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EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message.

Teacher: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Kim Blackmore & David Hamilton

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.

Teachers: Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith

3rd-5th Grades Room 5

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 Teachers: Stephanie & Andy Strelcheck

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or remain in worship with their parents.

Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackiesandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the “Elements” of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Join us as we study different Biblical Figures each week! Coffee and cookies are provided!

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

January 11 & 25: Whose money is it? How do we prioritize allocating resources? We’ll use the tenets of our reformed faith and Scripture as Garry Justice and Barbara Englehart lead our discussion of God and Wealth. Be part of the conversation while enjoying cookies and coffee.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 &15

TODAY: Led by Vicki Krueger.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, January 11th:
Andrew Carlstadt, Shannon Dipolito, Elaine Findley, Chelsea Luther

Monday, January 12th:
Michele White, Megan Giese

Tuesday, January 13th:
Kristen Kelly, Alice Nisk

Wednesday, January 14th:
Alyssa Beach, Brooke Estavil, Ashley Long, Nick Paplos, Brianna Wiener

Thursday, January 15th:
Chip Hill, Kay Maza

Friday, January 16th:
Kathy Bailey, Nora Gunderman, Josh Purdy, Zack Purdy

Saturday, January 17th:
Sue Allen, Nancy Baker, Preston Mukatamula, James Nelson

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FRIENDS OF NORTHWOOD

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2015 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

PEACE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

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Order for the Public Worship of God
January 11, 2015
Baptism of the Lord
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
(8:15) Barbara Moler
(11:00) Jane Sumwalt

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Maurice Durufle
“Prelude sur l’Introit de l’Epiphanie” (1902-1986)
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Permission to extend the sign of peace to the audience)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “Down by the Jordan” LOBE DEN HERREN

(8:15) Barbara Moler
(11:00) Jane Sumwalt

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,

Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:

“God will forgive! Show that you’ll change how you live!
Surely God’s new day is rising!”

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:

“Are you God’s Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?”

“No!” John replied. “He who is mightier than I
Judges and offers salvation.”

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
Taking your place among sinners, God’s lost sons and daughters.

Then with great love, God’s Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God’s Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we’re welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?
Yes, the promise is more than a bright star above. It’s a cross! And a tomb! And a Father’s great love!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus” CRUSADERS

SERMON “Beginnings” Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Sing of God Made Manifest”
(arr. David Cherwien) (based on the Epiphany hymn at #156 in Glory to God)

DOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 1) Genesis 1:1-5 (RSV)

HYMN #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (Please Stand.) CRUSADERS’ HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING (page 815) Mark 4:1-11 (RSV)

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WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #664 “Morning Has Broken” BUNESSAN

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”
(arr. David Cherwien)

“We are the body of Christ, the church of the living God; we are the people of God, knit together in love. God alone is worthy of all praise and glory!”

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

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LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

“A New Hallelujah”
“Because of Your Love”

MEET & GREET

PRAYER & GREETER

PRAISE SONG

“Whom Shall I Fear”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

“My Savior, My God!”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

“God Is Love” Larry Stephen

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:1-11 (RSV)

MESSAGE

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Fires”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU