

**SUNNE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**January 2024**



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**Year End Thoughts from our Council President**

Well, another year has come and gone and I just wanted to share some thoughts with you. As I get closer and closer to retirement, I find myself looking backwards in time and thinking about what I have done and what I have left undone in my life. And boy have I been blessed, both my done and undone list are long, meaning I have had a chance/opportunity to do many things and that I still have many things that I want to do! And in many ways, this holds true for Sunne, we have done a lot this last year but we still have a way to go.

The search for a new Pastor continues. The Council and the Call Committee have been working hard to fulfill our needs and we have had some interest in potential pastors joining Sunne, however to date we still have not met the right match. I want to thank Pastor Dan, Pastor Dale and so many others that have stepped up and given their time and energy to help meet our pastoral needs. We could not keep things running without the help of so many people. Thank You!!! We will press on with our search and I am sure that God will put this together when the time and match is right.

We have also completed a great remodeling project at the parsonage. The Kitchen and the Laundry room both received much-needed updates and the rest of the house has been spruced up with painting and added touches. I want to thank all that helped in pulling that together and especially Kris and Bob Ell, they did a great job coordinating the project and doing much of the work. We also took a couple of days and cleaned up the surrounding grounds. With all that said and done the parsonage now looks GREAT!

In addition, we had some very special events take place this last year; be it the Paul Family singers, Harvest Festival, Brave the Shave fundraiser, Trinity Troubadours, several special meals as well as a great confirmation class, baptisms, weddings and celebrations of life ceremonies.

All and all it has been a great year and I am so looking forward to the coming year. I know that it will be full of challenges and all I can promise you is that we will continue to try to provide all of you a spiritual home on the prairie. God Bless each and every one of you!

**Marcus Hall**  
**Council Chairman**

### Council Highlights

- ◆ It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the secretary's report and the treasurer's report.
- ◆ Annual Meeting- January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 9am. Tentatively the youth will serve breakfast.
- ◆ Worship Schedule- There are some upcoming dates where Pastor Dan is gone; Marcus is looking for individuals to fill these dates.
- ◆ Debbie Jans has requested to do a study on giving for those interested-more info to come.
- ◆ Paul Family Band- Scheduled for June 16, 2024
- ◆ The council has decided to require the acolytes to wear robes for every service.

Endowment Fund	66,880.70
Equity-Building	657,794.63
General Fund	38,243.99
Memorial Fund	1,585.00
Parsonage Fund	3,797.29
Seminary Student Fund	21,096.58
Special Projects Fund	12,059.88
Wilton Food Pantry	12,272.75
Net Income	38,155.27
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>878,073.84</b>

#### Sunday School

9AM on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL- January 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### Confirmation

8:45AM on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>,  
21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

\*Worksheets- Worship, It's all about love & The existence of evil



#### Wilton Food Pantry

*Distribution will occur on  
Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
from 3-5pm @ the Wilton  
Senior Center.*



#### **Congratulations to those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries in January.**

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| 2—Avianna Keating                  | 18—Betty Schill                                |
| 3—Joanie McCormack & Alora Sawicki | 20—Thayden Keating                             |
| 5—Shawna Buchholtz                 | 24—Muriel Rasmussen, Jamison & Jeremiah Vetter |
| 11—Brenda Rhone                    | 28—Tammie Falkenstein & Jesse McCormack        |
| 12—Brittany Helm                   | 30—Donavin Vetter                              |
| 14—Elaine Stromme                  |  |

### QUILTING

All are welcome to join a core group of women to help assemble quilts for local and world relief efforts. No Experience Necessary. They meet from 10am-3pm on Wednesday's in the church basement. We also need quilt tops sewn. We can find a job for anyone, including men. Please contact Myrna Hochhalter for questions @ 286-7795 (home) or 527-1947(cell).



## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Date	Readers	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes
January 7	Sunne Modin			Madisyn Besterfeld
January 14	Sid Stromme	Sid & Elaine Stromme		
January 21				
January 28				Mke Blanco

### Lesson Readings for the month of January

*(These readings can also be found each Sunday along w/ the bulletin on the main page of the website)*

DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
January 7	Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
January 14	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
January 21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
January 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

**Important**

**ANNUAL MEETING- January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

**Confirmation & Sunday School Resume-  
January 7<sup>th</sup> at their established times**

## Sunne Lutheran Youth Attending the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering

Kevin Schill, Malia Tooke, Kennady Cleveland, Sophia Tarpley, and Rachel Schock are excited to be going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this coming July. The group will be traveling along with other youth from area congregations on a bus chartered by Camp of the Cross. They are in need of your support to raise the funds necessary for them to attend this amazing faith adventure! Here are several ways for you to support them:

- **Take "Stock" In Our Youth** by purchasing a \$40 stock certificate! Each youth will have certificates for sale over the next few months. Stockholders will be invited to a "stockholders' reception" when the group returns from their trip.
- **Sponsor a Youth** by matching their \$425 downpayment to attend the trip. If interested in sponsoring, please contact Emma Berg. Sponsorships can be made anonymously, if you prefer.

