



Messiah



Messenger



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On the Way Together

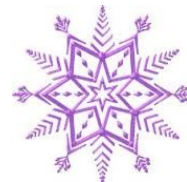
There's an apocryphal story that I learned in my youth regarding my great-great-great grandparents who happened to be French Canadian. It's said that these relatives on my mother's side were stalwart Roman Catholics, and as they attempted to make a living for themselves on their farm, life wasn't always easy. It's said that one day my great-x3 grandparents were visited by their priest. The priest didn't come for a pastoral call, but instead came to ask for money. Apparently he needed a new carriage, and he was collecting from his parish the funds necessary to buy it. My ancestor, Sam, after a little thought, told the priest he simply could not afford to contribute to the fund for a new carriage at this time. In response, the priest is reported to have told him, "Well, Sam, then you are going straight to hell!" Strangely enough, my relatives became Methodist shortly thereafter.

I share this story not because I think that the Roman Catholic Church and all priests are corrupt. To the contrary, I have met and admire many Roman Catholic sisters and brothers. But I share this story because its history and how it was told to me when I was young definitely affected how I would allow myself to relate to those who happened to be Roman Catholic in my younger years. It wasn't until I was almost through seminary that I truly came to terms with how that story colored how I saw others. For myself, and for others in my family, that story - and hundreds of years of Protestant-Roman Catholic rivalry - has become a barrier between people of faith who have so much in common.

It's for this reason I'm so excited about how the Lutheran church has chosen to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. We have decided that instead of celebrating, we must observe and honor the sacrifices made and the journey that we have been on. It is for this reason that we have been in conversation and partnership with the Roman Catholic Church. Despite the ways that we have been at odds in the past, and the hurt over the initial split between Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, over the past fifty years it has become increasingly apparent that there is far more that unites us than divides us. As we enter into a new future, we are finding that we have many unique ways in which we are invited to be partners in ministry. Often we advocate for the same causes of justice in our world. Many times Lutheran Social Services and Catholic Charities form complimentary relationships in the work that we do for the less fortunate. And in all things, we are guided by the Holy Spirit to be a reflection of the light that God shines on all of us.

Are the Lutheran Church and Roman Catholic Church without differences today? No, we still have some differences that need to be worked out. We aren't exactly the same. But now, more than ever, we see a path that we can travel together for the sake of our common mission in the world. Now, more than ever, our journey is one that points not to our differences but rather what unites us - Christ our lord, who is and will continue to be the source of our mission here on earth. May we continue to seek what unites us rather than what divides.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Chris



SHROVE TUESDAY

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February 28, 2017
5:30 p.m. Pancake
Supper

Need cooks and
bottle washers

Lutherans and Catholics

Commemorate 500 Years of Renewal and Reform

1517-2017

Dialogue Dates and Featured Speakers

RIO RANCHO DIALOGUE

MONDAYS, January 16 - February 20, 2017

7 – 9 PM at Church of the Incarnation

2309 Monterrey Rd. NE, Rio Rancho 87144

Participating Communion

Calvary Lutheran, LCMS; TBA, ELCA;

Church of the Incarnation, Roman Catholic

Speakers

Pastor Quintin Cundiff, LCMS; Pastor TBA, ELCA;

Mr. Fabian Yanez, Roman Catholic

WESTSIDE DIALOGUE

TUESDAYS, January 17 - February 21, 2017

7 – 9 PM at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church

5415 Fortuna Road, NW, Albuquerque 87105

Participating Communion

St. Andrew Lutheran, LCMS; Cross of Hope, ELCA;

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Roman Catholic

Speakers

Pastor Eli Lietzau & Pastor Quintin Cundiff, LCMS;

Pastor R. Adam Berndt, ELCA; Fr. Graham Golden

O.Praem, Roman Catholic

NORTHEAST HEIGHTS DIALOGUE

WEDNESDAYS, January 18 - February 22, 2017

7 – 9 PM at St. Luke Lutheran Church

9100 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque 87110

Participating Communion

Faith in Christ, LCMS; St. Luke Lutheran, ELCA;

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Roman Catholic

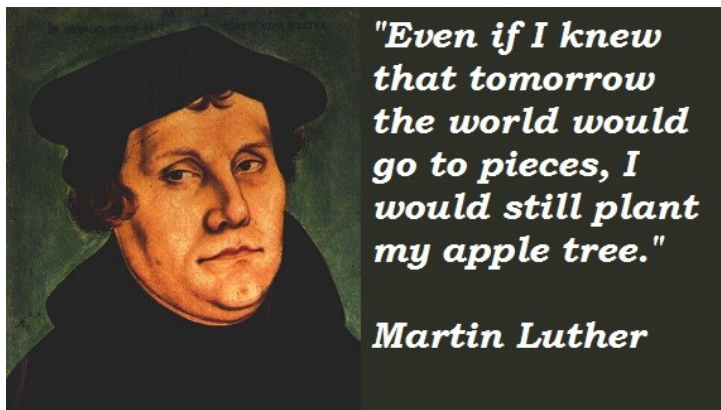
Speakers

Pastors Ryan & Bre Roberts, ELCA, Pastor Eli Lietzau,

LCMS; Msgr. Bennett J. Voorhies, Roman Catholic



For more information contact Rose Garcia at 505.831.8243 or rogarcia@archdiosf.org



Sola scriptura ("by Scripture alone")

Sola fide ("by faith alone")

Sola gratia (by grace alone")



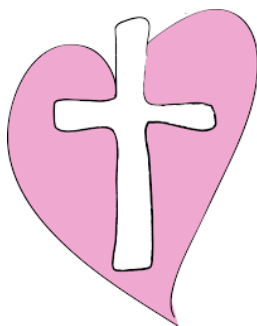
Women's Page



*Women of the ELCA/Rocky Mountain Synod
Special ministry for February 2017*

Angel Valentine Food Barrel

Starting in January, MLCW collects nonperishable food til Valentine's day for the Storehouse. We do this after the holiday season to keep the shelves stocked for people of Albuquerque in need.



February 2017 MLCW will meet on Saturday, February 11, at 9:30 a. m. for a bible study and fellowship. Our topic will be the "Gather" magazine

Leader: TBD


Hostess:

Messiah Lutheran Church Women Officers

*President: Hazel Mella
Secretary: Irene Aldredge
Treasurer: Dotty Dahl*

Mission Lead Ladies

*Growth: Lorraine Davis
Action: Charlotte Moritomo
Community: Dotty Dahl
Historian: TBD
Prayer Chain: TBD*

Women of the
ELCA 

Bishop's Visit - January 15, 2017

Messiah Lutheran Church, Albuquerque NM

Pastor Chris Heller

On this Second Sunday after the Epiphany Bishop Jim joined in worship with the people of Messiah Lutheran and invited the congregation to look for some Epiphany "aha" insights as they continue to discern where the Spirit is leading them. The congregation's many stained glass windows tell the story of faith and witness. Christ's Church, Better Together!



ELCA Bishop Gonia leading the early worship service





ELCA Bishop Gonia leading the tradition worship service



Christmas at Messiah

January 2017 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fellowship Coffee and Snacks Please Sign up

Date	Praise Fellowship Set-up	Praise Service Snacks	Coffee and Snacks to the Fellowship Hall	Traditional Service Snacks	Library/ Fellowship Clean-up
February 05	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Rosemary Butler		Marian Kulju	
February 12	Irene and Gene Aldredge			Ellen Dobson	
February 19	Irene and Gene Aldredge			Debra Hoyt	
February 26	Irene and Gene Aldredge			Dotty Dahl	

Psalm 119:1-2

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!
²Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,

Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress 2017



February 2017 Flowers

February 05

February 12

February 19

February 26

Eloise Kesatie

Ellen and Skip Dobson

Betty Hauge

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	Assisting Minister	Greeter	Ushers	Counter
February 05	Ellen Dobson	Eloise Kesatie	Hauge Family	Ellen Dobson
February 12	Gene Aldredge	Pat Raquet	Pat and Jim Raquet	Gene Aldredge
February 19	Ron Kulju	Eloise Kesatie	Hauge Family	Ron Kulju
February 26	Orman Paananen	Lorraine Davis	Lorraine Davis and Charlotte Moritomo	Orman Paananen




Readers for February 2017

<i>February 05</i>	<i>Buddy Hooks</i>
<i>February 12</i>	<i>Sara Bender Hooks</i>
<i>February 19</i>	
<i>February 26</i>	<i>Marianne Walck</i>





Irene Aldredge



FEBRUARY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00-7:00 p.m. Lutheran community "Theology on Tap" 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	2	3	4 9:00 a.m. Church work day
5 9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship 12:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal	6 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	7 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	8 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	9	10	11 9:30 a.m. MLCW Bible Study
12 9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship 12:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal	13 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	14 Valentine's day 6:30 p.m. Church Council 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	15 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	16	17	18
19 9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship 12:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal	20 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	21 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	22 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 7-9:00 p.m.,...Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details	23	24 9:30 a.m. Newsletter Team	25 10:00 a.m. Messiah Book club
26 9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship 12:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal	27	28 Shrove Tuesday 5:3-6:30 p.m. Pancake Supper				



February 02	John Jones
February 08	Luanne Killingsworth
February 12	Bob Hauge
February 18	Marion Hoyt
February 29	Loring Emery

None this month



February 01	Carole Baker	February 13	Robert Koeltzow
February 01	Buddy Hooks	February 13	Kelly McConnell
February 04	Brian Osterloh	February 15	Steve McHenry
February 04	Cassandra Osterloh	February 16	Julie Butler
February 08	Ruben Baca	February 16	Tom Reid
February 08	Autumn Devine	February 25	Dylan Hauge
February 10	Arlene Mickelson	February 25	Pat Raquet
February 13	Carlo Bachechi	February 26	Andy Jones
February 13	Rebecca Koeltzow	February 26	Edna Jones



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Baca Family; Al Burmeister; Anna May Currier; Danielle Currier (Anna May's granddaughter); Laura Eller; Helga Lindner; Robert Maranville; Arlene Mickelson; Jean and Orman Paananen, Brian Selby (Betty Hauge's son-in-law)



Max Corrie



Daniel Vickers — serving in the Navy (**grandson of Eloise Kesatie**)
Micah Kesatie—Army Reserves (**grandson of Eloise Kesatie**)
Allen J. Tetreault—serving in the USAF Kirtland AFB Military
Matt Braun—serving at Kirkland AFB Military
Kevin Dombey—Air Force Special Forces



COUNCIL NOTES FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting Minutes for January are available on the usher's table.

Messiah Lutheran Church members are invited to review the church council's meeting information. The binder is located in the church office. All council meetings are open to members.

January 22, 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting.

The election results from the 2016 Annual Congregational meeting:

President - Brian Osterloh
President-Elect - Al Burmeister
Secretary - Cassandra Osterloh
Financial Secretary - Barbara Bachechi
Member-at-Large - Ron Kulju

Continuing on Council:
Treasurer - Ellen Dobson
Members-at-Large: Carlo Bachechi, Lee Danielson,
Dave Hartenberger

Thank you to Jean and Orman Paananen and Susan Utegg for their service on the Church Council.

Council members were installed and recommitted on Sunday, January 29, 2017



Average Attendance

November 2016

Contemporary Worship Average— 14
Traditional Worship Average—27

December 2016

Contemporary Worship Average — 13
Traditional Worship Average—25
Christmas Eve—48
Christmas Day—17

**LOOSE CHANGE
FOR WORLD
HUNGER**



Income and Expense by Month December 2016

Income
Expense

\$ in 1,000's

20

15

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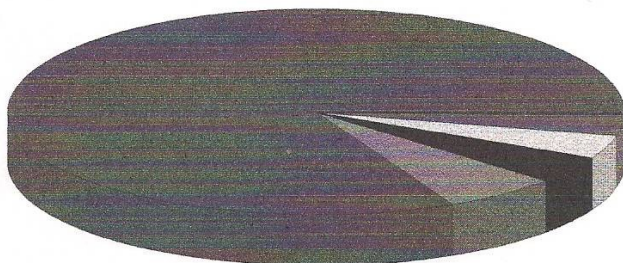
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Expense Summary December 2016

PAYROLL EXPENSESS	82.34%
OFFICE EXPENSES	6.14
Uncategorized Expenses	4.43
MISSIONS	3.73
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	3.36
OFFICE AND OPERATIONS	0.01
Total	\$10,758.16



Dec Income \$ 16,588
Exp \$ 10,758
\$5830

By Account

IN THE COMING MONTHS

**ASH WEDNESDAY,
March 01, 2017**

Ash Wednesday worship
service at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00
p.m. March 01, 2017



*Sign up chart for Easter Lily
purchases for Easter Sunday,
April 16, will be posted after
Ash Wednesday.*

Lenten Lunch and Supper during Lent.

Please be sure and check out the signup sheet for Soup and Bread luncheons and suppers during Lent.

Lenten dates are: March 08 through April 05. The signup sheet will be located on the bulletin board next to the Flower chart.



**Enrich Your Relationship on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!
March 17 - 19, 2017**

Glen Eyrie Conference Center, Colorado Springs, CO

Apply at GodLovesMarriage.org

Contact John & Jen Pettinger at jjpettinger@gmail.com or
[720-635-9093](tel:720-635-9093) for more information.

Flyers available in Messiah's Narthex.

**Mark those 2018 calendars for late
June.....**

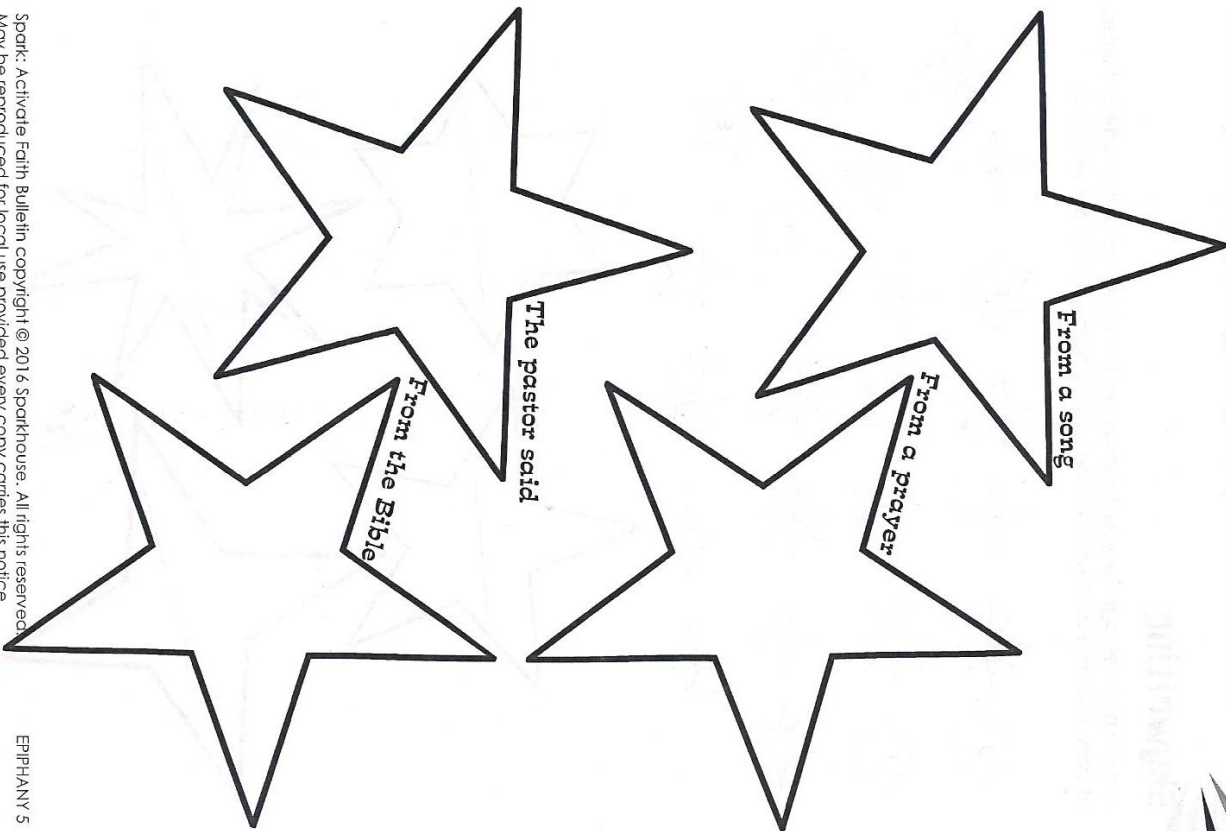


**Youth to get ready for Houston Texas
ELCA Youth Gathering.**

**There will be many sights and sounds
on the Gulf Coast.....**

Written in the stars

Use words you hear, say, or sing during worship to fill in these stars.



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EPIPHANY 5



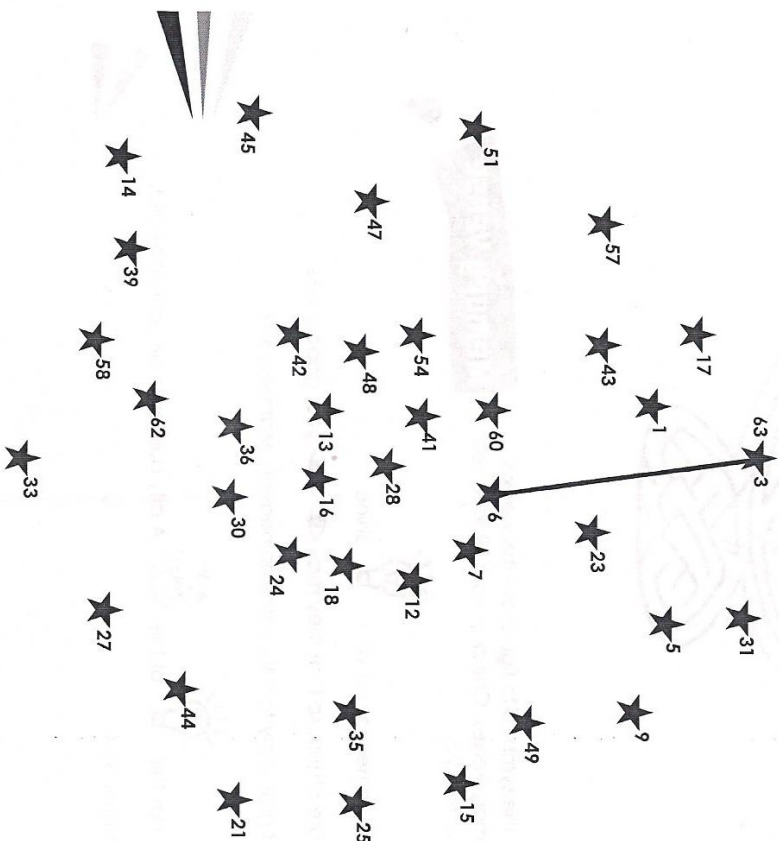
READER

Epiphany 5

- Today is the **fifth Sunday** in Epiphany.
- We use the symbol of a **star** during Epiphany because it reminds us of **light**.
- **God** shines light on us. **We** can shine light in the world!

Constellation station

Connect the stars to make an Epiphany constellation. Start with 3 and move through all the multiples of 3 in order. The first connection is done for you.



Lamplight Maze

Jesus says that we can spread our light to the world just like a small lamp lights up a whole room! **Get through this maze to help spread this light.**




Use the symbols to figure out this week's memory verses. Check in your Bible to see if you're right!



shine

Memory Verse

In the same way let your  your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16



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. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

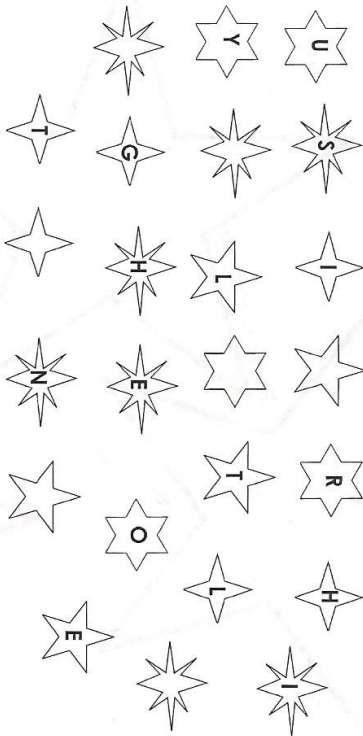
Matthew 5:14

Look it Up!

Jesus is the light of the world. We can share this light tool look up John 1:3-5 to read more about Jesus, the light of the world.

skywriting

Jesus has a message for you. Unscramble the letters inside the different types of stars. Then match them with the spaces below to find out what it is!



Church Website! is www.messiahbq.org. You may also listen to Pastor Chris Heller's sermons on the website
You may also reach us on Facebook.

The website has up to date information about our church, our synod, and current activities.

Sunday Bible Readings for February 2017

February 05

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

February 12

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19 Sunday

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

February 26 Transfiguration Sunday

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



Note: Daily bible readings may be found in "Christ in Our Home" Devotional.

Welcome
to Our Church

Sunday School
SCHEDULE

Every Sunday Worship
Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
with communion

Education for All Ages

To be determined

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Bible Studies

Messiah Lutheran Church Women

Bible Study and gathering on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.



Lutheran Community

"Theology on tap"

meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00

p.m. Place to be announced.



If you have a prayer need, please call the church at 505-299-3311 to be added to the Messiah Lutheran Church's Prayer Chain as we pray in the name of Jesus.

***Sunday
Worship Schedule:***

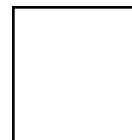
**9:30 a.m Combined
Worship with
communion**



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Our Mission: *Caring For and Serving Others So All May Share in God's Love.*

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