

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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AS WE GATHER: Our Bible Reading of the Day is Joshua 5:13–6:27. Confident in their wall, the people of Jericho shut themselves up inside the city. Following God’s unusual battle plan, Joshua gathers the priests, trumpets, ark of the covenant, and people. Six days they march once around the city, then seven times on the seventh day, giving a shout at the conclusion of the last circuit. The city walls come tumbling down, and the Israelites wipe out the citizens and livestock while plundering precious metals for the tabernacle. Yet Rahab and her family are spared. Christ, the greater Joshua, though He has the power to judge us for our sins also has the power to save. By the cross, He has forgiven God’s children their sins and has promised us deliverance from eternal death.

OUR LENTEN SERVICES will be this Wednesday at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. The 6:30 Service will also be Livestreamed. This week’s theme is “The Weight of Repeated Failure.”

A LENTEN SUPPER will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 pm each Wednesday night. The Ruth Guild is hosting the meal this week. Pizza is on the menu. A free-will donation will be taken.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT RANDY STURZENBECHER asks congregations to join him in prayer this Lenten season. For Week Two, (March 1-7) we will pray for Pastors, Church Workers, District and Synod officials. Lent is an extremely busy time for all Pastors and Church workers. Please pray for protection from the temptations of the evil one. Pray for wisdom, patience, balance of work and home life as well as faithfulness to God’s Word and work in their present position.

SAVE YOUR PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS
The Ruth Guild is collecting them to make into sleep mats for the homeless. It takes 900 bags to make one mat! Put them in the box by the LWML table in the Atrium.

THANK YOU LOIS SCHMIDT for turning 71 pillowcases into 71 cute little dresses that were donated to the Orphan Grain Train and then on to Sudan. Let Lois or someone from the LWML Ruth Guild know if you would like to help this project in some way. Check out the LWML corner in the atrium and see a sample of one. Lois, way to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

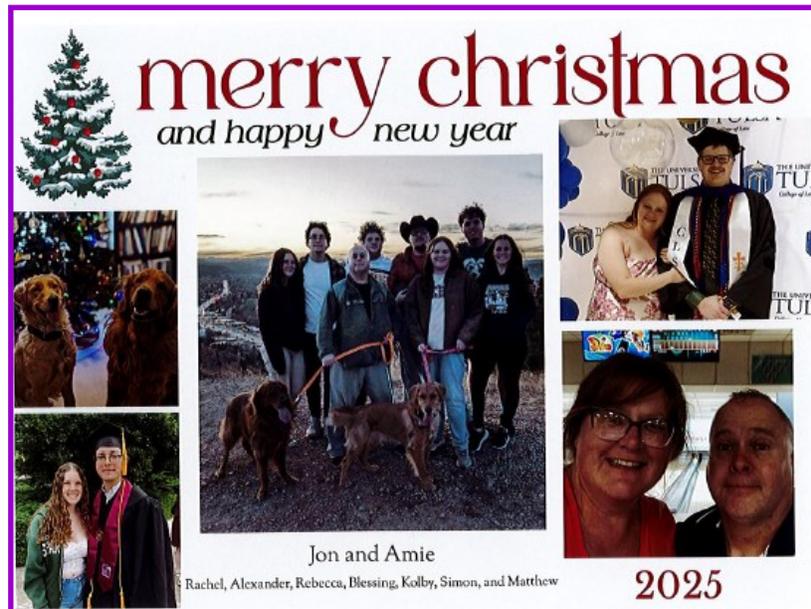
THE FLOWERS on the Altar this morning are given by Margie Wiebers in gratitude for faith, family and friends. We thank Margie for providing the flowers for our services today.

NEW FLOWER CHART: The 2026 Flower Chart is posted in the back of the Sanctuary. The price is \$53.00. There are still several openings including March 29th.

RESERVE A SPOT at Camp Minneboji this summer. Registration is now open. Camp runs from June 21- June 27. It’s open to kids in grades 4 through 8 with an Honors camp for 9th graders. Get a discount if you get your registration fee in before April 1st. Camp booklets are on the table at the back of the church. And join us in the Atrium **TODAY** for a short informational meeting after the late service.

THE 9th ANNUAL ZION YOUTH PING PONG TOURNAMENT Fundraiser will be on Saturday, March 14 from 10 - 2 PM and everyone is invited! We will have divisions for all ages and ability levels: 3-5th grade, middle school, and adult beginner, moderate and advanced. Please don’t let a lack of playing ping pong keep you from joining us. The cost is \$5 for singles participants and \$10 for the doubles pair. Concessions and lunch will be sold throughout the day with all of the money raised going towards NYG 2028 in San Antonio! Sign up in the atrium or at our website by clicking on the ping pong banner.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS from Lutheran Hour Ministries are on the table at the back of the church. This year’s theme is “Behold Your King.”



Jon and Amie
 Rachel, Alexander, Rebecca, Blessing, Kolby, Simon, and Matthew

2025

Hello all and a belated Christmas wish and Happy New Year!!!

This past November/December we PCSed to Alabama and then bought a house. So we have a new address that you might have noticed on the envelope. We had a Humanitarian PCS due to Jon's mom not doing well in Montgomery, AL, and all by herself. So here we are!

Now we are still trying to unpack and get used to our new place. We rejoiced to have all the kids here for the Christmas season. And it was a crazy, fun, loud house for a while. On the Christmas card, you may have noticed that Alex graduated from Tulsa Law School. That was May. He passed the BAR exam in July and was sworn in to the Oklahoma Bar on Oct. 2!!! The other graduation was for our son-in-law, Kolby. He is now a full-time software engineer for State Farm HQ in Bloomington, IL.

The others are doing good. Rachel is teaching 1st grade this year. She is still in Rapid City, SD. Rebecca (our daughter-in-law) is teaching 5th grade this year. Simon is in his 3rd year at Liberty University. He has been doing some observing and shadowing this winter break at a nursing home. It's his grandmother's nursing home, actually, and that allows him to visit her every time he is there. Blessing just got back from a fully paid scholarship trip to Sweden to present for the Future Nobel Laureates. She graduates with 2 bachelor's degrees in May. And Matthew is trying his best to acclimate to the new place. He had to say goodbye to a lot—his work, his swim team, and his friends.

I have been having some health concerns and issues and would very much appreciate any prayers for that. We now have a (somewhat) firm retirement date of December 2027. Prayers for Jon would be appreciated too.

In Christian Love,

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