

January 2026

# GoodNews

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# 2026!

## Greetings from the Pastor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As we come to the close of the year, we once again remember God's great love shown through Jesus Christ. He came into the world, lived among us, and gave His life for our salvation. When we hold on to this love, nothing can shake our faith. As we celebrate His birth, may our songs, prayers, and hearts be filled with gratitude for the hope Jesus brings into our lives.

I also give thanks to God who has led us so beautifully throughout this year. When I look back, I see God's faithful guidance in every step. And as we enter a new year, we look forward to how God will continue to lead us. We trust in the God who gives us more than we ask or imagine, and we welcome the coming year with expectation and hope.

Thank you for your Christmas cards, gifts, and especially your prayers. Pastor Maria and I are truly grateful for your kindness. Your warm welcome and support in ministry have encouraged me deeply. I have also felt great joy through Play 75, which has inspired me and made me even more excited for the new year.

Thank you to our church leaders for your prayers and dedication, and thank you to all volunteers who serve our church and community with love. I may not know how to repay your generosity, but I promise to continue doing my best to honor God and serve our congregation in the new year. I believe that when we honor God, God will honor and bless us.

May God bless you and your family with grace, joy, and peace in this new year.

With love in Christ,

Pastor David



*Remember  
in  
Prayer*

Marge Pias  
Cindy Escue  
Bill Thureau  
Lorrie Peterson  
Charli Valentine  
Kim Tranberg  
Jason Mahnke  
Matt Ostring

And those In assisted living facilities  
or homebound

Betty Raddatz  
Arlene Maxwell  
Virginia Roders  
Richard Boris  
Betty Wolf

Melodies of Compassion for January  
will be given to  
**NO KID HUNGRY**

*To keep our list updated, we will remove  
names after 30 days. Please notify the office  
to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank  
you for your help with this ministry.  
ministry.*



Counter Schedule

- Jan. 4 Jean Thompson & Cyndi Wolf
- 11 Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca
- 18 Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey
- 25 Jean Thompson & Cyndi Wolf

Please let Cyndi know if you are  
unable to count on your assigned  
Sunday.

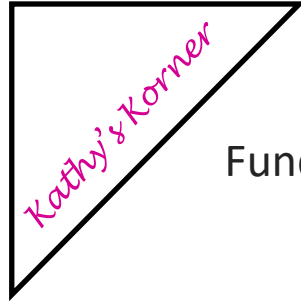


UWF

UWF Elizabeth Circle will be meeting  
Tuesday, January 6th, 2026 at 9:30 am.  
Hope you can start this new year by  
joining us for fellowship. If you have not  
attended before, you can get to know  
what we are all about.

Blessings and A Happy New Year!





## Fundraiser for our church



We will be collecting shoes for a fundraiser starting in January. Please bring any shoes you no longer wear to church for this fundraiser. They must be a pair— no single shoes. Shoes must also be in good condition and have no holes. If they have laces, please tie the pair together. If they do not have laces, we will rubber band them together.

We are collecting *all types of shoes* not just tennis shoes.

Please do not buy shoes from thrift stores for this fundraiser as it takes shoes from someone else who made need them.

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Let's see how many shoes we can collect!



## *Wesley Yarners*

The Wesley Yarners will be meeting

Thursday, **Jan 8** at 10:00 am  
and Thursday, **Jan 15** at 10:00 am

\*\*\*\*Note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday this month.

The first Thursday is January 1st, so we will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week. Please note the change in dates for January **ONLY**.

Our first quarter Melody of Compassion for 2026 is No Kid Hungry.



No Kid Hungry is a national campaign run by Share Our Strength, a nonprofit working to solve problems of hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. As a child hunger organization, ending childhood hunger is our primary focus, though Share Our Strength continues to invest in and develop other campaigns.

Every day, kids across America come to school having not eaten a healthy meal - or having eaten nothing at all. The solution is breakfast served during the school day, preferably in the classroom before instruction begins. School meals are at the heart of No Kid Hungry's work to end child hunger.

When the last bell rings at the end of the school year, many kids are excited for the summer ahead. But for millions of kids across America who receive school meals, summer can be the hungriest time of year. Now, thanks to the work of No Kid Hungry, there's a federal summer meals program to help families buy food during the summer.

And there's another new program that will help kids this summer: rural communities can now offer meals delivery and pick-up services, instead of requiring children to travel to the sites where the meals are served. Together, these new summer meal programs could help as many as 31 million children in the United States.

No Kid Hungry helped kids and their communities by awarding grants to 363 organizations amounting to nearly \$18 million. Their grant funding goes to pay for everything from refrigerators to delivery trucks – whatever schools and communities need to feed kids.

Information from: <https://www.nokidhungry.org/>



### SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

**Thank you for your donations!** Arnold  
Parise brought 75 lbs. of your donations to  
the Shalom Center for December.

Thank you for your support.

You may drop off items at the church from  
8-noon, Mon. through Fri. or on Sunday.



### Tax Time

Offering envelopes are available for  
pick up to use next year.  
If you donate through VANCO  
(electronic giving)  
you will **not** receive envelopes.

Tax statements will be ready for pick up on  
January 4. This quarter they will all be  
printed out instead of email. I am having  
an issue with sending statements through  
email right now due to the new office com-  
puter. I hope to have this fixed by the end  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter for your first quarter  
statements.

Thank you , Kathy



### January

- 3 Joan Hall
- 3 Joyce Dreyer
- 9 RJ Barrientos
- 12 Bill Ricchio
- 14 Deon Frieri
- 14 Kathy Mulroy
- 18 Mary Brehm
- 18 Bill Peche
- 23 Christie Hansen
- 25 Lauren Kugler
- 25 Leigh Kugler

### February

- 1 Ava Hansen
- 6 Janie Khoury
- 10 Charli Valentine
- 13 Candice Briscoe
- 14 Felicia Gaines
- 23 Brandon Trumbo
- 26 Renee White



### February

- 18 Felicia & Carlton Gaines 16 yrs
- 22 Chuck & Jean Otto 69 years!!!



# SPOTLIGHT ON

## Bob Petersen



1. What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know ?

I always had a love of music. My first album was "The Lonely Bull" by Herb Alpert. Went from vinyl to 8 track to cassette to CD to streaming but still pull out my vinyl for a "special" listening experience.

2. What's the last book you read?— "To Infinity and Beyond" by Neil DeGrasse Tyson

3. What is your favorite hobby(ies)? Woodworking and fishing.

4. What's the first concert you ever attended? Sergio Mendez and Brazil 66 in Chicago—Maynard Ferguson shortly after that at Parkside.

5. What's the next place on your travel bucket list? Would like to take a fall trip to the Northeast or maybe Portland again.

6. Are you currently binge-watching any shows? "A Man on the Inside" is good. And the British Baking Shows.

7. If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Pan-fried Walleye, potato pancakes and fresh asparagus.

8. What are items you can't live without? Oxygen and food.

9. What was your dream job as a child? A professional golfer or race car driver.

10. If you could have dinner with anyone, who's one person you'd go with? Steve Allen. I grew up with him on the original Late Show and he was smart, witty, and very talented.

11. Approximately how long have you been a member @ Wesley? Since 1982

12. If you had to get a tattoo today, what would you get? #44

13. What is your nickname? When I was much younger "Parnelli Petersen"

14. If you could donate \$100,000 to any philanthropic cause or charity organization, which one would you choose and why? There are so many worthy organizations but I feel animals are always ignored; so a good animal shelter.

15. If you only had 1 month to live, what would you make sure you did? Lots of family time and I always wanted to golf Augusta National where the Masters is held.

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## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

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