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

The Journ-E (our weekly email newsletter) January 21, 2015

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Calendar

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This Week at Journey Sunday (January 25)

8:45am Choir Practice

9:30am Worship Service

10:45am Annual Meeting/Party

11:45am Potluck Dinner

Monday (January 26)

7:00pm FISH Young Adult Group

7:00pm NA Meeting

Tuesday (January 27)

6:30pm Theology Uncorked for Women

Wednesday (January 28)

NO Confirmation Class

7:00pm NA Meeting

Thursday (January 29)

7:00pm AA Meeting

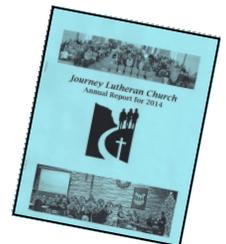
7:00pm Worship Band Practice

From Pastor Steve:

One of the things I am excited about in the coming year will be the cooperative ministries we do with Holmen Lutheran and Halfway Creek. We already share a number of them (Theology On Tap, Theology Uncorked, VBS, summer worship, and 14 others). But looking ahead I am excited about two new possibilities. One is having a **Parish Nurse** program. The other is **Stephen's Ministry** (which is a caring visit ministry). Holmen Lutheran already has the program in place but instead of reduplicating here we could work together on it. There is a Stephen Ministry workshop coming up Sat. Feb 7 which will give a great introduction to the program as well as great insight on how to respond in times of loss. More information on page 2

The annual reports are now available.

Paper copies are available at the back of the sanctuary and a digital copy is available by clicking [here](#).

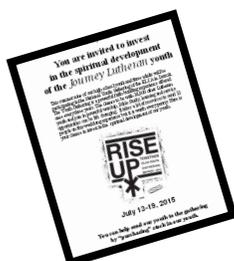


The 2015 Annual Meeting/Party is this Sunday, Jan. 25th.

As we have done in the past,
we will have one Worship Service at 9:30,
followed by a 10:45 Meeting/Party
followed by Journey Potluck Dinner.

The 2014 Offering Statements and Journey Forward statements are available in your mailboxes.

We invite you to **invest in the lives of young people**. We have 9 youth planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in Detroit this summer. On Sunday we will have a prospectus available so you can be a stockholder. By supporting our youth in this way we can focus on ministry instead of an endless string of fund raisers as our youth ministry. Meet the youth and get more info with the prospectus.



Birthdays & Anniversaries for next week

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

Birthdays

Jan 25 Kitty Ruosch
Jan 27 Julie Batzel
Jan 27 Elizabeth Erickson
Jan 27 Sue Reget
Jan 27 Ethan Young
Jan 28 Indiana Hauser
Jan 28 Dave Paulson
Jan 29 Alesha Odegaard
Jan 29 Bob Tracey
Jan 30 Kyra Jansky

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 **February 12th**.

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 **February 21st**.

Women's Bible Study will begin meeting again on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Their next meeting will be **February 10th**

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 **February 3rd**.

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**.

Worship Attendance Trends

Jan 4.....112
Jan 11.....151
Jan 18.....145

Journey Offering Report

	Offering	Other	Journey Forward
Jan 4	\$6,302.00	\$ 360.50	\$1,302.00
Jan 11	\$2,567.00	\$3,129.93	\$ 874.78
Jan 18	\$3,673.00	\$ 156.01	\$ 912.00

VOLUNTEERS ARE GREAT!

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

Greeter— Terry Aakre

Cleaners— Larry & Barb Dalton, Jim & Leota Compton

Altar Guild— Donnie Lee

Offering Counters— Doug Myhre, Jon Lindgren, Bob Tracey



Bear one another's burdens

Holmen Lutheran Church will be holding a **Stephen Ministry Workshop** on Saturday, February 7th 9am-1pm (check-in and on-site registration begin at 8am) If you have wanted to learn how to care for people who are grieving and reach out to others in a distinctively Chris-

tian way, please attend this half-day workshop. The cost of the workshop is \$15/person or \$50/ congregation (4 or more members). If this workshop is something you are interested in attending, please contact the Journey office.

Attention Thrivent Members! If you have not already designated your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** for 2014, please do so before March 1st, otherwise Thrivent will designate where these monies will be distributed....and remember Journey as your designation!



NEW HORIZONS



New Horizons is in immediate need of volunteers for their agency. The most urgent need is for the night-time on-call Volunteer Advocate for La Crosse and Trempealeau Counties. They will be holding a **volunteer training Feb 9-11th** at 5-

9:00pm at First Baptist Church in La Crosse. If interested in learning more, please call Sharon at 791-2610 ext 301 by February 2nd to reserve a seat.



Festival Foods and Kwik Trip Gas Cards

Picks yours up on Sunday...it's a great, and easy, way to support our youth ministry.



