

NEW THIS WEEK

Celebration Sunday February 10: As we prepare to celebrate our merged congregation and the successes it will bring, a planning team is formulating plans for our Celebration Sunday at Greece Canal Park's Millennium Lodge. Expect a rewarding day with activities, lunch, worship, and social time. We can still use two teams of six or seven people to set up the lodge (10:00 am) and to put things back (4:00 pm). I will accept set up/put back volunteers by seeing me in person or calling me. Others will be working on games and activities and may ask you to help with that. Please accept these invitations. The more people involved, the more enjoyable the day will be. Look for complete details in the February Herald. Questions, comments, volunteering, feel free to call me at 225-9066, 444-3342 (mobile).

Attention Youth: WINTER WEEKEND! *March 1-3 Broken and Beautiful*

Join us on March 1-3 at the beautiful Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush. Pastor Johanna Rehbaum and others will lead us in a journey of faith exploration, self-discovery, sharing stories of faith, strengthening relationships and good, old-fashioned camp fun. Look for #brokenandbeautiful on social media and join the journey. Registration forms are on the communications board.

Erna's Hope Beading Party this Friday January 18th at 6:30 pm in the conference room. Erna's Hope supports women newly diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer by making bracelets, which fund comfort bags for these women. Supplies and instructions are provided - all are welcome!

Soup-er Saturday is this Saturday, January 19th from 11:30 am - 1pm. See sign up sheet in the narthex to donate food and/or help. Come see how rewarding and fun it can be!

No One Left Behind Collection We learned another organization is collecting food for NOLB, so we are now collecting household and toiletry items. Below is a list of items we are collecting: **toilet paper**

**Neosporin
band aids
cotton swabs
dish soap
paper towels
cleaning products
laundry detergent
fabric softeners
baby wipes
Lysol wipes for surfaces
sanitary supplies
bath soap
unscented hand/body lotions
shampoo and conditioner
toothbrushes
toothpaste
combs or hairbrushes**

Deadline for the February Herald is Monday, January 14th. Email articles to Messiah.Herald@gmail.com, or place in mailbox #21.

Thank you to June and Bob Ulreich for hosting coffee hour **this morning**.

Christmas Tree Meeting Today, January 13th after the 10 am service, there will be a meeting to share ideas for the future.

Our **Annual meeting** is Sunday, January 27th after the 10 am service. A **Financial Forum** will be held next Sunday, January 20th after the 10 am service. Reports are available on the benches at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer verse for January: *Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. - Isaiah 60:1.* Bookmarks are available on the prayer podium outside the sanctuary.

New lector and Assisting Minister sign ups are in the white binder under the Communications board. If you have never lectored or assisted before, please sign up. Lector readings are sent ahead of time, and are in a binder at the pulpit on Sunday. If you have never assisted before, talk to Pastor Aileen and she will be glad to meet with you prior to your serving.

Christmas Poinsettias If you have not yet paid, a reminder, they are \$ 9 each. When paying, be sure to put Christmas Poinsettia in the memo line of your check or on the envelope.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Please be aware we do not expect everyone to participate in every activity.
Select those that touch your heart, and serve as you are able.*

There is a large demand for **Food/gas gift cards** in our community. We need your help by bringing a food or gas gift card to be placed in the offering plate. Due to the large number of gift requests for the Angel Tree, gift cards were not placed on the Angels. If that was a request you used to fill, you can still do so, by placing a food or gas card in the offering plate, or giving it to Cathy in the church office. Thank you!!!

Greece Food Shelf Suggested donations for January: Hot cereal, Chunky Soup, Canned Pasta, Mac and Cheese. Place all items in the donation bin at the main entrance. Thanks.

"Pennies from Heaven." There is an ongoing collection of pennies (and quiet money) for No One Left Behind Org. Money will go towards the purchase of a car for Interpreters immigrating to the USA. Collection jar is in the narthex.

Top's Bread Pick-up: Volunteers are needed to pick up bread from Tops on Mt. Read Blvd., and deliver it to Cameron Community Ministries. We pick up the bread from Tops Sunday morning, anytime between 7am and 9am, then deliver it to Cameron Community Ministries at **48 Cameron St.**, Monday morning, preferably between 9am and 10:30am. Later times are also acceptable. A sign up sheet with more detailed information and directions is on the communications board. Any ?s please contact John Corman 329-9413 or jcorman@rochester.rr.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Spiritual Growth Group meets for prayer and Bible study, focusing on lively discussion and discovery by viewing current events through a faith lens using "The Wired Word". We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 7-8:15 pm in the Conference Room. **Please note:** In January we will meet

the 3rd and 5th Tuesdays (1/15 and 1/29) due to the 1st Tuesday being New Year's Day. We love to welcome new participants to the conversation! Contact Julie Gerstenberger (jkgerst@yahoo.com, 281-5484) for more information or to be added to the email distribution list

Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00 - 11:30 am We are studying Part 2 of the text "Genesis for Everyone" by John Goldingay. All are welcome.

Weekly Prayer Cell: Tuesdays 9 am at SoHo Bagel in Stone Ridge Plaza. All are welcome to join us. Any questions, call Royal Stellrecht at 865-6941.

Sunday School (K-5th grade) is held during the 10 am service following the Children's Talk. The children return to the service before communion.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Joy Beyond the Bend Tuesday, January 15th. We will meet at 11:30 am in Messiah's parking lot and carpool to Patti's Pantry, then return to church for prayer, fellowship, fun and games. Joy Beyond the Bend is open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a family member, friend, relationship, or even a beloved pet. To RSVP, please call Joyce Callen at 225-3868 or email her at jckokopuff@gmail.com.

The Good Will Folks will meet for lunch January 17th at LongHorn Steakhouse on Ridge Rd. W. This is a fellowship group, and all are welcome! Any questions, contact Marion Renfer @ 225-1530.

YOUTH (6-12 grade) Mark the date for Winter Weekend! Friday to Sunday March 1-3 at Camp Rotary Sunshine in Rush, NY. Parents & Adults: 2 chaperones are needed to accompany our group at Winter Weekend. What a super way to get to know our young disciples better! Youth (or adults), if you're interested or have questions, see Tarra Hartmann (or contact tarrahartmann1@gmail.com, call or text 585-355-8108). **ALL** - Be sure to grab a copy of LYO Winter Weekend Newsletter on the shelf under the communications board. It has more info & dates of events!

HOUSE OF MERCY HAS ASKED FOR OUR HELP

Winter is here and it is cold outside - especially for the homeless. Blankets are needed on the street and blankets are needed inside the House of Mercy to provide bedding and warmth for the extra visitors needing shelter on the coldest nights. The police know that there is always room in the House of Mercy. No one is ever turned away. Thank goodness, over the last few years, more shelters have been created making more beds available for shelter from the weather. However, when the weather is at its worst and the shelters fill up, there are still hundreds of homeless people living on the streets. On cold miserable nights, the staff and volunteers from the House of Mercy go out and locate as many as they can to provide blankets and offer a ride to the House of Mercy. Not all want to go inside. But they will accept a blanket. We are hoping that you can find some unwanted items hidden away in your closets. Blankets are needed desperately. Socks are the hardest to keep in stock. Socks need to be the heavy duty warm socks for winter. Also needed are long johns, underwear, sweatshirts, and sweat pants.

Another way to help: go to Amazon and search for the "House of Mercy Wish List" for items to purchase and send to House of Mercy.

Let us start out the New Year bringing warmth to people on the streets. On the first Sunday of January, our donation boxes, labeled "House of Mercy", will be in the foyer. We have been blessed. Let us send warmth to the streets of Rochester. Questions? - please call Barb Corman 330-6393.

This week's Calendar

Sunday January 13

10:00 Worship w/ SS
11:30 Confirmation Class
5:00 Worship

Tuesday January 15

9:00 Prayer Cell
11:30 Joy Beyond the Bend
7:00 Spiritual Growth

Wednesday January 16

6:00 Youth Hangout
6:30 Bell Choir
7:30 Adult Choir

Thursday January 17

10:00 Bible Study
12:00 Good Will Folks

Friday January 18

6:30 Erna's Hope Beading Party

Saturday January 19

11:30 Soup-er Saturday

Sunday January 20

10:00 Worship w/ SS
11:30 Confirmation class
5:00 Worship

Our Prayers:

Tarra Hartmann and the Hartmann Family, Joanne Ligtenberg, Chuck Boyle, Tamara Ligtenberg, Shirley Bovay, Bob Ulreich, Cheryl Mezza, Lynne Hunter, Maer Rivera, Bob Lathrop, Richard Nicholls, Bob Crudele, Joan Cooper, Tara Pios, Ray DiJames, Gerry Bandemer, Vanessa Solveson, Zip Kraemer, Pete Bansbach, Debbie Bartlett, Pat Corrigan, Peggy Dahlheim, Ed Graupman, Jeanne McConkey, Gigi Reichert, Gary and Becky Riscignolo, Ken Scott, Sharon Stio, Barb Palozzi's siblings Larry, Jennie and Norma.

Astrid Imer (Hans' cousin in Germany), Ned Robbins (Matt's father), Sammy (friend of Vicki Robinson), Nancy (Sandy Moncrief's sister), Meaghan Magee (friend of Joyce King), Bob Green (Sharon Gigliotti's brother), Sherry Weaver (Sandy McLellan's sister), Bill Cyphers (Pam Nicholl's brother), Kevin Knapp (Jonmichael's dad), David Howe (Tammy Ligtenberg's friend), Michael Coons, Liz (friend of Deb Solveson), Susan Sturdevant (friend of the Orlandos), Florencio Rivera (Maer's husband), Myles (Pastor Aileen's nephew), Harry Warner (Mary Lou Reabold's brother-in-law), Louise Taylor (friend of Vicki Robinson), James Dahlheim (son of Peggy), Steve Stello (neighbor of Joyce Callen).

Prayers for those who mourn: The family and friends of Lee Koeser (friend of Pam Nicholls), and the friends and family of Ed Verdouw. Prayers for those in the Armed Forces: William Lydic (Pam Nicholl's grandson), Scott Moncrief, Rick (friend of Deb Solveson).

Serving Next Week

Sunday (1/20) 10:00 am

Assisting Minister: Bob Ulreich

Lector:

Communion Assistants: Randy Bartlett, Jeff Gerstenberger, Wayne Reabold

Ushers: Ed Orlando, L.J. Schneider, Rod Speer, Royal Stellrecht

Greeters: Sandy and Judy McLellan

Altar Guild: Rhonda Eastland

Sunday (1/20) 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister: Sandy Moncrief

Lector: Margaret Makowiecki

Ushers: Bob and Sharon Gibson