

News from the Hill

January 2024



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Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Sunday School for
kids & Adult Bible Study

10:00 am — Worship Service

6:30 pm—Praise & Prayer Time

Wednesdays

8:30 am— Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm—Connecting with
Christ Bible Study

7:00 pm— Youth Group

Saturdays

9:00 am—Women's Bible Study

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A New Year

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with

Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:1-17 (ESV)

As we start the new year, I want to allow God and His Word to be the first ones to guide and shape us. So please, don't just skim through the Word, but take your time and read through it slowly, meditate on it again and again throughout the coming days, weeks, and months and allow God to mold you through it.

Grace and peace,

Matthew Hopkins



Thursday, January 4 Sew Blessed Mission Sewing

All ladies are invited to come for a day of sewing each month at Marsha Schutte's home. Quilts are made for a mission in Mexico. These are basic quilts so no fancy sewing skills are required and all fabric is provided. Talk to Kay Peterson if you have any questions. Potluck lunch.

Sunday, January 7 Baptism Service



There will be a baptism service on Sunday, January 7th during our Worship Service. If you are interested in being baptized or have questions about baptism, please talk to one of the Elders (listed on front page) before January 5th.



Sunday, January 7 Church Loan Payment Offering

There will be a special offering taken Sunday, January 7th, for the AHCC annual building payment to FM Bank in Clarkfield. If the offering exceeds the payment amount of approximately \$24,000, the excess will be applied to the principle payment. If you'd like to give early or are unable to be in church on January 7, there will be a container marked "Annual Church Payment" in the back of the sanctuary. There is also the option to make an online payment from our website: www.ahcc.us. Thanks for giving!

Tuesdays, Jan. 9 and 23 Young At Heart

The Young at Heart Senior Gatherings are for anyone age 60+ who would like to come for a time of games, coffee and visiting. Invite your friends and neighbors and come enjoy a relaxing afternoon!



Seniors' Gathering



Sunday, Jan. 14 Monthly Meetings

We will have our January monthly Men's and Women's meetings on Sunday the 14th following our Worship Service. Bring your own lunch. Everyone welcome!

Thursday, Jan. 18 Ladies' Craft Night



All ladies are invited to a Craft Fellowship Night on Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm. Come and learn how to make a card! Supplies will be provided and cost is \$2 per card. Make as many as you like!

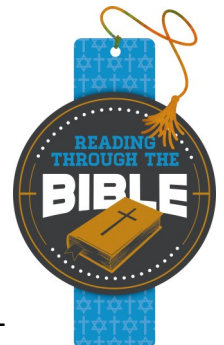


Sunday, January 28 Potluck

All-Church Potluck

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, January 28, at 11:30 following our Worship Service for a potluck meal and fellowship time. Bring a dish to pass and an appetite! Tabitha Circle serves.

2024 Connecting with Christ Yearly Bible Reading Booklets



The Connecting with Christ Bible reading booklets have been updated for 2024 and are available on the table in the hallway. You will read through the entire New Testament and several books from the Old Testament by just making time for a chapter or two a day. The readings are set up for 5 days a week. Pick up a copy for yourself and one to share with a friend!



Wednesdays Youth Group

Greetings from Youth Group! At the beginning of December we touched on how only Jesus meets our deepest needs and desires. Then the next week we had our Christmas party. This was a wild time full of games, snacks and gifts! Now that we are heading into the New Year, I'm starting to imagine what "immeasurably more" thing God has for each one of these youths (Ephesians 3:20). I believe He wants to show them their purpose and speak significance into their lives. Seriously, this group is the best! And I'm looking forward to all the ways God is going to move in YG in 2024!

~ Haily

February 16-17 Sno Feast 2024



Mark your calendar for Sno Feast 2024 at Kimball, MN! The weekend is packed with upbeat worship, great teaching, and hitting the slopes of Powder Ridge Ski Area. This high impact weekend is geared for Junior and Senior High students who come from all over MN and beyond! Get your youth group together and come be part of this incredible weekend that can leave students with a lifetime impact. The registration deadline is February 1st. Cost is \$40/student and \$25/adult for the weekend and skiing/tubing/snowboarding at Powder Ridge is extra—\$20 for a lift ticket, \$20 for ski or snowboard rental, \$10 for tube rental and \$5 for helmet rental. Kimball Christian Church has recently added on a gym so all activities other than skiing will be at the church. Check out the Sno Feast website at <https://snofeast.regfox.com/snofeast-2024>.



Speakers for January

January 7—Matthew Hopkins
January 14—Reed Frazeur
January 21—Matthew Hopkins
January 28—Reed Frazeur



Operation Christmas Child All Year Long

Remember you can donate items to our Operation Christmas Child project all year long! Check out the after Christmas sales for some great deals on toys, clothing, hats and mittens! Drop off donations of new items to Renee at church. Thanks for giving!

We have a Playground!

Thanks to all the workers who set up our playground and thanks to God for providing such beautiful weather in **December** to allow us to do that! It's already had a few kiddos checking it out!





Mission Moment

On January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation designating the third Sunday of January as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. Pastors, churches and life organizations across the United States use this day to bring awareness to the attacks that are daily waged against human life through the abortion industry.

One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by bringing into the light the darkness of abortion, and supporting local pregnancy help organizations who daily reach women and families with messages of hope and life. AHCC supports the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls with a monthly donation. The Alpha Center is a non-profit agency that provides a wide range of services to women and men involved in an unexpected pregnancy. Their goal is to provide positive alternatives with practical support.

Their free services include pregnancy tests and private consultations, ultrasound exams, mentoring for both mothers and fathers, parenting classes, weekly life skills classes and post-abortion support. They also offer an education-based program called Earn While You Learn, in which clients watch videos applicable to their stage of pregnancy through their child's first two years and then earn incentive points that can be redeemed for baby items like diapers, car seats, clothing, bottles, etc. It's important to teach clients new skills and empower them to apply those skills to their life as opposed to just giving things away. They want them to learn how to be good parents and make positive changes in their life.

At the Alpha Center, they help people through the initial panic of an unplanned pregnancy, but also hope that a relationship with a client will transition from just needs-based material assistance to fostering changes for a better life and a desire for a relationship with Christ. Those conversations do not always come easily, but they hope to see a change in a client's life and be there for people when they are ready. Please keep Alpha Center in your prayers.

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	<u>January 7</u>	<u>January 14</u>	<u>January 21</u>	<u>January 28</u>	<u>February 4</u>
Comm. Meditation:	Wes	Ralph	Nathan	Delroy	Stu
Servers:	Will/Dan/Jim S.	Jim T./Matt/Loren	Ted/ Jordan/Wes	Dale P/Gary/Brian	Grant/Delroy/Craig
Greeters:	MaryAnne & Elmer	Matt & Kayla	Will & Koyla	Ralph & Lynda	Nancy & Delroy
Nursery:	Amanda K. & Chella	Grace B. & Camrin	Juliette & Sophie	Rachel & Hatti	Amanda K. & Leah
Joys & Concerns:	Kent	Jim T.	Jane	Julie	Danielle
Songleader:	Worship Band	Jordan	Worship Band	Worship Band	Jordan
Sound System:	Isaac	Levi	George	Val	Isaac
Computer:	Grant	Renee	Lynn	Levi	Renee
SS Snack:	Lynn	Judy	Koyla	Renee	Amanda K.



January Communion Prep: Amber D. & Lynn S.

February Communion Prep: Mary W. & Joyce S.

