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Where the Light Begins

A BLESSING FOR THE SEASON

Perhaps it does not begin.
Perhaps it is always.

Perhaps it takes
a lifetime
to open our eyes,
to learn to see
what has forever
shimmered in front of us

the luminous line
of the map
in the dark

the vigil flame
in the house
of the heart,

the love
so searing
we cannot keep
from singing,

from crying out
in testimony
and praise.



Perhaps this day
will be the mountain
over which
the dawn breaks.

Perhaps we
will turn our face
toward it,
toward what has been
always.

Perhaps
our eyes
will finally open
in ancient recognition,
willingly dazzled,
illuminated at last.

Perhaps this day
the light begins
in us.



-Jan Richardson, from *Circle of Grace*:
A Book of Blessings for the Seasons

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Don't you love grabbing
a cup of coffee and a bit
of a snack after worship
service? The Deacons
need volunteers to host
our Sunday Coffee Hour!
A new sign-up sheet
is available in Fellowship
Hall each month.

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Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$				
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$				
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$				
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$				
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$				
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$	Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$				
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$								
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$								

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Dear friends,

I have been overwhelmed with gratitude of late as the Christmas season has prompted so many of you to drop off Christmas cards, gift cards, cookies, even the gift of a new oven to help furnish my home. Your kindness has been abundant.

It is that time of the year when I find myself growing more contemplative, more reflective of all the blessings and gifts we have received. This year I have witnessed our ministry growing and shifting in unexpected ways. I have witnessed a growing desire to show up in our community and engage in active mission. Many of you have approached me with ideas or simply a deep desire to do more, to be more engaged, to see something happen in our community, in our church.

Our youth are growing up and doing the work of deep theological thought (did you know they wrote their own monologues for the Nativity program?). Our Sunday schoolrooms are no longer full though, and we miss the sound of small children racing up and down the stairs or trying to get seconds and thirds, and fourths, from the fellowship goodies.

Our musicians are busy with work and family matters, with school and dance, even as some of our members keep asking if we might resume our pick up choir (spoiler alert, we will!). Yet it also appears that our grief over the loss of our organ is beginning to subside, and Becky's amazing work decorating the chancel for Christmas has helped with this. Our worship continues to deepen with intentional silence and new rhythms, but we aren't sure exactly where we will end up. We can trust that, with God, it will be good, even if there are rough patches between now and then.

We have had a busy year, a year. Unlike many churches around us we have not seen a decrease in members over the last three years and even welcomed some new people to the church. We have worked to increase the attendance at the Pig Roast and welcomed new visitors. Our reputation as a gracious and hospitable church, particularly around funerals and times of grief, continues to be as strong as ever. Yet like most churches we are still wondering, "what's next?"

In the new year, I would like to invite the entire congregation into a time of discernment and deepening of our spiritual practices. We can do all things through God, but struggle to make events match our expectations. I would like to invite you all into a time of study, of listening for the Holy Spirit, of preparing to be surprised and moved, shifted, by the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. I want to invite you to quiet the nay-sayer in your head, and trust that as we discern where God is leading us, it will be good, even if there are rough patches in-between.

I would like to begin this process with a congregation wide book study of *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission* by Krin Van Tatenhove. This book will not give us answers, but it will give us some really good questions and together will begin the earnest work of discerning God's will for our small but mighty church.

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Too often we feel as though we haven't got enough to offer, that we are too small, too rural, too stuck in our ways, or too ambitious, but we are not now, nor ever have been, powerful enough to disrupt God's plan for us. We know that all things change with time, and yet we want the change we embark on to be gentle and positive, to be fruitful and faithful.

God calls all of us, not just ruling elders, or deacons, not just your pastor, but all of us, to faithfully follow, to practices that will deepen and enliven our faith and understanding. We can take great comfort in last Sunday's scripture from Isaiah, not even a fool can get lost when God is leading the way. We are enough. We have enough. We have God to lead us and guide, to sustain us and provide for us.

Grateful to serve with you,
Pastor Cyndi

A great many thanks to everyone who worked together to make this advent and Christmas season so wonderful!



CARDS & NOTES

If you would like to drop a card or note to Mike Morgan, the following is his new mailing address:

Michael John Morgan
#332727
Redgranite Correctional Institution
P. O. Box 925
Redgranite, WI 54970-0925

**BIBLE STUDY
AND COFFEE**

Start the New Year off by joining us on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the church library for coffee and great conversation on the Sunday sermon. This is a small group which is also a prayer ministry. Look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays.

**COFFEE HOUR
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Deacons are asking for volunteers to host our Sunday Coffee Hour! Sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall for each month.



2020

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NEW YEAR!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jan 5	Open
Jan 12	Open
Jan 19	Open
Jan 26	Open

USHERS

Jan 5	Dennis and Nancy Stocks
Jan 12	Zack and Jenny Dachel
Jan 19	Dave Heebner and Greg Manning
Jan 26	Richard and Vonda Lee Schmidt

GREETERS

Jan 5	Open
Jan 12	Open
Jan 19	Open
Jan 26	Open

COUNTERS

Jan 5	Diane Lukins and Jean Spataro
Jan 12	Ron Nelson and Zach Dachel
Jan 19	Jeff Leckwee and Dudley Mehlretter
Jan 26	Diane Lukins and Jean Spataro

ACCOMPANISTS

Jan 5	Recorded Organ Accompaniment
Jan 12	Rana Hughey
Jan 19	Anna Salzman
Jan 26	Rana Hughey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in January and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

1/3	AUDREY KOHN
	JIM BROWN
1/11	MEDORA RICHARDS
1/13	JAMES MORGAN
1/14	HUDSON BECK
1/15	LUKE HUGHEY
	MATHIAS HUGHEY
1/18	ADRIANNE TRITT
1/19	GENE SMITH
1/24	BRAD BALLWEG
1/27	DALTON RICHARD
	GREG MANNING
	KIM KREKLOW
1/30	HEATHER MULCAHY



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **FEBRUARY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, January 22nd at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.

December 2019

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February 2020

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January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4
5 Worship- Communion Sunday, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	6	7	8 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Deacons, 6:30p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	13	14	15 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	16	17	18
19 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	21 Session, 6:30 p.m.	22 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	23	24	25
26 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	27	28	29 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	30 Our House, 9 a.m.	31	

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Custodian: Lori Harrenstein
Church Secretary: Pat Craig
Financial Secretary: John Griffing
Church Secretary's Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday
9:00 a.m.
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**
10:15 a.m.

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THE SESSION

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Mae Stocks	Diane Lukins	Dudley Mehlretter
Herb Damsteegt	Jean Spataro	DeAnn Richards
Zack Dachel	Ron Nelson	Jeff Leckwee
DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session		

BOARD OF DEACONS

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Patty Seiler	Marcia Brown	Gale Nelson
Pam Odorizzi	Sandy Deselle	Bobby Hanson
	Dave Heebner	Laurie Fryman



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