

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Today is our first of the month Potluck. The Van Natta small group is in charge of set-up and clean-up. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Group meets tonight at 5:30 pm.

Come help undecorate the church! We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the church on Saturday, Jan 13 at 9:30 am. Come join the fun!

The **Calvin University January Series** is a FREE 15-day lecture series (Jan 15– Feb 2) that takes place each year at Calvin University and aims to cultivate deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day in order to inspire cultural renewal and make us better global citizens in God's world. For more information see

<https://calvin.edu/january-series/speakers/>

If you are interested in watching with others, we will gather at church at 12:30 pm to watch each day's talk and have some time to discuss. (Coffee will be on; bring a lunch if you'd like.)

PRAYER PETITIONS AND PRAISES

PETITIONS—Pray for:

- Energy and healing for Shannon
- A neighbor who fell and sustained many injuries, including a TBI
- Those dealing with health issues who are in various stages of recovery or healing or pain management (Linda MK, Linda L, Cindy M, Gloria W & Sandy C)
- Robert South as he recovers from an MS flareup
- Skagit County officials as they make decisions about the winter shelter
- Peace around the world

PRAISES—Give praise and thanks for:

- Praise for a healthy birth of a granddaughter on Christmas Day!
- A new year of blessing
- Thankful for God helping me through an emergency surgery and recovery
- Thankful that Jacob and Esther arrived in South Africa safely and were able to enjoy the wedding of a good friend. Continued prayer for safety and good travel connections as they continue their trip.

Welcome to Faith Community Fellowship

January 7, 2024

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am



When God Speaks

Jonah 1:1-3

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When God Speaks—Jonah 1:1-3

Jonah the book

Hearing God's Voice

The opening words of Jonah

God's word to us

God's General Call

God's Specific Call

We Gather for Worship

River is Here

Welcome and God's Greeting

Call to Worship

Light of the World

Is He Worthy?

Confession and Assurance

Softly and Tenderly

Congregational Life Updates

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Be Still and Know

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Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

Sending & God's Blessing

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Welcome! We're glad you're here! May you experience God's goodness and grace here today. After the service, please join us for coffee.

A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3, located in the hallway.

Children's Bulletins are available for young children.

Greeters: Terry & Karen Van Natta

Coffee Servers: Elaine Zonnefeld

Nursery: Gloria Wicklund

God's Unrelenting Grace in Jonah

God sends _____

God doesn't _____

Jonah never _____

Spotlight Ministry of the Month:

The Ministry we'll be specifically praying for this month is:

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