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**Whoever you are...However you come...You are welcome here!**

## The Journ-E (our weekly email newsletter) January 2, 2015

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### Calendar

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calendar on the [website](#)

### This Week at Journey

#### Sunday (January 4)

8:00am Traditional Service

9:00am Fellowship

10:15am Contemporary Service

6:00pm Youth Night

#### Monday (January 5)

7:00pm FISH Young Adult Group

7:00pm NA Meeting

#### Tuesday (January 6)

1:00pm Caring Blankets

#### Wednesday (January 7)

6:00pm Confirmation Class

7:00pm NA Meeting

#### Thursday (January 8)

7:00pm AA Meeting

8:00pm Theology on Tap

### From Pastor Steve

Hope you all had a blessed Christmas...we are still in the season (the 9th day of Christmas). This Sunday (Jan. 4) after the late service we invite you to come and **help undecorate the sanctuary** as we get ready to shift into the season of Epiphany.

One of the things we do as we prepare for our annual meeting/party on Jan. 25 is consider who we would like in **leadership positions** for our congregation. This is an important discernment process. We will take time in worship this Sunday to do that. As part of our offering we will ask you to write down the names of people you think would be good leaders. This isn't a popularity contest...we are looking for who you think shows spiritual maturity, and "gets" what the mission of Journey is all about. From the names that are brought forward we will contact them to see if they are willing to service and work on keeping a balance of age and gender to represent our congregation as best we can. Then we will bring forward names for the election on Jan. 25. If you have a passion and desire to service you can bring forth your own name as well.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The **2015 Annual Meeting/Party** will be held on **January 25th**. As we have done in the past, we will have one Worship Service at 9:30, followed by a 10:45 Meeting/Party and Potluck Dinner afterwards.

Thank you to our Young Adult Band: Khadijah Islam, Jordan Johnson, Emily Moua, Indiana Hauser (and Julie Gappa, who coordinates and helps accompany) for leading us in Worship this past Sunday. It is wonderful to have so many talented members of the congregation that are willing to share their gifts with us all.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries for next week

\*if we are missing yours or have wrong information please be sure to let us know

### Birthdays

Jan 4 Karen Tomter  
Jan 10 Mercy Moua

## Thanks for your gifts to our ELCA World Hunger!

Our grand total for  
this campaign is:

**\$2,242.57**



## Bible Studies and Small Groups

**Theology on Tap** Monthly community men's gathering at Holmen Meat Locker on the second Thursday of the month at 8:00pm. The next meeting is **January 8th**.

**Men's Bible Study** group begins meeting again on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Holmen Lutheran at 7:30am. Their next meeting will be **January 17th**

**Women's Bible Study** will begin meeting again on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Their next meeting will be **January 13th**

**Young Adult Ministry** (we call it FISH) meets every Monday evening at 7:00pm gathering, fellowship and devotions.

**Confirmation Class**—Our Confirmation Class is held on Wednesday evenings 6-7:00pm.

**Caring Blankets** Group meets the first and third Tuesdays at 1:00pm to make blankets to share. They next meet on **January 6th**.

**Theology Uncorked** Monthly community women's gathering at Holmen Meat Locker on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. The next meeting is **January 27th**.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE GREAT!

*Thank you* to our many volunteers that donate time and talents each week. This week our scheduled volunteers are:

**Greeter**— (8:00) Janet Kislinger

**Cleaners**— Dave & Brooke Lueck, Jonah Denson

**Altar Guild**— (8:00) Marcy Firl, (10:15) Karen Latsch

**Offering Counters**— Doug Myhre, Leah Wisnewski, Karen Latsch

### Worship Attendance Trends

Dec 7.....158  
Dec 14.....176  
Dec 21.....168  
Dec 24.....345  
Dec 28.....77

### Journey Offering Report

	Offering	Other	Journey Forward
Dec 7	\$5,916.00	\$ 508.05	\$3,409.78
Dec 14	\$4,395.00	\$6,387.35	\$7,586.00
Dec 21	\$3,292.00	\$1,112.47	\$ 982.00
Dec 28	\$5,312.00	\$ 183.12	\$ 792.00



