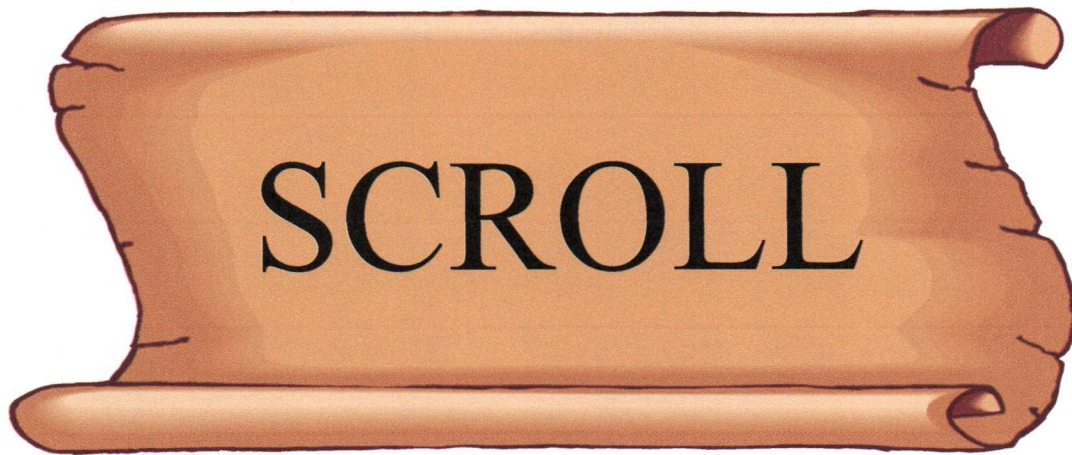


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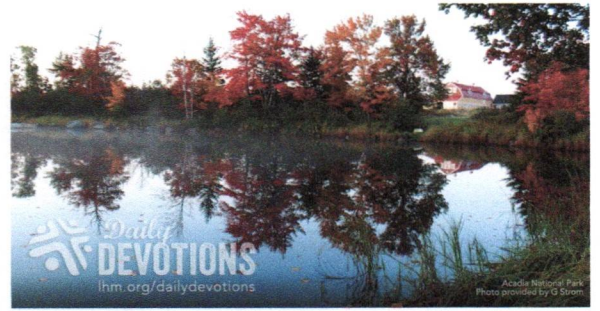


Christ is the Word! Live it!!

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Psalm 84:1-4 - How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise! Selah



Sparrows are small, seemingly of little worth, yet they have much to teach us about the God who created them, the God who created and redeemed us. In biblical times the little birds were sold two for a penny, a bargain in any century, but not even one sparrow falls to the ground without the Creator's knowledge. Still today our Creator knows when a sparrow falls and Jesus tells us, "Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31). Our purchase price was much higher than the two-for-a-penny price of sparrows. We were ransomed with the precious blood of God's own Son. Through His careful attention to sparrows, we learn that our Heavenly Father knows us and, in His grace, He values us.

Sparrows, or birds of any kind, have more to teach us about our Heavenly Father and about our life in Christ. When we are frightened or anxious, Jesus directs our attention to the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. Not even the wealthy King Solomon was so richly and brightly dressed as the lilies. Birds do not plant or harvest or store grain in barns, yet our Heavenly Father feeds them. The Creator who provides for the birds, including sparrows, cares for us, too. As the apostle Paul writes, "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32) Through His care for the birds of the air, we learn that our Heavenly Father knows our needs and provides for us.

We are not quite finished with the lessons taught by these little winged creatures. Sparrows and swallows sometimes found their way into Israel's tent of meeting, or in later centuries, into the temple. Very likely they could not find their way out, or perhaps they did not want to escape. The little sparrows were content to remain: "Even the sparrow finds a home ... at Your altars, O LORD of hosts." Our Heavenly Father created and redeemed us and He values each one of us. He provides for our needs. He welcomes us into His place of worship and He wants us to be at home there, as content as a sparrow on its nest. Valued, cared for, and welcomed, we enter God's house and join the little sparrows in singing praise to our God and Creator!

WE PRAY: My God and Creator, fill me with the joy and peace that the sparrows know in Your care. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler.

Bits 'N Pieces.....

Special Prayers – Please keep the families of Jan & George Piersol and Johnny & Mary Ann Hayes in our prayer for the loss of their grandchild, Eleanor. May God give them peace and comfort through this difficult time.

2025 Yearbook -The 2025 Congregational Yearbook and the 2025 S.L.W. Yearbook is in the Narthex ready for pickup. Thank you to everyone for getting your reports ready and in on time.

S.L.W. Steak Supper – Tickets are out! Please try to sell all you can. We will need a count to be able to purchase the meat and rice. Please let Mary Willingham know by February 9th how many tickets you have sold. Thank you.

S.L.Y. Bake Sale – The Youth will be having a bake sale along with the Steak Supper. We would like for all women to chip in with a baked good. This is supporting the Youth of our congregation. Thank you!

S.L.M. – Will meet on February 12th at 7:00. P.m. The cooks will be Dalton Shealy and Terry Crone. All Lutheran men are invited.

Secret Sister Reveal – Our Secret Sister reveal will be on February 16th, 5:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate in this wonderful outreach program, forms for the upcoming year are in the Narthex as well as in the Scroll. Creating By the Couch (Amanda Brewer) will be with us with a brand new craft. We hope everyone will once again participate. It is so much fun and exciting to receive gifts throughout the year. Please join us.

Reuben Backpack Food Program - SOW continues to accept monetary donations to purchase non-perishable food items for 20 needy children at Reuben Elementary School. This program runs September through May. Offerings are accepted throughout the year.

The Little Church Library – Located in Michael Huggins Park in Silverstreet, this “library” provides faith-based reading material for the children, youth, and adults in the community. Please donate your devotionals-new or used, Bibles, children’s Bible Storybooks, even out of date Sunday School or VBS material, etc. Brandy Wix or Alana West will take your contributions.

Reminder to those assigned to secure the church building each week.....

Per the SLC Yearbook, the standards include making sure all lights are turned off,- checking that the bathroom toilets are not “running,” checking that All exterior doors are locked, and always make certain the coffee pot in the kitchen is turned off and decanters emptied. Assure the oven and stoves are not on. The procedures are in place for the protection of our church building, as well as to avoid fire hazards and alleviate unnecessary expenses. These measures are in addition to the safeguards taken by our Security Team each Sunday.

Security Updates and Reminders:

- 1. Please review the Guidelines and Recommendations for Safety found on page 48 of the 2025 SLC Yearbook.*
- 2. The members of our Security Team have a plan in place and ask that everyone please allow them to do what they have been taught and trained to do when action may be needed.*
- 3. There are always 2 assigned Security Members in the narthex for every worship service. They are now equipped with radios.*
- 4. Security Members are assigned to assist with ushering duties each week.*
- 5. Security Team members and medical personnel are in the sanctuary for every service and are also ready to respond when needed.*
- 6. All exterior doors, excluding the main entrance, are locked as soon as our worship service begin.*
- 7. Children under the age of 15 years of age leaving the sanctuary during a service must be accompanied by an adult.*
- 8. Safety and medical plans are reviewed regularly and adjustments made as deemed necessary for the safety and security of the congregation and the church building.*



MEMORIALS FOR JANUARY 2025

Mr. Kenny Hawkins

Von & Kristie Metts

**In Honor
Of**

Katherine Hawkins

Von & Kristie Metts





S. L.W. Valentine Luncheon

*The Congregation is
Cordially Invited
to a
Valentine Luncheon*

February 9, 2025

*12:00 Noon
In the Fellowship Hall*

*Please plan to attend
and join in this wonderful fellowship.*

Please sign-up in the Narthex.



SECRET SISTER

The WELCA will once again be doing the Secret Sister program within the church and we would like to invite all women to participate. This program is a wonderful way to feel like you are reaching out to other women in the church. It is a great way to make someone feel special. It **is not** just for the Women of the ELCA. It is for all women in the church. Please join us in this outreach program. If you are interested, please fill out the form below. **All forms will need to be turned in February 9th**. You will learn who your secret sister will be for the upcoming year 2025 on **February 16th** at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Creating by the Couch (Amanda Brewer) will once again be our entertainment. She has a new craft in store for us.

Please turn your forms in to Mary Willingham, Thank you.

Secret Sister Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Birth Date: _____

Anniversary: _____

Special Date: _____

Special Likes: _____

Dislikes: _____

WELCA Dates

Circle II

Feb. 12th

2:00 pm

Hostess

Leader

Katherine Hawkins

Katherine Hawkins

Circle IV

Feb. 4th

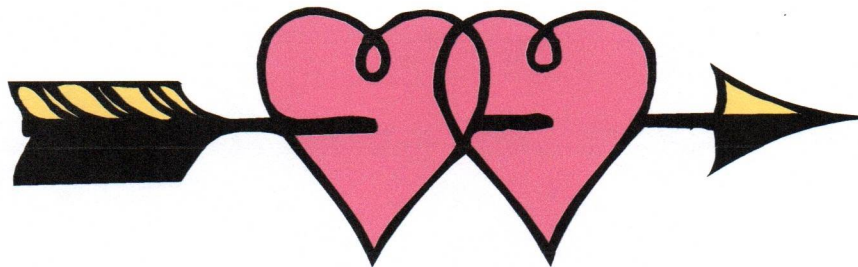
7:00 pm

Hostess

Leader

April Bryant

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WELCA would like to invite & encourage all
women of the church to join a circle.
This is a wonderful outreach program.

SERVING GOD IN FEBRUARY 2025

*If a conflict arises and you cannot serve on the appointed date, please find a replacement. Each person and their duty is vitally important to the worship service in the church. *Head Usher ** Greeter. Thank you for Serving!*

Ushers

Jay Piersol *
Mike Willingham
April Bryant **
Bryan West

Communion Steward

2nd Kim Crone

Offering Tabulators

Leland Epting
Alicai Willingham

Securing the Church

Alicia Willingham

Lay Readers
Feb 2 Shannon Bowers
9 Katherine Cook
16 Cayce Lybrand
23 Nancy Ruff



Altar Flowers
Katherine & Brad Cook
Faye Morris
Nancy Ruff
Helen & Dalton Shealy



Acolyte
Feb 2 Peyton Piersol
9 Peyton Piersol
16 Harper Piersol
23 Harper Piersol



Crucifer
Olivia Piersol
Olivia Piersol
Karsen Wix
Karsen Wix

Happy Birthday to the Following.....

Feb 6	Janice Havird	16	Maffett Fant
	Austin Willingham	20	Kim Crone
	Jamie Leel Gibson	23	Hannah Chapman
7	Axl Phillip Cook	25	George Piersol
		28	Benjamin (Fuzz) Loa



Happy Anniversary to the Following.....

Feb 27 Mike and Mary Willingham



Anyone missing? Please let us know. We want to recognize everyone! Also if you see an error, please call Mary Willingham (803) 944-9191. Thank you.

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 am Choir 10 am Sun Sch 11 am Worship/ Communion	3	4 7:00 p.m. S.L.W. Grp. IV	5	6	7	8
9 8:30 am Council 9 am Choir 10 am Sun Sch 11 am Worship 12 Noon Valentine Lunch	10	11	12 2:00 p.m. S.L.W. Grp. II 7:00 p.m. S.L.M.	13	14	15 5:00 p.m. S.L.W. Steak Supper
16 9 am Choir 10 am Sun Sch 11 am Worship 5 p.m. Secret Sister Reveal	17	18	19	20	21	22
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