



January 2026

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Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Sunday School for kids
& Adult Bible Study
10:00 am — Worship Service
6:00 pm—Praise & Prayer Time

Bible Study Opportunities

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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Our culture tells us that it's okay to hate those who disagree with you, saying, "They are your enemy and they are less than you, so it doesn't matter how you treat them." The culture doesn't come out and say this, but it's seen in the actions we consider

acceptable such as cutting people out of our lives for having a different opinion, calling people terrible names, mocking them and treating them as idiots or worse. There is hostility in the world, in the culture, but Jesus brings hostility to an end. Ephesians 2:11-18 reads,

"Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father."

In the New Testament, there might not be a more disparate pair than Jews and Gentiles. The Jews had the covenants and promises, the Gentiles did not. There was intense hostility between the two with both sides fighting against each other in various ways. But Paul tells us that God has brought that hostility to an end through Jesus. Through Jesus, God has created one people out of Jews and Gentiles bringing peace between each other, but most importantly between all people and Himself. How was this accomplished? Through the death of Jesus on the cross, God has brought and offered redemption and reconciliation to all. So as we continue to live in a hostile culture, let us be like our Savior and Lord, standing firmly on the truths of God, yet sowing peace through the Good News of Jesus.

Grace & Peace,
Matthew Hopkins



Thursdays in January Meals on Wheels

Meat DELIVERIES

AHCC is responsible for Meals on Wheels deliveries on Thursdays in January. Dan Young is our new coordinator, so please talk to him if you have any questions. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church.

Tues., January 6 & 20 Young At Heart

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



Time
to
Untrim
the
Tree

Wednesday, Jan. 14 Christmas De-Decorating

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at church on Wednesday, January 14, starting at 4:00 pm. Come when you can! Everyone welcome—many hands make light work!

Thursday, Jan. 15 Ladies' Craft Night

All ladies are invited to a Craft Fellowship Night on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 pm. Come and learn how to make a winter card suitable for any occasion! Supplies will be provided and cost is \$3 per card. Make as many as you like!



Sunday, Jan. 18 **Sanctity of** **Life Sunday**

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22nd as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day, noting it was the 11th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion in all 50 states. Much has changed around the issue of abortion over the past four decades, but the need to pray and advocate for a culture of life in our community and our nation remains vitally important. Abortion, especially chemical abortion, continues to occur and court battles continue. Each January, churches across the country commit themselves to observing the sanctity of human life while praying for our nation and the pro-life movement. Please keep this cause in your prayers as well.



Sunday, January 25 Potluck Fellowship Dinner

Join us for a time of food and fellowship on Sunday, January 25, following the Worship Service. Bring a dish to pass and your appetite! Abigail Circle serves.



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!



2026 Connecting with Christ Yearly Bible Reading Booklets

The Connecting with Christ Bible reading booklets have been updated for 2026 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!

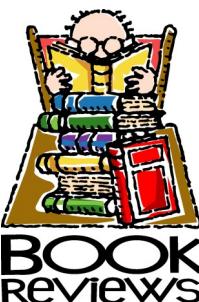
Wednesdays Youth Group

All kids in grades 7-12 are invited to join the Youth Group! They meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at the church. Invite your friends!



February 13-14 Youth Retreat

SnoFeast is a winter retreat for students in 6-12th Grade at Hope Central Christian Church in Kimball, MN. The weekend is packed with phenomenal live worship, powerful preaching of the gospel, small and large group games and other exciting youth activities, and time to hang out with other students from churches all over the state of Minnesota and beyond. The event culminates with an opportunity for both youth and their youth group leaders to hit the slopes of Powder Ridge Ski Area for tubing, skiing or snowboarding! Cost for the retreat is \$40/student and \$25/adults. Powder Ridge costs are \$20 for a lift ticket, \$20 for skiing or snowboard rentals, \$20 for tubing and \$5 for helmet rentals. The deadline to register is February 1st. Registration can be done online.



Check It Out Book Suggestions From the Library Corner

The Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream

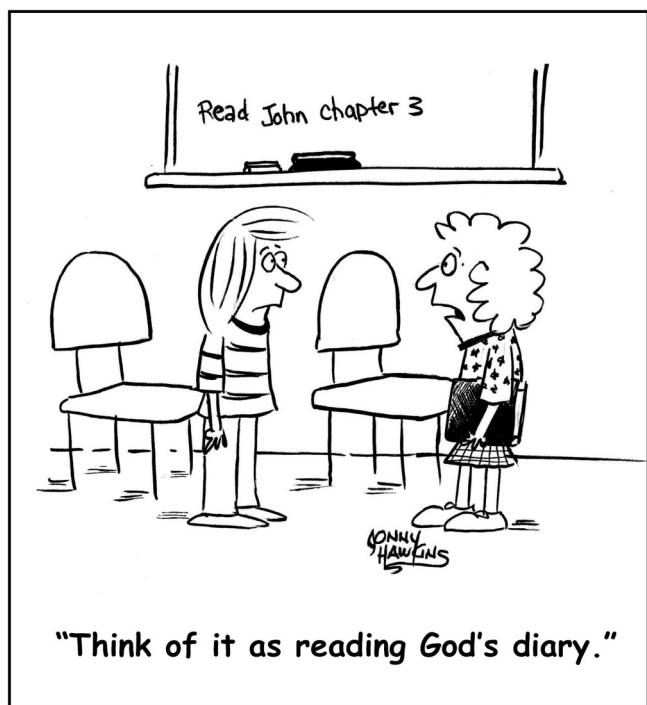
"The Women of the Bible Speak" outlines the lessons we can take from the valor of Esther, the hope of Hannah, the audacity of Rahab and the faith of Mary. Shannon Bream broadens each woman's individual story and offers a deeper understanding of each and insights that can help transform our own lives today.

Edge of Honor by Gilbert Morris

"Edge of Honor" is an unforgettable novel of redemption and honor, where good is found in the unlikeliest of places and God's unseen hand weaves a tapestry of human hearts and lives.

Find these and many more exciting books in our own church library!

"Books are nourishment for the soul."



"Think of it as reading God's diary."



Mission Moment

Alpha Center, Sioux Falls, SD

Alpha Center is a non-profit organization that provides a wide range of services to women and men involved in an unexpected pregnancy. Our goal is to provide positive alternatives with practical support. Since 1984, this center has helped individuals of all ages and various cultural backgrounds from the Sioux Falls community and beyond. Alpha Center is supported financially by caring individuals who are committed to making a difference.

Their mission statement reads:

Clearing the confusion surrounding an unexpected pregnancy with practical support and a message of hope.

WE BELIEVE in new beginnings.

WE BELIEVE in treating you with compassion in a comfortable, confidential environment.

WE BELIEVE that you are courageous.

WE BELIEVE in equipping you by providing programs, resources and practical support.

WE BELIEVE every human life, including yours, is valuable.

WE BELIEVE in providing accurate information so you can make an informed decision.

WE BELIEVE in being available when you need us.

WE BELIEVE in listening to your story because you matter.

January 18 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Take time to align your thinking with God's heart for human life. As we do that, we start to see glorious truths about human life that might escape our notice otherwise.

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	<u>January 4</u>	<u>January 11</u>	<u>January 18</u>	<u>January 25</u>	<u>February 1</u>
Comm. Meditation:	Kent	Grant	Jim T.	Josh	Craig
Servers:	Jim S., Wes, Loren	Delroy, Wes, Craig	Dan, Will, Levi T.	Ted, Grant, Andrew	Jim T., Dale. P, Brian
Greeters:	Darren & Angela	Jim T. & Cathy	Nancy & Delroy	Jim & Charlotte S.	Mary Anne O. & Marvin
Nursery:	Juliette & Cheyenne	Rachel & Chella	Juliette & Camrin	Rachel & Sophie B.	Juliette & Hatti
Joys & Concerns:	Judy	Julie	Kent	Jim T.	Danielle
Songleader:	Worship Band	Worship Band	Julie	Julie	Worship Band
Sound System:	Isaac	Val	George	Isaac	Grant
Computer:	Morgan	Levi	Lynn	Renee	Levi
After Service Prayer:	Wes	Delroy	Koyla	Danielle	Jane

