

January 13th **Baptism of the Lord Sunday**
 January 13—Community Christmas Dinner Evaluation Committee
 meets in Library, 10:30 AM
 January 15 — SPRC; 6:30 PM
 January 16—Choir, 6:00 PM in Chapel
 Confirmation, 7:15 PM in Library
 January—19 Faribault Prays; 9:00—9:45 AM;
 Worship at River Valley Church 10:00 AM

Prayer Chain—Contact **Carole Evans** at 507-334-1957 or e-mail her
 at caroleannjean@gmail.com with prayer needs and/or to join.

Next Week

January 20—Prospective Members—Coffee with Pastor Greg,
 10:15 AM, Berean Room
 January 22—A Way Forward discussion—10:00-11:30 AM &
 6:30—8:00 PM

Looking Ahead

January 27—Church Council, 4:00 PM
 January 27—Women in the Pulpit—UMW National Director Cindy
 Saufferer speaking
 January 29—A Way Forward discussion—10:00-11:30 AM &
 6:30-8:00 PM
 January 30 & 31—Worship Service at local Senior Care Facilities
 Led by Pastor Greg

Parlor/Coffee Fellowship hosts: Jack & Jackie Luedke
Ushers: Donna Schuenke, Elaine Nagel, Melva Ochs
Greeters: Ian Pope & Deb Jindra-Pope
Lay Reader: Deb Jindra-Pope
Acolyte: Comfort Sonpon
Musicians: Doug Madow—Piano
 Kelly Shimmin— Drums
 Chris Schiffer — Bass
 Kelly Landsverk — Choir Director
Tech: Grant Lammin, Dale Hauptli
Nursery: Care available for ages 3 & under—Kim Luedke

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
 Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM

We Gather to Praise God

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“My Feet Are On the Rock”* Praise Band

Living God, at Jesus’ baptism in the river Jordan,
 You revealed him as Your own beloved Son
 and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
 As we celebrate the renewal of our baptism,
 help us to fully claim our identity as
 Your sons and daughters
 and may we be renewed and refreshed for the journey of faith
 by a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit among us. Amen.

*OPENING CHORUS *“Baptized in Water”* TFWS#2248 (v.1)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember your baptism! Jesus came among sinners
 and was baptized, like each of us.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!
 Remember your baptism! Jesus received the Holy Spirit,
 which he freely shares with us.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!
 Remember your baptism! Jesus calls us by name.
 We belong to Him and He will never let us go.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!
 Remember your baptism!
 By God’s grace, you are a child of destiny!
 You are destined to live for the glorious praise of God!
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *“Praise and Thanksgiving”* UMH #604

*OPENING PRAYERS

ANTHEM "Spirit Shine on Us" Choir

To Proclaim God's Word

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7 Bible, OT, p. 637

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Bible, NT, p. 56

A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE "A True Identity for Life" Pastor Greg Ciesluk

To Respond in Faith

*SONG "You are Mine" TFWS #2218

WE CELEBRATE THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT (see insert)

AFFIRMATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY GIFT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

To Be Sent Forth to Serve

*HYMN TUNE: UMH #688

"Go, My Children With My Blessing"

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Next Sunday: Message: "Your Life- A Sign of God's Glory!" with Pastor Greg Ciesluk preaching with Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

From Security Team: Doors from the parking lot & 4th Avenue will be locked after Sunday Worship service starts. North doors stay open.

Next Steps:

1. This week, I will look in the mirror and speak these words to myself as from God: "I am God's dearly loved child, and bring the Father great joy." (Luke 3:22)
2. This week, I will look for keepsakes from my baptism and remember that I am a child of God. I will take special note of the date of my baptism.
3. This week, I will make a conscious effort to connect my daily activities with water to the sacrament of baptism and its meaning.

Please sign the Pew Registration pads. Include contact changes. Visitors please include your contact information.

Today!!! Community Christmas Dinner Evaluation—Do you have something to say about the dinner? Here is your chance! January 13th; 10:30 AM in church Library.

Faribault Prays 2.0, is planned for **Saturday, January 19, 2019**. Teams from the churches in Faribault will be gathering to pray at community institutions at 9 AM. At 10 AM, the teams will gather at River Valley Church for a multi-church worship celebration with music, message, prayer, and testimonies. Be sure to sign up for Fourth Avenue UMC's intercession team on Sundays, January 6 & 13. **FAUMC's team is assigned to pray at the Police Department, the Sheriff Department, and the Rice County Courthouse.**

Soup Luncheon Planning Begins on January 20th! 10:15 AM
Let's meet in the parlor to chat about the upcoming Soup Luncheons beginning in March. All interested are welcome. Kelly Landsverk

Thank you to my church family for the prayers and generous support during the final days and death of my husband, Andy. Everyone has been so caring. The cards made me feel so wonderful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Elaine Nagel

If you've been worshipping at Fourth Avenue UMC for a while and would like to **explore becoming a member** of our church, Pastor Greg will be hosting a coffee for prospective new members on Sunday, January 20 at 10:15 am in the Bearan Room off the Annex.