

The Spirit - JANUARY 2015



The Flood

It crept up slowly.
You did not notice at first,
though your feet were always cold,
socks soggy.
Accustomed to the damp
you pulled on galoshes
then hip waders.
You didn't know why
you were always so tired
like walking against a strong current, you'd say.
By the time the force of the tide sucked your

heart out by the roots it was too late.
You plunged into that dark torrent gasping
for air clawing for something to hang onto.
The ark you unbelieving had refused rocked
above the waters.
The old man leaned over the side extended
a wooden beam.
I see you are ready now, he said.
Grab on, there is room for one more.

What a few days it's been! What a kick-off to a new year! Record rainfall, floods, landslides, epic clean up efforts, And so much still unknown. How long will the clean up take? Will there be help? Will there be money to rebuild? Can the Harbor rebound or will the repairs and rebuilding ultimately be an economic boost, a chance to rebuild better than ever? When I was first called at 3:30 Monday morning with the news from the Youth Center that there was water in the basement, my feverish brain barely registered what that implied. As the morning dawned and the news just kept coming, each report worse than the last, I knew this would be an event none of us would soon forget. The event itself: flooding and landslides, those are out of our control in the moment. We deal with things as they come at us the best we can, pulling together, supporting one another. It's the longer term consequences that remain unknown.

We know firsthand what floods are all about, if not in our own homes certainly in this community we call home. As The Flood suggests, in some circumstances, we just keep slogging along adapting to our damp socks, feeling the strain of the effort not able to recognize how bad things are becoming, unable to believe that there is rescue within arms reach waiting for us to take hold. Until finally we can't go on; until the force of the tide sucks our heart out by the roots and we are plunged into the dark torrent. The implications of what's happened the last few days are still unfolding.

As we walk into the future: this year, this event, and in our lives as individuals, families and as

brothers and sisters in Christ we have courage and hope because we are not in this alone and because our future is secure. As Bishop Eaton says in her GREAT article (page 3 - don't miss it!) "in baptism God has given us a new life, a new year, a new day." And again she says, **"In baptism we have already died the only death that really matters.** The death of Christ Jesus into which we are buried is the end of death. It is the breaking of the power of sin. It is the beginning of our new life. To borrow a pop culture image, **we are now the undead."**

This new life in Christ is our ARK of rescue. It is the hand reaching out to save us from the waters of the flood, from the lack of meaning you may be feeling in your work or your relationships. It is the rescue from a scary diagnosis and from a future obscured by the unknown chaos. We are in Christ. We are fine. Grab on, there is ALWAYS room for one more.

Pastor Val



NOT A WAR ON CHRISTMAS, BUT ON WHAT JESUS TAUGHT

The Rev. Kim Latterell, SWWS Bishop's Assistant

It's been surprisingly quiet this year regarding the annual cry of an ongoing war against Christmas. Voices have often claimed that those who press against nativity scenes on public ground, who greet others with a holiday wish instead of a merry Christmas, who grow strident against the ever present serenade of both the banal and the sacred music of the season, are nothing less than henchmen of the devil intent on destroying Christ-



mas, Christianity and the American way of life. Perhaps this year there was less need for their cry to raise political funds.

I give them credit however for being close to accurate in this way. From my own faith perspective, I see the real war as one being fought all year long against the grown-up Christ of biblical witness. It's not the Babe of Bethlehem who is being assaulted as much as the Christ King of the Cross who seeks out and serves the poor, the hungry, the single parent, the immigrant and refugee, the diseased and discarded, the profiled and punished of his time (and ours.) Our national tradition of trees and decorations, displays and dioramas, and greetings almost as meaningless as a typical "hi, how are you?" really do very little to convey the depth and power of a birth story that puts God of the universe into both the womb of an unmarried and nearly discarded teenager and an animal feedbox in a tiny little community too busy to notice or much care.

The real war is being fought against much of what Jesus taught, did, lived and died for, a war constantly being waged from a whole segment of elected leaders. Proposals for draconian measures against children refugees and their families, unjust laws that perpetually allow for unpaid and underpaid workers, the building of fences between neighboring nations, the unending fight against women's rights and safety, the denial of dramatic and destructive climate change, the idolatrous love of vengeance, violence and the weaponry that fuels such responses, the unwillingness to welcome and work for the good of all regardless of color or class or creed or identity:

these are the real battles striking out against a compassionate Christ who comes to seek and save, to hold and heal, to embrace all the world into the arms of God. These are the real battles intent on tipping over the cradle and burning down

the cross.

Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark*, offers these words on the significance of Jesus' birth:

Whether there were ten million angels there that night or just the young woman and her husband, when that Child was born the whole course of history was changed. That is a fact as hard and blunt as any fact. It is impossible to conceive of how differently world history would have developed if that Child had not been born. For faith, the birth of that Child into the darkness of the world makes possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living life.

The true and lasting daily struggles for us all comes down to this: how will we seek to live out this new life in Christ, not for security and self-preservation or self-justification, but as a life lived for others in neighborly love and care...Jesus' way?



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God's work. Our hands.

Resolutions will always come up short in our attempts to remake ourselves

A new year. Time to start over. A fresh set of possibilities. Out with the old, in with the new. New Year's resolutions are made — usually along the lines of self-improvement. And so, with a combination of optimism and grim determination, we set out into the New Year. But how long does our resolve last? Days? Weeks? It's a good bet that the gym will be a lot less crowded at the end of January than it was at the beginning.

New Year's resolutions are symptoms of our underlying disease. We sense that our lives are not entirely the way they should be. We have an obscured image of the beauty and wholeness of God's good creation. **There is a gap between who we are and who we have been created to be.** So we try to fill that gap ourselves. We are going to eat right, work out, fix our relationships, floss regularly, lose weight, corral our calendars,



clean the garage, learn another language, etc., etc., etc.

These are all worthy goals and might actually be beneficial, but they can't fill the gap. Maybe we can sustain this aggressive schedule for self-improvement past January, but probably not. Discouraged and dispirited we make it to the beginning of Lent only to do the spiritual version of New Year's resolutions. And **we wonder, like Martin Luther, is it enough?**

All of our efforts to achieve self-justification and self-righteousness are futile and may, in fact, be harmful. **They twist and distort our relationship with God, with each other, even with creation.** *They become a means to an end; food, instead of something to enjoy, becomes a dietary supplement; our bodies, instead of being a gift from the Creator, become our enemies in our quest for physical perfection; other people, instead of being a loving community, become competitors.* Exhausted and frustrated in our attempts to save our lives resentment sets in.

And that's really it, isn't it? **We are trying to save our own lives, to stave off death. We cannot and we do not have to.**

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united

with him in a resurrection like his” ([Romans 6:3-5](#)).



There it is. **In baptism we have already died the only death that really matters.** The death of Christ Jesus into which we are buried is the end of death. It is the breaking of the power of sin. It is the beginning of our new life. To borrow a pop culture image, **we are now the undead.**

The early church understood this and enacted it in its baptismal practice. Candidates for baptism were stripped and, naked as the day they were born, went into the water. When they came out they were anointed with oil and clothed in new garments. This practice will probably not be renewed in most of our congregations — the strain on the altar guild alone would prohibit it — but it made it physically and visually clear that the baptized had left their old life and entered Christ’s new life by death and resurrection.

Theologian Robert W. Jenson wrote in *Christian Dogmatics*: “My baptism broke the bond of the past on the future.” *In baptism freedom from the past and new possibility come together. In baptism we are now in Christ. “So if anyone is in Christ there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new”* ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)).

It’s been done. We are justified. We have been made righteous. We have been set free.

So make New Year’s resolutions if you want, but **understand that in baptism God has given us a new life, a new year, a new day.** Freed from all of the emotional and spiritual energy that had been invested in the impossible task of freeing ourselves we are now free to love God and serve the neighbor.

Happy New Year!

JANUARY 2015 CALENDAR

- 1 THURSDAY—NEW YEAR’S DAY**
- 4 SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP
11:00 FELLOWSHIP**
- 6 TUESDAY—UNION GOSPEL
MISSION SERVICE TEAM
3:30 p.m. CONFIRMATION**
- 7 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY—QUILTING
& MENS MAINT.
6:00 p.m. HAND BELLS
7:00 p.m. CHOIR**
- 11 SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP
11:00 FELLOWSHIP and SUNDAY
SCHOOL
6:00 Youth Group @ A.G.**
- 13 TUESDAY 3:30 p.m. CONFIR-
MATION
6:15 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING**
- 14 WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. HAND
BELLS
7:00 p.m. CHOIR**
- 18 SUNDAY, 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP
11:00 a.m. FELLOWSHIP; SUNDAY
SCHOOL
6:00 Youth Group @ A.G.**
- 20 TUESDAY, 3:30 p.m. CONFIRMA
TION**
- 21 WEDNESDAY, Under the Bridge
Sandwiches
9:00 a.m. QUILTING & MENS
MAINT
6:00 p.m. HAND BELLS.
7:00 p.m. CHOIR**
- 25 SUNDAY, 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP
11:00 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING AND
POT LUCK**
- 27 TUESDAY, 3:30 p.m. CONFIR
MATION**
- 28 SUNDAY, 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP
11:00 a.m. FELLOWSHIP**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos;
Liturgist: Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Walt Ebel;
Communion Assistant/Acolyte: Amanda Kaufman;
Ushers/Greeters: Darrell & Elaine Lokken; **Depositors:** Mike & Juki Hubbard; **Fellowship Hosts:** Dee Erickson



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Laura Carle;
Worship Assistant/Reader: Mike Barkstrom; **Communion Assistant/Acolyte:** Molly Leithold;
Ushers: Amy & Mark Ostwald; **Depositors:** Carmon Shaw; **Fellowship Hosts:** _____

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Mark Smalley;
Communion Assistant/Acolyte: Dee Erickson;
Ushers/Greeters: Jim & Michelle Weiberg;
Depositors: Mark Ostwald & Pete Majar **Fellowship Hosts:** _____

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Jeannette Green; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Kathy Wehage;
Communion Assistant: Diane Hanson ; **Ushers/Greeters:** Lynn & Leif Tangvald; **Depositors:** Maurita White & Theresa Kaufman; **Fellowship Hosts:** _____

HYMN FESTS

The first Sunday of each month, we gather at 9:45 to sing some of your favorite hymns. Kris Burns provides the music. You can request your favorite hymns and we will sing them! The Hymn Fest happens the first Sunday of each month. **(January 4)** "Singing hymns are prayers to God's ear." **PLEASE JOIN US**



UNDER THE BRIDGE Food Needs

Please bring bread, lunchmeat, makings for sandwiches, to the church by January 17th. We will be preparing sandwiches for the Under the Bridge ministry. We will be serving sandwiches on Wednesday, JANUARY 19TH.

BIRTHDAYS

4	Aden Kincaid
5	Madison Green
6	Dennis Morrisette
7	Jean Hodge
10	Carmon Shaw
11	Richard Kraiger
13	Jim Weiberg
16	Ed Ross
17	Travis Johnson
	Marge Kelling
	Mary Richards
18	Maurita White
19	Darrell Lokken
22	Erik Kupka
	Jacob Natwick
23	Jamie Matisons
25	Morgan Erickson
	Janet Silver
26	Steve Swanson

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Chris & Hiedi Seelke
5	Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller
9	Roger & Carmon Shaw
23	Mike & Karen Barkstrom



PRAYING FOR..... Susan Davis and everyone suffering due to flooding and landslides, Geri Stubb, Dan Fackrell, Tim Olden, Molly Johnson, Evelyn Ellingsen, Alva Day, Eleanor Knapp, Nicole Claussen, Pam Thorson, Al Carlberg, BJ Bastin, Richard Kraiger, Doug George, Gwen, Shelbie and Dan

Offrink and their daughters, Don Stubb, Nicole, Aileen Long, Tim Leithold, Ginger Cameron, Richard, Peyton Willis, Melvin Thompson, Melissa Smiley, Gloria Bilderback, Kenny Broussard, Dana, Larry Freeman, Kari Maynard Baretich, Tici, Paul Franco, Gene, Jim Napier, Annie Eisle, Lynn Howerton and for those who are unhoused, and for long-term caregivers Carol Stubb & Jack Bastin; for the young people and workers at the youth center.

This is your opportunity for one stop donations for needy youth:
 gloves, ponchos, socks and ear muffs
 disposable razors, deodorant and feminine pads/supplies
 pop top food items and canned food
 non perishable food
 cup-a-noodles
 packaged cheese or peanut butter and crackers
 individual apple sauce cups, apples and oranges
 fruit and granola type bars
 peanut butter and jelly and bread
 cookies or candy
 bottled water flavorings and coffee
 toothbrushes and toothpaste,
 combs, and hair brushes,
 mini-Kleenex packs, hand cleaner, soap and lotion
 umbrellas and stocking hats

Clean out your drawers from small lotion, shampoo, conditioner that you picked up as you traveled on vacations, add a few items to your cart as you shop for your own needs and help the needy youth of Grays Harbor! Thank you for your help!

THANKS WE HAVE RECEIVED



“Dear Amazing Grace Lutheran, Thank you so much for giving us your unused PLU Christmas concert tickets! We were all thrilled when Suzan called and offered us the tickets. As you all probably know, tickets are really hard to get! If you are a student you have to wait in line at 5:30 a.m. to get tickets. So thanks so much, we all really enjoyed listening to the beautiful music and seeing many of our friends perform. I (Inga) also enjoyed meeting all of you who helped raise Hans into who he is today! Hope you all have a Happy Holiday Season! Thanks again, Inga Christensen, Grace Takehara and Jessica Weber”

2014 ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Endowment Committee is pleased to report that is 2014 contributions were \$8,000. Monies were distributed to support the following causes: Educational Scholarships, Aberdeen Food Bank, Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund, Amazing Grace building maintenance fund, Amazing Grace Quilters and the Salvation Army Food Bank.

BEL AIRE PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

January 18th, after the Service, the congregation will have an opportunity to state any questions, frustrations or concerns about the Bel Aire property that Amazing Grace purchased. After that, all are given the opportunity to offer suggestions about the future of the property. The committee has been asked to come up with 3 viable options for the property. The congregation will have the responsibility to vote on these options. We value all suggestions and ideas.



CARING CUPBOARD

Helping Grays Harbor's Needy Youth

Our food bank Sunday that takes place on the 1st Sunday of each month has transitioned to donations of food and items for needy youth. This has been newly labeled as the "Caring Cupboard".

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We know that faith is taught best in the home and that children learn best from parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles. Amazing Grace understands its role as one of supporting families in teaching and living the faith in our whole lives, not just Sunday morning. That means **YOU ARE ALL INVITED** to stay with your child, learning together. **EVERYONE IS INVITED INTO THIS TIME AS WE LEARN TOGETHER, THE YOUNG BRINGING THEIR FRESH VISION AND SENSE OF WONDER; THE MATURE BRINGING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM.**



We'll hear the Bible stories in a new way in Sunday School and then learn more deeply what they mean for our lives through activities and arts, song and sign language.

Watch for future events and other ways that Amazing Grace hopes to support you and your family in growing in faith together.

Sunday Times

Sunday Times for Jr and Sr High Youth will **meet this month, Sunday, January 11th and again on the 25th.** Help yourself to refreshments from coffee hour and join us in the Youth Room downstairs where we will explore how our faith and life are connected.

COMMUNION BREAD RECIPE

We always want to bring our best to worship. If you are interested in baking bread for the Lord's Supper, here is an easy recipe. Please let us know in the office that you're bringing bread. **THANK YOU!**

Sift together 3 times:

2 cups whole wheat flour

1 cup white flour

1-1/4 tsp. baking powder

1-1/4 tsp. salt

Stir in 4 tsp. oil. Set aside

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:

3/4 cup & 2 TBS very hot water

3 TBS honey

3 TBS molasses



Add wet to dry ingredients and mix well. Should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.

Divide into 4 balls; flatten each into a 1/4 inch thick disk. Score each with a cross shape.

Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove, brush top with oil. Bake another 5-8 minutes. This recipe makes 4 loaves and most Sundays we use 2.

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

12/9/14

Present: Pastor Val, Chris, Chrissie, Mark, Mike, Kristine, Diane, Dee and Coleman

Absent: Jeannette

Called to order: 6:18

Pastor Val – discuss Living Lutheran conclusion “A guide to help us listen for God's voice.”

Pastor calls council to come up with “action steps” to relay to the congregation.

Prayers 1-8 read aloud and a response of God's voice solicited – examples cited.

NEXT step: if this is to be a true renewal, it has to be all inclusive; council and congregation – reaching out to the community/underserved. WRAP UP? It is a formula; design how it will look and work.

Quorum established

Prayer tasks assigned

*Motion was made and seconded to approve the December agenda and the November minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Explanation of allocation of tithe's.

Pie Auction great success. Breakdown as follows: 10% tithe divided 1/3 to Lutheran World Relief/Ebola, 1/3 Lutheran Disaster Relief/US, 1/3 to Caring Cupboard, followed by funding of AED, \$600 and match from Thrivent (\$1,200 total) for \$300 to Youth Center, \$300 to Gravity and \$600 to assist water wells in the world program. Any additional will go into maintenance fund.

Year end audit – 2013 committee was Darrel and Gene. Same for 2014?

Material put together for audit committee will be pulled from accountant and council mid-January.

Mike Kupka summarized annual contributions.

*Motion moved and seconded to approve the financial report.

BUSINESS REPORT

Pastor, Diane, Chrissie, Mike and Mark met in November to review budget and develop a proposed budget for 2015.

Line items gone over one by one tonight. Some highlights: Slowly build back up to a 10% benevolence and what areas would we contribute? Noted that guidelines for Pastors compensation by ELCA are recommended minimums. ELCA strongly encourages that after 5 years of service, a pastor receives a paid 3 month sabbatical.

Personnel matters – open secretary position.

Adding a line item for funeral costs – memorial fund to offset costs of receptions that are normally bound by the older women in the church – will be a sub-account of the memorial fund.

*Motions moved and seconded to approve the 2015 budget as corrected.

PROPERTY REPORT (out of agenda order as Coleman had to leave)

Breezeway will be repaired in the spring.

Sanctuary back door replacement (one downstairs with hole in it)

A longtime credit at Levee Lumber will not be refunded; will be used/spent before year end.

BUSINESS REPORTS, cont.

Bel Aire property report: Information beginning to compile. All agreed it will be too stressful to try to provide viable options to congregation by January annual meeting. There will be open forum meeting for congregation. Feedback will be solicited in the SPIRIT and in the bulletins. Property team members offering different strengths. The meeting began and ended in prayer.

Secretary Job Description – Ideal candidate will work with ministry leaders and others in designing/facilitating ministry of the congregation.

*Motions moved and seconded to approve the Secretary Job Description.

Nominating Committee – Dee is leaving the council. Chris Seelke will take Fellowship and Jeannette will move into Youth and Family. New secretary will fill position of “Secretary” for taking minutes. For the annual meeting, two congregants will be needed for the Synod Assembly. Dee will find them, hoping for two who have not gone before. Synod Assembly is a two-day event in January; information is gathered and brought back to the congregation. Reports due to office January 6th for the annual congregation meeting on January 11th. Reports are to be written and based on our mission and values.

FELLOWSHIP

PLU Concert was wonderful. Gas was paid for with donations. Four final tickets were utilized, trip costs “broke even.”

6 women signed up for the Holden Village retreat in February.

Caroling and chili feed is coming up Sunday the 14th.

AED purchase is still being sought and research is being conducted.

Putting together 2015 coffee hour schedule.

Will find someone to sit on the PLU Board, a one day commitment.

WORSHIP

LAT committee (liturgical arts team) chose theme of “All is Calm All is Bright” – one 6:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

Children's program will be the 21st.

Worship committee meets monthly one Saturday at Anne Marie's.

Book “The Dangerous Act of Worship.”

Christmas is an “outreach opportunity” and the hope is that more will come at a family friendly hour.

OUTREACH

Pie auction; generous donations and many items donated.

AED is very important and along with tithing, members touched by local, national and international distribution.

Union Gospel Mission – monthly service teams will be reminded in the SPIRIT, then the two weeks prior in bulletins.

Add to SPIRIT and bulletins first Sunday of each month is “caring cupboard.”

Begin showcasing in February every ministry in the church and looping in more interest.

Money going to youth center and Gravity Center.

Giving Tree: four youths from shelter, purchasing sports shirts or jerseys.

Put together a “giving or adopt-a-family” committee for 2015 Christmas so burden is not on one person.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Feast for All is on the 13th. Nice four course meal for people who might not otherwise get that. Presbyterians hosting.

2nd week in August is retreat - Oakland for one week.

Ongoing - Amy, Lynette and Pastor meeting to loop in more kids.

Amy has offered to be “free floating” contact to take kids on hikes, etc. Some increased interest.

PASTORS REPORT

Upcoming dates, pastor's vacation – she will miss Sunday the 28th and Pastor Rod will fill in.

“Lessons and Carols” and communion will be served.

TASK ASSIGNMENT

Mark will talk to Darrel and Gene about year-end audit.

Recap given and a reminder of year end reports due January 6th.

Meeting closed in The Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Kaufman

PASTOR'S REPORT - November 2014

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP 5 Sunday worship services - Chose hymns and liturgy
Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing
Prepare liturgy weekly to make Narrative Lectionary connections
Prayer
Monthly meeting with worship leadership - Kris, Hank and Diane
Bake communion bread
Liturgical Arts team meeting for Advent and Christmas

ADMINISTRATION Council meeting monthly – plan and prepare
Newsletter – Write content; proof and design
Prepare bulletins with secretary for worship 5 Sundays
Meet with Ministry Team leaders as needed
Meet w/ Youth Center director monthly
Coordinate with Kairos speaker; Living Stones pastor
Plan, help lead Council Retreat
Office administration
Budget meeting/Council planning meeting
Working on job description for Administrative Assistant

PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING Homebound and assisted living visits
Hospital visits
Individual counseling

OUTREACH/VISITATION Plan w/ Pacific Care for youth outreach
Jesuit Volunteer support
Housing Coalition meeting monthly
Pastor's group – meets monthly to plan and coordinate ministry
Coffee Ministry – meet to chat about life/faith as often as possible
Facebook page – outreach through social media.
Quilters – monthly or twice monthly
Outreach group – discernment of outreach possibilities
Provide food and hospitality for Kairos group staying at church

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Set up mikes/chairs for musicians
Set up; clean-up for adult study 3 times a week

YOUTH AND FAMILY Meet with leaders of S.S. and Sunday Times
Teach Faith 101 3 times a week – book study; writing Short/Sweet version
Lead Youth Group w/ Pastor Doug 4 Sundays; plan weekly meetings and mission trip event
Confirmation – plan, prepare, pray, teach

STEWARDSHIP

OFFICIAL ACTS (Baptisms, funerals, weddings) Affirmation of Baptism – Madi Green

VACATION 0 days of vacation in November

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Coaching 1st Call Pastors (Renewing Congregations and Stewardship) 4 days

Upcoming dates: Dec. 28th Pastor Kastelle presides at Service of Lessons and Carols
Pastor vacation 12/26 – 1/2 including 1 Sunday



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