

Our Father's News

Basking in the afterglow of Christmas Eve worship and the December season of Christmas, I find myself thankful for the blessings of the Rockford/Greenfield community and the faith community of Our Father's Lutheran Church. Please know what a blessing you all have been in my life and the life of my family. Thank you God's people!

As we approach the new year, I'm reflecting back on the past year's successes and failures and thinking about changes I'd like to make. Certainly, self-care is on my list of priorities: losing weight; eating better; and exercising more. I'd also like to spend more time with my wife and family. I'd like to continue to develop and grow as a leader. Finally, I'm interested in being more faithful and intentional in my relationship with Christ.

I'm wondering what God would say about my year? Was the way I lived faithful and pleasing to Jesus? Considering God's perspective can move us beyond our own selfish desires to share in God's kingdom—His desires.

God's sacraments create new possibilities and life: forgiveness, reconciliation, and grace in Holy Communion; and Baptism which makes us members of the body of Christ, the church. As the body we function best if we "...learn to trust God." To "learn to trust God," is a highly relational way of being and far different from belief—

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which is often more focused on how one thinks. To trust God is to be in relationship and to be changed by Him.

***"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.
(Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV)***

How are you nurturing your relationship with Christ? Are there opportunities for improvement? What would a more committed life of faith look like?

Let's reconsider the baptismal responsibilities not only instructive for raising kids but a description of how a trusting relationship with God looks. I changed some of the language:

"As you receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live among God's faithful people, come to the word of God and the holy supper, learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, read and hear the holy scriptures, and nurture your relationship with God in faith and prayer, so that you may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and life (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pg. 228)?"

Pretty simple then, our responsibilities of faith include: Christian relationship, worship, continuing education, reading the Bible, nurture your relationship in faith and prayer, trusting God, proclaiming Christ through our words and deeds, caring for God's creation, and working for justice and peace. How are you doing in your faith journey with these responsibilities of faith? How would God say you're doing?

May this new year bring many blessings to you and us! More importantly, may we grow together in the Christian faith and life, growing closer in relationship to both God and one another.

Love,





"Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive [the demon in the boy] out?" He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
Matthew 17:19-20

"Building Christ's Community through Hospitality, Relationships, Teaching and Service"

As we wrap up our first year with a faith-based budget, it almost seems crazy that we came to the conclusion to build our budget based on our faith and not pledges. After all, we are talking about the finances of our church. But as Christ says in Matthew 17:20, even if we have *"faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible for you."* Maybe it wasn't so crazy after all.

After the amazing boost to the General Fund in December 2012, our faith was tested in 2013. The numbers went further into the red as each month passed, and our surplus in the General Fund virtually disappeared by November. On the bright side, we have experienced 7% growth in giving to the General Fund and a 9% increase overall in giving through November. Although we never quite made it into the black, we have most certainly made new strides in stewardship and giving to support the work of our church. We spent 2013 heading in the right direction!

As we examine our first year of faith-based budgeting, it's helpful to reflect on our past to help inform the future. If we look back over the past five years, our church has generally operated in the red throughout the year, and often we have recovered by employing a special appeal and/or fundraiser. This year, we have intentionally refrained from doing either of those things. Why?

The intent of leadership has been to push growth, and at the same time, make it sustainable. How have we been doing that? First we prayed, listened and discerned where God said we need to direct our attention and resources. Secondly, we cultivated a closer relationship with you by telling you our story through quarterly Congregational Meetings, our monthly newsletter, the mid-year report, and other forms of communication. We're trying to grow our capacity to give, which will allow us to respond to the needs of the church and community without distracting your faith journey with financial pep talks. And ultimately, we trust that through our faith in God, He will see us through and provide us with what we need.

So what have been the main differences between faith-based budgeting and pledging?

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At the heart of it, faith-based budgeting has allowed leadership to be intentional with how we plan to spend our financial blessings and, most importantly, stay centered on God. Our leaders have been able to focus without distraction on doing God's work, and not spending too much time and energy reacting to a budget number that ebbs and flows. It has also been life-giving to our programs and ministries. This is what faith looks like, and we are certain this is the kind of risk-taking that pleases God. We put Him first and the logistics second. We prayed and dreamed and discerned and took action to Build Christ's Community through Hospitality, Relationships, Teaching and Service.

Now it would almost seem crazy to go back to the way it was.

Blessings,

Jeff Miller

Congregational President

What is God calling you into?

God isn't calling me.

What if you just cannot hear Him?

Sometimes it is hard to hear. There is too much noise around us, our ears seem deaf or perhaps we just don't know the language or what to listen for. Like many of our conversations, we are often times not attentive with others, this is also true in our prayer time or in our Sabbath practices. What if we began by being present? Setting other things aside and giving our full attention to the conversation: listening for God, becoming aware of God's language and actively participating in the conversation. This only happens in community with others sharing and seeking together. God **is** calling us; we need to equip ourselves to hear Him. We need to be present to hear.

As we begin a new year, let us pray for presence, being fully aware in all areas of our lives of God's presence. Then let us join with others in community to build something deeply relational and faithful.

"Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long."

Psalm 25:4-5

In thankfulness and love, Cathy Jones



Remember the parable of the talents in Chapter 25 of Matthew's gospel?

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ Matthew 25:14-30 English Standard Version (ESV)

Here talents refer to money. But the word talent is broader than money. It refers to a large range of things. If God has given you money-and he has given some to all of us-then we must receive it as a trust from him. If he's given us talents (some kind of special ability) then we must use that for him.

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Last winter we conducted an adult education opportunity entitled, "Living Your Strengths." Those of us that were involved gained wonderful insights into our God given gifts...we conducted a personal inventory...we explored our strengths (not our weaknesses)...and searched our hearts through personal journaling and group discussion for a place to put our strengths to work in our church community.

We received VERY positive feedback regarding this adult education opportunity and are pleased to announce that we will offer it again this winter.

The books, "Living Your Strengths" have been ordered and should be here by the first week in January (there is a short, *finding your strengths survey* that needs to be completed prior to the beginning of the class.)

There will be a sign up sheet next to the church office for two available sessions once we've received the books. In the meantime mark your calendars with one of the following sessions:

- Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 8:15 am (8 sessions)
- Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm (8 sessions)

God gives us talents in various forms so that we can be fruitful and multiply them for the work he has given us to do on his behalf. Our response to God's grace ought to change our lives. Christ didn't die only to save our souls. He was victorious over death so that we might know how to truly live and also find great joy and purpose in that life.

Our Father's Foundation News

It has been a good year for the investments of the foundation. With the stock market doing well so have the Thrivent funds that the foundation foundation have invested in. With the goal of growing the foundation money so that we can grow our charitable giving, there has been some success. Throughout the year the biggest source of revenue is the annual membership drive where "building blocks" for the "foundation" can be purchased. What clever Lutherans!



Please keep the foundation in mind for your charitable giving. Gifts in memory of, in honor of, etc. are greatly appreciated and thoughtful.

May peace and God's love fill your heart and your home in this New Year.

Krista Fisher, Denise Wold, Mark Nelson and Tom Lemmage

LIFE & GROWTH***COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE FOR \$10.00***

Thank you to everyone who purchased cookbooks and jam during the holidays. Funds go to Women's Ministry and Lunch Box Fever.

Here's a good recipe from Rachel Ray.

Potatoes with Cumin

2 lbs potatoes (any kind), cut into small cubes (do not need to peel)
1 tsp cumin seeds (not ground)
2 Tbsp olive oil or vegetable oil
1 small sweet onion, chopped
1/2 cup frozen green peas
Salt/pepper to taste



Boil potatoes until barely tender. Add oil to sauté pan over medium heat. Add cumin and onion and sauté for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Drain potatoes and add to onion/cumin mixture. Sauté until lightly brown. Add peas, sauté briefly. Salt and pepper to taste. This is also good with some cooked crumbled bacon added.

Remember if you have a recipe to share, we would be glad to print it. Just give it to Diane or Michelle.

Happy New Year! Thanks be to God for all the delicious food He has provided!

Marilyn Nelson

PHONE NUMBER CHANGED? EMAIL ADDRESS?

Have you cancelled your landline or changed your email? Please help us keep our records up-to-date by notifying the church office at office@ourfatherschurch.org.



"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Our Father's Church is able to support a multitude of faith building programs with funding provided by the General Operating Fund. The church also supports worthy causes and needs that arise with funding partially from the General Fund and partially from the benevolent giving of the congregation.

Contributions to the General Fund are higher than last year, but the expenses to support the increase in ministries and programs also grew. The shortfall between the contributions and expenses has been covered by the General Fund surplus we started off with in January 2013.

Our faithful gifts to the general fund help our church do God's work in the world.

	<i>General Fund Jan. – Nov. 2012 LAST YEAR</i>	<i>General Fund Jan. – Nov. 2013 THIS YEAR</i>	<i>Percentage Increase over 2012</i>
<i>Contributions</i>	\$196,663	\$210,094	7%
<i>Expenses</i>	\$202,922	\$229,754	13%
<i>Net of Contributions & Expenses</i>	-\$6,259	-\$19,660	

November 2013 - Memorial & Special Gifts (these gifts are not included in General Fund)

- Gifts totaling \$502 to our Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- Gifts totaling \$446 to WELCA Thankoffering (Women of the ELCA)
- A gift of \$629 to the Banner Fund
- Gifts totaling \$55 to assist Farhana Khushid
- Gifts totaling \$10 to MOPS
- Gifts totaling \$50 to Riverworks Foodshelf
- 43 Operation Christmas Child boxes

Nancy Varner, Congregation Treasurer

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JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SERVICE		<u>January 4 (Sat 5:00 pm)</u>
SERVICE COORD:		Betsy Pennuto
SERVICE	<u>January 5 (Sun 9:30 am)</u>	<u>January 11 (Sat 5:00 pm)</u>
SERVICE COORD:	Tari Brase	Jen Boulton
USHERS/GREETERS:	Bev Aslakson, Bonnie McLearn Kevin & Denise Engebretson	
READER:	Denise Engebretson	
COMM PREP/CLEANUP:	Bev Aslakson, Bonnie McLearn	
COMM ASST:	Bonnie McLearn, Denise Engebretson	
NURSERY HELP:	Stacey Wacholz, Nathan Steenstra	
SERVICE	<u>January 12 (Sun 9:30 am)</u>	<u>January 18 (Sat 5:00 pm)</u>
SERVICE COORD:	Becky Miller	Sarah Sanderson
USHERS/GREETERS:	Al & Sally Moen Tony & Carla Ertman	
READER:	Al Moen	
COMM PREP/CLEANUP:	Al & Sally Moen	
COMM ASST:	Becky Miller, Sally Moen	
NURSERY HELP:	Kirsten Bowen / Rayna Aker Family	
SERVICE	<u>January 19 (Sun 9:30 am)</u>	<u>January 25 (Sat 5:00 pm)</u>
SERVICE COORD:	Paulette Podratz	Suzanne Otten
USHERS/GREETERS:	Tom & Lois Mason Craig & Nancy Boeve	
READER:	Nancy Boeve	
COMM PREP/CLEANUP:	Tom & Lois Mason	
COMM ASST:	Paulette Podratz, John Gilb	
NURSERY HELP:	Lynnea Gilb, Page Jensen	
SERVICE	<u>January 26 (Sun 9:30 am)</u>	
SERVICE COORD:	Barb Strehlow	
USHERS/GREETERS:	Matt & Amy Field Ted & Jolene Botten	
READER:	Amy Field	
COMM PREP/CLEANUP:	Ted & Jolene Botten	
COMM ASST:	Amy Field, Jolene Botten	
NURSERY HELP:	Shirley Neilson, Loryn Tornell	

January 2014

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4
New Year's Day - Closed Winter Break - No School	7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Den 2	Confirmation Retreat Executive Leaders Retreat 7:30 pm AA Meeting	Confirmation Retreat Executive Leaders Retreat 7:30 am Man Meeting 5:00 pm Worship
8	9	10	11
1:00 pm Rebekah Circle 5:45 pm Ringers of Light 7:00 pm Parent/Student Confirmation Night 7:00 pm Rejoice Singers	6:30 pm Brownie Girl Scouts, Troop 15016 7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Den 3 Pk 490	7:30 pm AA Meeting	5:00 pm Worship
15	16	17	18
9:00 am Sewing/Knitting Group 5:45 pm Ringers of Light 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Rejoice Singers	5:30 pm Daisy Girl Scouts	9:30 am MOPS Member Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting	8:00 am to 8:00 pm My Scrapbook Nook 5:00 pm Worship
22	23	24	25
5:45 pm Ringers of Light 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Rejoice Singers	6:30 pm Living Your Strengths	5:00 pm RiverWorks Volunteer Brunch Prep 7:30 pm AA Meeting	8:00 am to 1:00 pm RiverWorks Volunteer Brunch 2:00 pm Piano Recital (Lois Smith) 5:00 pm Worship
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5:45 pm Ringers of Light 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Rejoice Singers	6:30 pm Living Your Strengths	7:30 pm AA Meeting	5:00 pm Worship

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SERVICE

SERVICE COORD:

February 1 (Sat 5:00 pm)

Sarah Sanderson

SERVICE

SERVICE COORD:

USHERS/GREETERS:

READER:

COMM PREP/CLEANUP:

COMM ASST:

NURSERY HELP:

February 2 (Sun 9:30 am)

Jen Boulton

Mike & Andrea Erickson

Scott & Tari Brase

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Angie Weigel, Chloe Erickson

February 8 (Sat 5:00 pm)

Missy Rhodes

SERVICE

SERVICE COORD:

USHERS/GREETERS:

READER:

COMM PREP/CLEANUP:

COMM ASST:

NURSERY HELP:

February 9 (Sun 9:30 am)

Suzanne Otten

Michelle Andrew & Family

Ken & Lisa Condon

Lisa Condon

Michelle Andrew & Family

Liz Nuytten, Suzanne Otten

Kristin Doboszanski, Lindsey Condon

February 15 (Sat 5:00 pm)

Paulette Podratz

SERVICE

SERVICE COORD:

USHERS/GREETERS:

READER:

COMM PREP/CLEANUP:

COMM ASST:

NURSERY HELP:

February 16 (Sun 9:30 am)

Barb Strehlow

Eric & Liz Nuytten

Randy & Kerri Eberling

Liz Nuytten

Randy & Kerri Eberling

Liz Nuytten, Barb Strehlow

Jen Boulton

February 22 (Sat 5:00 pm)

Betsy Pennuto

SERVICE

SERVICE COORD:

USHERS/GREETERS:

READER:

COMM PREP/CLEANUP:

COMM ASST:

February 23 (Sun 9:30 am)

Becky Miller

Harold & Lynne Greseth

Kevin & Sue Haugen

Becky Miller

Harold & Lynne Greseth

Lynne Greseth, Kevin Haugen

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



*RiverWorks Food Shelf
January Focus –
Canned Fruit*



RiverWorks Store



Your community thrift store. Proceeds used to enhance current and future programs to strengthen our community.

Store Hours: Monday through Friday 10 am - 6 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Accepting donations during regular business hours. The RiverWorks Store is located in the Rockford Mall.

Would you be willing to share your story about stewardship, living your strengths, or how the church is making a difference in Building Christ's Community through Hospitality, Relationships, Teaching and Service? Your thoughts could be shared through writing an article for the newsletter, a Sunday bulletin or by telling a short story at a church service. If interested, contact the church office or Pastor Jon.



www.MOPS.org

www.ourfatherschurch.org/MOPS

OFCL MOPS meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month (September-May) from 9:30-11:30 am. We welcome anyone who has children from a newborn to kindergarten - your first meeting is FREE! Contact Kelly Kinnan at (612) 483-4379 / kellykinnan@gmail.com or visit our website at www.ourfatherschurch.org/MOPS for more information.

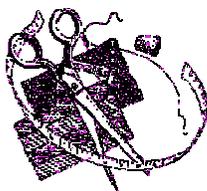
HELP APPRECIATED! We are looking for MOPPETS Teachers.

- Enjoy spending time with children.
- Curriculum and schedule is planned for you.
- MOPPETS teachers can be volunteer or paid.
- Two Fridays a month, 9:15 – 11:30 am.

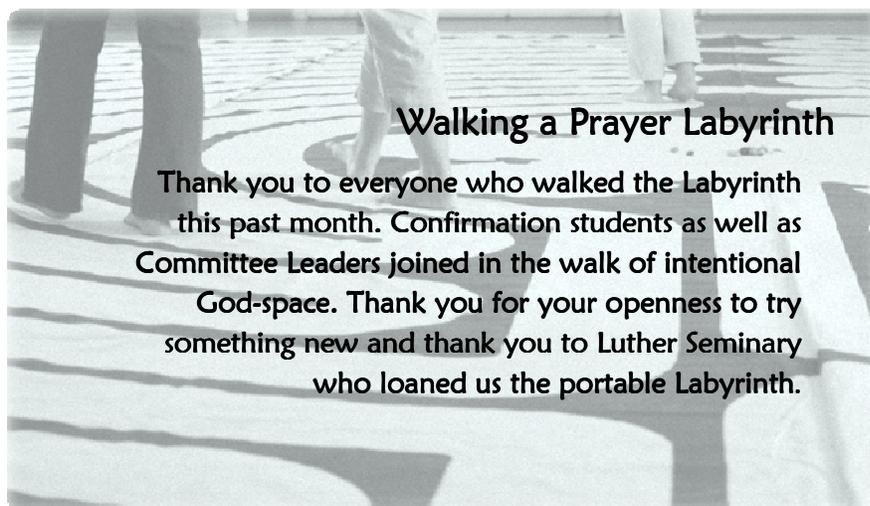
If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Renee LaPlume at (763) 498-8804.



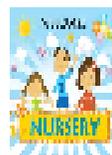
MOPPETS



Our Father's Sewing/Knitting/Quilting Group – January sessions will be Wednesday, January 15th from 9 am - 12 pm and Monday, January 20th, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. You're welcome to bring your own project or work on one of ours. Join us in the conference room (Room 102) for a relaxing "Knit and Stitch" whenever you're able.

KID & YOUTH NEWS***Confirmation*****Walking a Prayer Labyrinth**

Thank you to everyone who walked the Labyrinth this past month. Confirmation students as well as Committee Leaders joined in the walk of intentional God-space. Thank you for your openness to try something new and thank you to Luther Seminary who loaned us the portable Labyrinth.



Looking for Nursery Assistants – Looking for a way to serve? Do you love kids? Interested in providing a little space and support for families with little ones? We need two caregivers each Sunday morning in the nursery during the 9:30 am worship services. Sign up on board posted on nursery door.

Sunday School

Our Christmas Program, "Lo and Behold! Seeing is Believing!" was a great success and fun for all. Thank you to all who helped bring it together. Also a special thanks to MOPS for providing the cookies after the show.

This month we will be continuing with our Sunday School rotation classes. January's focus is on the beginnings of Jesus' ministry with the wedding at Cana. Jesus performs his first public miracle by changing water into wine. Come join us as we use games, crafts, and videos to learn the about the miracles and teachings of Jesus.

We are always looking for more people to help with the Sunday School rotation stations. There are many different activities coming up, so if you have a passion or hobby to share let us know! God's message can come from unexpected places. (education@ourfatherschurch.org)

Winter Blast at Camp Onomia

All 3rd-6th grade students -- Camp Onomia is having a winter blast weekend camp January 24-26.

Tons of great activities, indoor and outdoor games, and really cool campfire songfests and worships. Our summer camp counselors will be back to lead us in a quick get-away to your favorite camp in the middle of the winter. We can guarantee two things... lots of fun and NO mosquitoes!

We are arranging for a group from Our Father's to go to Camp Onomia, so let us know if you want to go for the weekend blast! Invite your friends and pack your bags!

Arrive: 7 pm Friday

Leave: 11 am Sunday

Registration Deadline: January 18 postmark

TWO nights lodging, four meals included (full weekend this year!)

Cost: \$69 per camper (camper scholarships are available)

Look for more information posted in education wing or feel free to ask any of the Discipleship Team.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Mornings

January kicks off with an introduction to **Journaling for teens and adults** (2 week class). Finding your strengths begins January 19th (see Pages 4 and 5 for details). Contact Pastor Cathy or Sharon Thomas for info.



Come join our **Parent Share Group**, Sunday mornings at 8:15 am in the Large Group Education Room, as we wrestle with what it means to raise kids of faith and learn to trust God. Contact Pastor Jon for more info.

Every Tuesday Morning at 10 am

Together, we discuss our lives and God's promises. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Cathy or Pastor Jon for info.



Wednesday Afternoon (January 8th) at 1 pm

Women's Study (Rebekah Circle) – **Abigail, a calm strategist**

Theme Verses: *"Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys and said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal."*
Exodus 2:3-4

Saturday Morning (January 4th) at 7:30 am

MAN Meeting - All men welcome! Join us Saturday, January 4th at 7:30 am. Hot coffee and treats provided! Questions? Contact Tom Dery at (763) 477-6787.



WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GROUP will be meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 4 pm at the Lee's Kitchen (formerly China Buffet) in Rockford.

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OUR FATHER'S INFORMATION

Average Weekly Attendance

November 2013
 Sundays - 165 Saturdays - 23

November 2012
 Sundays—183

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

5:00 pm	Saturday Worship
8:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Education
9:30 am	Sunday Worship

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday	12 Noon - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	12 Noon - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	12 Noon - 6:00 pm
Thursday	9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Friday	9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Thanks to all who made Christmas wonderful: Christ, participants, singers, ringers, decorators, servers, prayers, staff, leaders, givers, worshippers.

CHURCH WEBSITE - Worship service announcements, readings, gospel, and sermon are available in mp3 format for easy downloading at ourfatherschurch.org. We are also looking for other ideas for improving the website. You can give ideas to Pam Reed at (webmaster@ourfatherschurch.org).

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Worship Schedule



Education Hour 8:15 am

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Fellowship and Brunch follows Worship

Saturday Worship 5:00 pm

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 26th after worship

Brunch served and childcare available