

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, January 21st

8:30 am-Confirmation  
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
 10:00 am-Worship w/NOW Singers  
 1:30 pm ~~Youth Ski Trip~~

## Monday, January 22nd

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class  
 4:00 pm-Food Distribution  
 7:00 pm-Trustees meeting (new date)

## Tuesday, January 23rd

9:30 am-Staff meeting  
 3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

## Wednesday, January 24th

3:30 pm-Zone 4-6  
 5:00 pm-Handbell practice  
 6:00 pm ~~Bible Study w/Kiboko~~  
 6:00 pm-Youth 7th -8th  
 7:00 pm-Youth Meal  
 7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th

## Thursday, January 25th

4:30 pm-Missions meeting

## Sunday, January 28th

8:30 am-Confirmation  
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
 10:00 am-Worship  
 11:00-1:00  
 WILD GAME DINNER

## Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Karen Salmen
Melva Bainbridge	Bev Schmidt
Coleen Baughman	David Walker
Lance Bellinghausen	Margaret Weber
Donna Blom	Sherie Ellis
Jay Butterfield	Wayne Stark
Virginia Carlson	Kathy Wadsley
Drew Havens	Tyler Crandell
Wally Johnson	Those battling depression.
John Nichols	Aaron Johnson
Kim Piercy	Corey Petersen
Deb Richardson	



Wild Game and Turkey Noodle  
 Soup, Pot-Luck Dinner  
 January 28th from 1  
 11am-1pm in FLC

All proceeds go for our  
 Community Youth activities

If you don't have some wild game in your freezer... You may choose to bring your own "Ethnic" dish to share and there will be a vegetarian soup option also. Drinks, cookies, bars and table service will be provided.

Then there will be a silent.....PIE, BAKED AND CANNED GOODS AUCTION featuring some of the very best homemade pies from some of the best Methodist pie makers in this part of the country.

This outstanding meal is paid for with your free-will donation.

## Birthdays last/this week in January..

Jean Bellinghausen 15th  
 Coleen Baughman 17th  
 Bill Kruse 17th  
 Isabella Fort 19th  
 Kennedy Hansen 20th  
 Ryan Piercy 21st  
 Jay Butterfield 22nd  
 Lana Fort 22nd  
 Alma Jones 24th  
 Kiboko Kiboko 24th  
 Shelley Hohnke 26th



STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
JANUARY 21, 2024  
COLOR: WHITE

PRELUDE

"Prelude in E"  
"Lord of the Dance"

Deanna Larson, organist  
C. Franck  
N. Goemanne  
Joan Rude  
Marjean O'Bannon

WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH #128**

He leadeth me O blessed thought  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught  
Whate'er I do where'er I be  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

-Chorus-

He leadeth me He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me

-Verse 2-

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom  
By waters still o'er troubled sea  
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me

-Chorus-

He leadeth me He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me

-Verse 3-

Lord I would place my hand in Thine  
Nor ever murmur nor repine  
Content whatever lot I see  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me

-Chorus-

He leadeth me He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me

-Verse 4-

And when my task on earth is done  
When by thy grace the victory's won  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee  
Since God through Jordan leadeth me

(continued...)

-Chorus-  
He leadeth me He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me

*Please join in the Call to Worship and read responsively...*

*Shelby O'Bannon*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?  
P: **Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**  
L: The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?  
P: **Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.**  
L: The love of God asks us—are you ready to follow?  
P: **Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.**  
L: Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love never stops calling and beckoning and asking us to follow.  
P: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023.)*

*Please join in the ...*

*Shelby O'Bannon*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**UMH # 70**

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning  
Is now, and ever shall be  
World without end.  
Amen, Amen

*Please be seated and join in the...*

*Shelby O'Bannon*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, somewhere long ago, someone convinced us that we would not be good material for God to use in healing and helping ministries for this world. We don't really believe that we have anything worthwhile to offer. It is relatively easy for us to donate funds for missions and the good works of the church, but we do not see ourselves worthy of further involvement. Remind us of your forgiving love, when we stubbornly refuse to believe your claim on our lives. Open our eyes and spirits to see the gifts with which you have blessed us, and to commit those gifts to serving you by serving others. There are so many things that we can do. And everything starts with prayer. So, patient God, bear with us as we settle down to pray, asking for your wisdom in our lives. Give us courage and strength to accomplish any task that you set before us. And give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge your presence in our lives and live that presence with great joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

Here these...

Shelby O'Bannon

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

From the very beginning, God has blessed you and planted within your spirit the words "I can do all things through God who strengthens me". Do not fear the task God sets before you. Rejoice, for God is with you every moment and God's love washes over you always, healing and nourishing your life. AMEN.

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" UMH # 357

Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy Blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God I come I come

-Verse 2-

Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God I come I come

-Verse 3-

Just as I am though tossed about  
With many a conflict many a doubt  
Fightings and fears within without  
O Lamb of God I come I come

-Verse 4-

Just as I am poor wretched blind  
Sight riches healing of the mind  
Yea all I need in Thee to find  
O Lamb of God I come I come

-Verse 5-

Just as I am Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve  
Because Thy Promise I believe  
O Lamb of God I come I come

-Verse 6-

Just as I am Thy Love unknown  
Hath broken ev'ry barrier down  
Now to be Thine yea Thine alone  
O Lamb of God I come I come

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE

Shelby O'Bannon

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: Hear our prayer.*

Together, let us pray:

L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**

(continued...)

L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**  
L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**  
L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**

**THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT** "Jesus Loves Me" Cheryl Baughman

**SPECIAL MUSIC** **THE NOW SINGERS** Joan Rude, director  
"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" Deanna Larson, accompanist  
arr. by Larry Shackley

**HYMN OF ILLUMINATION** "Thy Word is a Lamp" **UMH #601**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 *Ana Phillips*  
**THE GOSPEL READING** Mark 1:14-20 *Ana Phillips*  
**SERMON** "Are You a Disciple of Jesus Christ?" Joan Rude

### **MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION**

(This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are or you can come to the altar as **THE NOW SINGERS** sing ...)

"The Power of Your Love" arr. by Lee Poquette

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER** Colton Lindgren

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### **THE INVITATION TO GIVING**

**OFFERING** "Jesus, United by Thy Grace" P. Stearns

Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC  
Offering plates will be passed.

Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Based on Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20) *Shelby O'Bannon*

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us so that we might follow without looking back and we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore and leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** "Shalom to You"

**UMH # 666**

Shalom to you now  
Shalom my friends  
May God's full mercies  
bless you my friends  
In all your living  
And through your loving  
Christ be your shalom  
Christ be your shalom

**\*BENEDICTION**

Joan Rude

**\*CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.  
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,  
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.  
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,  
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.  
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

**POSTLUDE**

"God of Grace & God of Glory"

Deanna Larson, organist  
A. Lovelace