



## WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING ALL PEOPLE ALONG A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND SERVICE.

“Welcoming and accepting all people” – is a reminder of our Welcome Statement and genuine hospitality, in the present tense so it is always relevant. “*along*” – is an invitation to join together side by side. “*journey of faith*” – implies that arrival is a myth; we are always growing “*service*” – is a natural outcome of faith and inseparable from our commitment to discipleship.

### 2023 Leadership

As we begin the new year, we give thanks for those in our congregation who have faithfully served in leadership in 2022. It takes a village to raise a child and a company of faithful individuals to lead a congregation. The following people are **ending** their times of service in leadership in the following capacities:

Darelene Coit (board chair); Mike Fitterling (vice chair); Jeanie Morrison (elder); Patt Hinds (Diaconate chair); Jessica Faucett (Faith Formation co-chair); Betsy Wheeler (Worship chair).

Thankfully, there are others who are stepping in, continuing in their position, or moving from one area of ministry to another. Our leadership in 2023 is as follows:

Board Chair: Mike Fitterling;

Vice Chair: Sandy Meadows;

Treasurer: Daniell Sanders;

Assistant Treasurer: Shari Cullumber

Financial Secretary: Leanna Carrol;

Assistant Financial Secretary: Anita Frieze

Secretary: Anita Frieze

Elders: Darlene Coit, Mike Fitterling, Betsy Wheeler (2023), Leanna Carrol, Margie Fitterling (2024), Jessica Fletcher-Fierro, Jim Cullumber (2025).

Diaconate: Sherry Crumbliss (chair); Class of 2023: Amanda Hall, Patt Hinds, Karen Kemp, James Roof; Class of 2024: Joe Prater, Charlotte Quarles, Raquel Sapien, Donnie Smith, Carolyn Theil, Tom Wheeler, Susan Wolfenbarger; Class of 2025: Judy Akeman, Connie Abraham, Megan Bever, Les Davenport, Tom Hamm, Kirk Seale

We will install our new leadership in worship on January 8. Let's prayerfully support our leaders!

### Sundays in January

Jan. 1 Begin the new year in quiet contemplation as we worship in the style of the Taizé community. Scriptures: Eccl. 3:1-8 and Matt. 6:25-34 Note: Service at 10:00 am!

Jan. 8 Installation of 2023 leadership – Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 “Gifted”

Jan. 15 Week of the Laity – Scripture Acts 10:34-43 “We Are Witnesses”

### Mini Sermon Series: “Sensing Incarnation”

After celebrating the incarnation of God in Christ during the Advent and Christmas season, this sermon series will stimulate consideration about how we also embody and experience the Incarnation through the gift of our five senses. Join us in person or online for weekly worship at 10:45AM.

Jan. 22 “Touch” Luke 7:11-15 and Rev. 21:1-4

Jan. 29 “Sight” Mark 8:22-25 and 1 Cor. 13:12

Feb. 5 “Taste” John 2:1-10 and 1 Peter 2:2-3

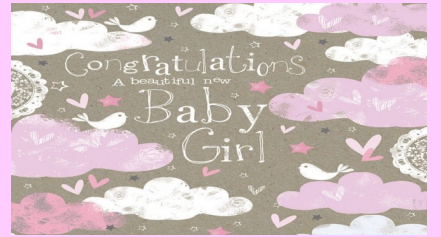
Feb. 12 “Hearing” John 5:25-29 and Rom. 10:14,17

Feb. 19 “Smell” John 12:1-3 and 2 Cor. 2:14-16a

## EVENTS/OTHER

### Congratulations:

Jessica Faucett has a granddaughter, born to Sarah and Luke on Dec 3! Welcome, baby Aurora!



### Twelfth Night Celebration! – Thursday, January 5, at 6:30 P.M.

On Thursday, January 5, we are invited to join PLC celebrating the conclusion of the Christmas season with a Twelfth Night party! We'll gather at 6:30 p.m. to sing favorite Christmas songs one more time, do a traditional blessing of our church building and facilities for ministry in the coming year, and enjoy a festive Epiphany [Three Kings] cake!

### Kids Faith Adventure



[HTTPS://SOUTHJOPLINDISCIPLES.ORG](https://southjoplin.org)

We are excited to offer another Kids Faith Adventure on January 14th, from 9:00-12:30. Children ages 3 years through current sixth grade are invited to attend. We will learn about prayer by participating in a prayer labyrinth, reading, and learning the Lord's Prayer. We will also visit the "praying hands" in Webb City. A snack and lunch are provided. Register today, space is limited!

Please follow the link to register your children: <https://forms.gle/9Jq8GPcjPJ4BMLhC9>

Location: Peace Lutheran Church

### Joplin Interfaith Coalition Panel

The Joplin Interfaith Coalition will host a gathering on Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 AM on the topic of the status of refugees from Afghanistan. We look forward to hearing from our new neighbors on their journey since arriving in the area, and learn of ongoing ways we can be of support. Location is tentatively set for the Islamic Center. Watch for updates in the weekly CareMail and on the Facebook page.

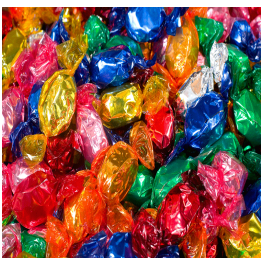


### CROSSLINES

After a two-month pause, SJCC is scheduled to staff the volunteers on Thursday, January 26 from 9:45-2PM. Our goal for the month of January is **50 cans of soup and 50 pairs of adult socks** to warm souls and soles!

For questions about volunteering or connecting with Crosslines, see our Team Leader, Karen Kemp.

### Sign-Up—Volunteers Needed



We have all been enjoying the sweet treats in the Welcome Area at Peace Lutheran Church. We need volunteers to bring in some of these tasty little bits to share with everyone, so a sign-up sheet will be available on the table along side the name tags. Thank you!



**Good and Faithful Servants** of the CWF (Christian Women’s Fellowship) were hard at work in 2022! The year-end report shows \$2031 given in outreach to seven local agencies, five Disciples of Christ related ministries, and two para-church groups. They also delivered Easter lilies and poinsettias to our extended church family and contributed toward Pastor Kathryn Wilson’s retirement celebration. For such a small group of women, they accomplish so very much! Thank you, ladies!

**Family Connections** has been hosting one family of four since the second week of December. Many thanks to Sandy Meadows, our site coordinator for getting this ministry off the ground, and for our volunteer supervisors for their gift of time and compassion. We hope to welcome more families in the coming weeks now that the holidays are over.

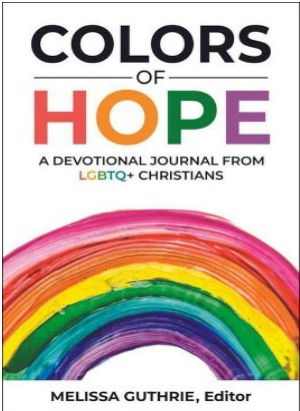


**January 15th.**  
A-C and F-P please bring sides and salads.  
Q-W main dishes.  
D-G Desserts.  
In keeping with our Green Chalice designation please bring your own dishes and silverware.

**Photo ID Project** of Joplin is operational and receiving applications for help on Wednesdays at Salvation Army from 9AM to noon. Contact Jeanie Morrison for information on how you can volunteer, or call 417-3851426.

**Adult Faith Formation**

Sam Knudtson recently attended a retreat sponsored by Disciples AllianceQ where a journal written by Disciples LGBTQ authors was introduced. *Colors of Hope Devotional Journal* (published by Chalice Press) is both a journal and a resource for affirming the gifts of Christians who remain on the spiritual path in spite of challenges and obstacles to their identity. Sam will be leading a five-week online discussion of the material as well as sharing from their own experience at the retreat. We have a small number of free copies for participants who request them. **Dates: Thursdays at 6:00PM beginning January 26 through February 23.** The zoom link will be provided only to those who register with Pastor Colleen. Send an email to [pastor@southjoplin-disciples.org](mailto:pastor@southjoplin-disciples.org) to register and request a copy of the journal.



**SJCC Property Update**

As we near the end of our initial 3-month rent of space at Peace Lutheran, we'd like to know your thoughts before the Board meets in January to discuss ending the rental agreement or extending it for 3 more months. Feel free to share your thoughts with elders or members of the Relocation Task Force; we will likely do a non-binding "straw poll" at the end of worship on Jan. 8. Members of the RTF are Jim Cullumber, Jessica Fletcher-Fierro, Sam Knudtson, Daniell Sanders, and Jennifer Reaves.

Unfortunately, no news on selling the property at 19th and Pearl. We did have a showing in December, but the potential buyer was fearful of issues related to the elevator. The Relocation Task Force will meet in January to consider future steps. Jim Cullumber, RTF chair



Prayer Requests

**Medical:**  
Allison Brewster (Davenport/Plossl); Vicky Hohlier (Coit); Rich Stiles;

**Sympathy:**  
Teri Embrey (Carroll); Vicky Wilkins (Carroll);

**Military:**  
Michael Crofford; Corey Irwin; Josh Robb; Dylan Theil; Gary Wald

**Ongoing:**  
Connie Abraham; John Asher; Judy Ballard; Dani Bowen (Meadows); Gloria Brady (Abraham); Ellen Broglio; Janet Burns; Veronica Carnahan; Nic Castlebury; Samantha Catey; Betty Coan; Dayton and Daislee Cohen; Wes Davenport; Lois Demaree; Rebecca Doerflinger (Hall); Bailee Evans; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Mary Gilmore; Alyxis Hefty; Patt Hinds; Darius Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett; Roland Hughlett; Bethany James; Betty Kemp; Sam Knudtson; Lamley Family; Shirley Martin; Betty McKelvey; Sara Metts; Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson); Arlene Nash; Larry Nauser; Bethany Newman; (Fitterling); Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; Josh Petty; Reese Prater; Todd Prater; Cameron Ransom; Sharon Reeve; Raquel Sapien; Brady, Baylee and Calvin Shafer; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; Connie Sullivan; Mike Tesh; Roger Traver; Michelle Vorhees; Tova Wallace-Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Charles Wilson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

**Other:**  
SJCC property

**Global Ministry Partners:**  
Jan. 1: Lesotho  
Jan. 8: Korea  
Jan. 15: El Salvador  
Jan. 22: Scotland  
Jan. 29: India

RESPONSIBILITIES

<b><u>Elders</u></b>	
Jan. 1:	Mike Fitterling
Jan. 8:	Darlene Coit
Jan. 15:	Betsy Wheeler
Jan. 22:	Leanna Carrol
Jan. 29:	Margie Fitterling
<b><u>Diaconate</u></b>	
Jan. 1:	Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Don Smith; Homebound—Tom Hamm
Jan. 8:	Communion Prep—Judy Akeman and Les Davenport; Homebound—Sherry Crumbliss
Jan. 15:	Communion Prep—Patt Hinds and Joe Prater; Homebound—Tom Wheeler
Jan. 22:	Communion Prep—Karen Kemp and Kirk Seale; Homebound—Don Smith
Jan. 29:	Communion Prep—Carolyn Theil and Susan Wolfenbarger; Homebound—Tom Hamm
<b><u>Camera &amp; Sound</u></b>	
Jan 1:	Sandy Meadows/Darryl Coit
Jan. 8:	Judy Schneider/Don Smith
Jan. 15:	Jenn Reaves/Ken Moser
Jan. 22:	Sandy Meadows/Ray Reaves
Jan. 29:	Judy Schneider/Darryl Coit
<b><u>Sunday School (K thru 5)</u></b>	
Jan. 1:	No S.S.
Jan. 8:	Leanna Carrol and Anita Frieze
Jan. 15:	Daniell Sanders and Karen Kemp
Jan. 22:	Jessica Faucett and Karen Kemp
Jan. 29:	Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp
<b><u>Children’s Worship &amp; Wonder</u></b>	
Jan. 1:	No CW&W
Jan. 8:	Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves
Jan. 15:	Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
Jan. 22:	Laney Reaves and Leanna Carrol
Jan. 29:	No CW&W

<b><u>Birthdays</u></b>			
5	James Fletcher-Fierro	18	Tim Prater
8	Donny Smith	19	Daniell Sanders
9	Chris Greninger	20	Arlene Nash
11	Justin Lucietta	24	Betsy Wheeler
12	Lisa Wilcox	27	Charles Kemp
17	Teresa Cleaver	28	Zoey Gandy-Hall
<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>			
	11	Phil & Lisa Wise	
	15	James Roof & Raquel Sapien	
	25	Tom & Betsy Wheeler	

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1 (PLC)</div> <div>New Year’s Day</div> <div>10:00 am Worship Service</div> <div>11:30 am— Sunshine Group (Jeanie Morrison’s home)</div> <div>4-6:00 pm Family Connection (SJCC)</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>	<div>3</div> <div></div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>	<div>4</div> <div></div> <div>9:30 am CWF (PLC)</div> <div>7:00 Choir (PLC)</div>	<div>5</div> <div></div> <div>11:30 am Clergy Cluster (Republic)</div> <div>6:00 pm JHS Bass Team</div> <div>6:30 pm 12th Night (PLC)</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Epiphany</div> <div></div>	<div>7</div> <div></div> <div></div>
<div>8 (PLC)</div> <div>8am Elders</div> <div>9:30am SS</div> <div>10:15am Chil- dren’s Bells</div> <div>10:20am Fellow- ship</div> <div>10:45am Wor- ship/CW&amp;W</div> <div>4-6pm Family Connections (SJCC)</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Board Reports Due</div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>	<div>10</div> <div></div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>	<div>11</div> <div></div> <div>7:00 pm Choir (PLC)</div>	<div>12</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>13</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>14</div> <div></div> <div>9 am—12 pm Kids Faith Adventure (PLC)</div>
<div>15 (PLC)</div> <div>9:30am SS</div> <div>10:45am Wor- ship/ CW&amp;W</div> <div>Noon—Fellowship Dinner</div> <div>4-6pm Family Connections (SJCC)</div>	<div>16</div> <div>MLK,Jr. Holiday Office Closed</div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>	<div>17</div> <div></div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>	<div>18</div> <div></div> <div>6:00 pm Emancipation Cmt. Mtg.</div> <div>7:00 pm Choir (PLC)</div>	<div>19</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>20</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>21</div> <div></div> <div>10:00 am Inter-faith Panel (Islamic Ctr.)</div>
<div>22 (PLC)</div> <div>9:30am SS</div> <div>10:20am Fellow- ship</div> <div>10:45am Wor- ship/CW&amp;W</div> <div>4-6pm Family Connections (SJCC)</div>	<div>23</div> <div></div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>	<div>25</div> <div></div> <div>7:00 pm Choir (PLC)</div>	<div>26</div> <div></div> <div>6:00 pm Col- ors of Hope (Online)</div>	<div>27</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>28</div> <div></div> <div></div>
<div>29 (PLC)</div> <div>9:30am SS</div> <div>10:20am Fellow- ship</div> <div>10:45am Wor- ship/CW&amp;W</div> <div>4-6pm Family Connections (SJCC)</div>	<div>30</div> <div></div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>	<div>31</div> <div></div> <div>6:30 pm NA Mtg.</div>				