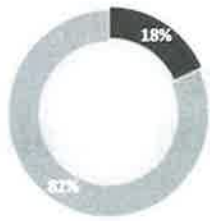
Camden, MN 55005

SERVICE TIME:

10:00 AM



Parking Lot Remaining Loan



■ Principal repaid ■ Remaining

Parking Lot Update!

We started with a \$60,000.00 loan and at the end of September we now owe \$49,046

Thank You!



The Link
Due to the Annual Meeting, there will be NO February Link



Endowment Committee Update

The St. Ansgar's Endowment Fund was established to provide funds for religious and charitable needs outside the scope of the annual budget of the congregation. Donations are separate from day-to-day operating funds of the church.

Through these gifts, the Endowment seeks to support ministries that serve the needs of people on the church and community. The committee has the responsibilities to preserve gifts and to make investment decisions using annually produced income to fund Endowment distributions.

Money can be given to the Endowment fund in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. It can be given as a gift to advance the ministry of the church.

Information about St. Ansgar's Endowment Fund can be obtained from the following members: Kathy Hall, Chairman, Sue Banks, Treasurer, Dar Burdick, Secretary, or Ilene Fox.



The new 2024 sign up sheets are posted in the narthex on bulletin board for:
Coffee and
Cookies
and
Altar Flowers.



A big THANK YOU to the St. Ansgar's faithful who once again made the Mission Tree project a HUGE SUCCESS!. Four area families are having a much happier Christmas because of your generosity.

The St. Ansgar's Missions Committee wishes you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas.!



Globe Offering
Globe Mission for January
will be the
“Good Samaritan Fund”
which helps out local people in need. The winter months can be hard for families as they face high electric and heating bills.

Please consider donating.



The Link

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Council President: James Lundell
Ministers: EVERY member of the congregation
Organist: Jane Bracken
Choir Director: Cindy Hayward
Custodian/Maintenance: Robin McManus

Interim Children, Youth and
Family Coordinator.—Abby Engbercht



WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Morning
9:30am Worship Service

Our Vision Statement:
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