

***Worship to the Glory of God***  
***January 12, 2014***  
***8 & 11 am***



***Faith Lutheran Church***

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Saturday Worship & Praise: 5 pm  
(Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month)

Sunday Worship: 8 & 11 am  
(Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. @ 8 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. @ 11 am)

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# ***THE FIRST SUNDAY after THE EPIPHANY***

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**The Pre-Service Music**

**The Chimes**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Opening Hymn**                      *“A Great and Mighty Wonder”*                      383

**The Invocation** (please rise)

*Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.*

**People: The Light no darkness can overcome.**

*Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

**People: We have seen His glory.**

*Pastor: To all who believe in His name, He gives the right to become Children of God.*

**People: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

*Pastor: Arise, Shine! Your Light has come.*

**People: Alleluia.**

**Confession and Absolution**

*Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

*Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**The Kyrie** (spoken)

*Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

**The Hymn of Praise**

tune: "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling"

**To the God of peace and favor  
Glory in the highest be!  
To the Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Praise be sung eternally!**

**To the Holy Ghost, descending,  
Equal laud be done aright!  
See the brightness never-ending  
Where God says, "Let there be light!"**

**The Prayer for Today**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.** (spoken)

*Pastor: Let us pray....."O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."*

**People: Amen.**

✠ *Please be seated*

## The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

[42:1] Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. [2] He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; [3] a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. [4] He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. [5] Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: [6] "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, [7] to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. [8] I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. [9] Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

## The New Testament Reading

Romans 6:1-11

[6:1] What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? [2] By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? [3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

[5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. [6] We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. [7] For one who has died has been set free from sin.

[8] Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

[9] We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10] For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. [11] So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: *Thanks be to God***

✠ *In honor of Christ the Light of the World we rise to sing*

**All:**

tune: *Praise and Thanksgiving*

*Morning has broken, Sing alleluia!  
God's Word has spoken, ending the night.  
Come now, believing, Sing alleluia!  
New life receiving. Let there be light!*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. [14] John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15] But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. [16] And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; [17] and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.** (spoken)

**The Greeting** *(please turn to someone next to you, or in front of you, or behind you)*

✠ *Please be seated*

**The Hymn of the Day**

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

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## The Sermon

## “The Birth of Samuel”

**1 Samuel 1:1-28**

Rev. Gilbert Kuehn

Vacancy Pastor

✠ *Please rise for*

**The Apostles’ Creed (8:00 am)**

*(see back of hymnal)*

**The Nicene Creed (11:00 am)**

*(see back of hymnal)*

**The Gathering of the Offerings** *(Please be seated)*

✠ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation rises to sing:*

✠ **The Offertory**                    *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*                    397 vs 1,3

**1** - As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee.

**3** - As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav’nly King.

**The Prayers** *(The Pastor will end each petition with “Lord, in your mercy ...” and the congregation will respond with “hear our prayer”.)*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**8:00 am service concludes on page 8**

**11:00 am service continues**

### ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.** (spoken)

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.** (spoken)

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.** (spoken)

*Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## **The Sanctus**

tune: *As with Gladness Men of Old*

**1 - Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of hosts, by all adored:  
Heav'n and earth cannot contain  
All the glory of your name!  
With the heav'nly host we sing  
Praise to our eternal King.**

**2 - Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame  
Be to him who, in God's name,  
Now draws nigh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hail! Hosanna! Praises be  
To the Lord eternally!**

## **The Words of Institution**

*Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you*

**People: And also with you.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

*"Lamb of God"*

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**All Sing: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **The Distribution** *(Please be seated)*

- ✘ Faith's statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✘ Those who desire to commune are invited to come forward in the order indicated by the ushers. At the front of the church, follow the ushers' directions to the communion rail.
- ✘ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return to your seat. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. When all in your group have communed, return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✘ If you desire to commune and are physically unable to come forward, please inform the ushers who will assist you.



## **Those Serving Today:**

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Gilbert Kuehn

**Assisting Elder: 11 am:** Jack Greenlee

**Duty Elder: 8 am:** Larry Roach; **11 am:** Lamar Miller

**Acolyte: 8 am:** Jessie Smith; **11 am:** Brittany Morrison

**Altar Care: 8 am:** Mary Donovan and Del Mallinson;  
**11 am:** Jeanette Brown and Melodi Kasberg

**Lay Reader: 8 am:** Mel Reinstetle; **11 am:** Neil Finkenstadt

**Audio Assistant: 8 am:** Keith Allard; **11 am:** Rose Wegner

**Video Assistant: 8 am:** Tim & Yvonne Burkee; **11 am:** Barbara Hahn

**Ushers: 8 am:** Ivo & Jackie Christopher, Rich & Sandi Leenhouts  
**11 am:** Sue Leader, Larry & Ruth Bolduc and Kenny Korchak

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### **Our Purpose**

***The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need while giving glory to God.***

***When Holy Communion is served:*** Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church for Holy Communion may sit in the front pew on the lectern side. The Pastor will bring Holy Communion to the pew. An appropriate personal prayer for before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside front cover of the hymnal.

**Stewardship Sentence: Matthew 3:15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His baptism, so that in our baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

## This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Monday, Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	2:00 pm	Board of Finance Meeting
	7:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Human Care Ministry Meeting
	7:00 pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:00 pm	"To Live is Christ" Bible Study
Wednesday, Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	Noon	Genealogy Society / CLC
Thursday, Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Board of Personnel Meeting
	7:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
Friday, Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise Service
Sunday, Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:30 am	SS / Youth /Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship
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### A Measure of Our Devotion

<b>January 5, 2014</b>		
Worship Attendance 2013	(8 am/11 am/communion)	76/98/73
Worship Attendance 2012	(8 am/11 am/communion)	49/101/na
Adult, Sr. Youth Bible Class / Weekly Studies		26
Sunday School / Confirmation		15
Total Weekly Receipts 2013		\$5,536.61

Light the Way Campaign Total	\$5,926.00
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** are due to Carole by Noon every Tuesday.

- **THE MESSENGER:** Many of you have been asking when you would see the next issue. Well, your waiting is almost over. I am hoping to have it out to you the first weekend of February, so make sure to send your submissions to Richard Jensen (raj311@verizon.net). **THE DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH!**
- **ARE YOU HUNGRY THIS MORNING?** Can't wait for another cup of coffee? Then meet us in Narthex II from 8:45 until 10:45 for Faith's Family Fellowship. We have lots of hot coffee, cool beverages and sweet treats. Catch up with old friends or make some new ones. It's all free and all ages are welcome. Sponsored by, and our thanks to our Ladies Guild.
- **"ADOPT-A-CONFIRMAND":** Do you have a little time to spare? Then maybe you can get involved in this special program. We only have one student needing to be "adopted". See Sandy Thompson or call her at 848-2530 for more information.
- **MY HOPE AMERICA:** This 30 minute program featuring Billy Graham that was broadcast nationally in November will be shown today at 9:30 am in our church and also on January 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Plan to be in attendance on one of those dates! You will be inspired by it.
- **A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all those that stayed after church last Sunday to help prepare the church for the Epiphany season. You're the best! Our helpers were: Larry DeBlasi, Meredith & A.J. Malcolm, Angi & Briana Salazar, Alexis Rauschenberger, Rose Wegner, Marian Malmgren, Rose Ann & Autum Verheyen, Lamar & Phyllis Miller, Bob & Mickie Ferguson, Jackie & Chris Christopher, Mel Reinstetle, Kenny Korchak, Edie Knudsen, Bob & Jeanette Brown, Pastor & Pam Arndt, Barbara Goodhue, Sue Leader and Betty Holland.
- **IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT VBS:** We are in need of a Coordinator, or possibly Co-Ordinators to run this program. There is so much wonderful material available to us; all we need is someone to **USE IT**. Please call or e-mail Phyllis Miller if you are interested: [phyalama@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:phyalama@tampabay.rr.com) or 847-0959.
- **PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS** is starting this month. If you know anyone who would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church and/or would desire to be part of Faith Lutheran Church, please call Carole at the office (849-4418).

- **READ 1 SAMUEL IN JANUARY:** Start the New Year with a Bible Reading Plan for the month of January. Read one Chapter per day. Pastor Kuehn’s sermons will be on 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel.
- **TUESDAY EVENINGS WITH BETH MOORE:** Another opportunity to explore the life and ministry of St. Paul is offered on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm starting this week in the CLC. This course will last 11 weeks and conclude on March 25th. The charge for the workbook (homework!!!) is \$16.00. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Miller at [phyalama@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:phyalama@tampabay.rr.com) or [727-847-0959](tel:727-847-0959).
- **UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE:** President Walton has supplied the Call Committee with a list of 17 candidates. Four of the 17 are individuals recommend by members of the congregation. The committee met on January 8<sup>th</sup> to start the review process. They will keep us posted. Please continue to pray that God will send us His shepherd to lead Faith Church.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW** for the Ladies Guild Fashion Show on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. February is just around the corner ... are you thinking of what kind of basket you want to donate for that day? We will be having a “Salad Luncheon”, and we are asking all of our members that are able and willing to help serve, so that our guests are able to sit back and enjoy the meal. We so appreciate all the times that you have served in the past, as many helping hands make the load so much lighter. This year Hospice will be sponsoring our Fashion Show, and we are again asking our ladies to serve as our models. Please let Rose Ann know if you are able to serve in either capacity.
- **FAVORITE HYMN MONTH:** For each Sunday in February we will sing your favorite hymns. Fill out the form in the bulletin and place it in the collection plate with your offering. The top 16 hymns will be sung in February. (only 1 ballot per person and please do NOT include Christmas or Easter hymns).
- **A NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pastor Kuehn will lead a Bible Study in the Sanctuary from 9:30 – 10:30 am. It is entitled “The Jesus Creed”.
- **OUR FOOD PANTRY** continues to serve the needy of our community. In the month of December we distributed 28 regular bags, and 1 homeless bag. That represented 74 people and 10 seniors, and 27 children.

- **THE “TO LIVE IS CHRIST” CLASS** will resume today in the conference room at 9:30 am. We will be working through chapter 6 “Travel Ties and Hard Goodbyes”. If anyone attending the Sunday class missed the introductory session last fall, it will be presented again on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- **ANDREW LOOMIS** entered his eternal rest on December 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Heritage United Methodist Church in Clearwater. The address is 2680 Landmark Drive, Clearwater 33761. Cards may be sent to Jill Loomis at 2607 Winding Wood Dr., Clearwater, FL 33761.
- **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**
  - Members of Faith that are celebrating birthdays this week are: Meredith Malcolm, Carol Burkee, Ken Yamada, Joshua Brown, A.J. Malcolm, Jerry Brown, Autum Verheyen, Mel Reinstetle, Tim Burkee and Donna Onishenko.

**Please remember in your prayers**

**Health/Unspoken:** Peggy Adams, Clyde Anderson, Bankhead/Criss Family, Tern Baumann, Robbie Baumgartner, Lucy Beilke, Larry Bolduc, Ray & Barb Bovier, Ann Carpenter Family, Bobbi Carpenter, Denise Combast, Mary Crane, Andy Curran, Pam DeSham, Blanche Fowler, Arlene Gardner, Bob Gould, Gray Family, Linda Hogg, James Ketner, King Family, Bev Kuhn, Eve Langner, Leora Laubaugh, Jim Mattson, Dustin McLeod, Sandy Meyer, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Joyce Pankner, Virginia Pohlman, Allen Price, Gary Ramthun (*safe travels*) Jim Ramthun, Joe Reed (*stroke*), wife Shirley & children, Connie Roach, Hugo Salmi, Marian Shirk, Destiny Simon, Southerland Family, Tom Springer, Charles Steinbach, Dustin & Tiffany Shire, Jean Terkowski, Pastor & Mrs. Mike Thureau, Vern Torkelson, Chris Van Ess, Sherryl Williams, Cole & Kayla Winchell and Marianne Zeltner, all Pastors, those serving our country, children who stray, all believers, the future of America.

**Military:** Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Alan Stackpoole, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.

**Homebound:** Irene Berlin, *Richard Brown*, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Betty Gauthier, Vera Grondahl, Bobbie Hain, Lina Hartstein, Pat Hartwell, Selta Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, Mildred Jeffers, Curt Knudson, Mona Krupicka, Marge LaVallee, Ron Long (Brooksville), Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Carl Schoebel, Fran Smith, Hank & Jan Whitt.

**Compassion:** Jill Loomis on the passing of her husband Andrew.

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**Important:** If you use a pew envelope for your offering, and you would like a record of your giving, **please check the appropriate box and put your name/address/zip code on it.** Also, if your contribution is for a special dedicated fund please also put this information on the **outside of the envelope.** This helps us to ensure the proper crediting of contributor records.

**To make sure—**The best way that you can ensure that your needed gifts go to the proper place, is to note the proper place on the envelope and not just the memo line on a check. By noting it in two places, two sets of eyes will note where the gift is to be given. If you use a pew envelope please be sure to write your name on the outside of the envelope.

*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3*

## **Faith Focus**

### **“The Food Pantry”**

**The food item for January emphasis is cans of pork ‘n beans.  
Please place them in the wicker basket in Narthex II.**

For many years, one ministry of Faith Lutheran Church has consistently been “the hands and feet of Jesus” – our Food Pantry.

Every week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 am – 11:30 am, people from our neighborhood come to “The Food Pantry” and receive a bag of groceries.

Items in the bag come from the supplies brought to the pantry by members of the church such as macaroni and cheese, cans of vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, pork ‘n beans, cereal, canned ham, soups, etc.

Several faithful volunteers come on different days of the week to service the needs. There are also substitute helpers who fill in when needed, as well as volunteers who pick up items from different venues.

Around 40 – 60 households are assisted each month. Every person that comes is given an opportunity to pray with the staff person(s) if they wish. They also receive various Christian booklets that offer help in dealing with life issues.

The Human Care Ministry of Faith Lutheran Church provides a budget to purchase care notes and food pantry labels that identify Faith Lutheran Church as the source of each item. They also have a “Needy Fund” which was set up to assist members with financial assistance on an individual basis.

Regular Sunday offering envelopes can be designated for the “Food Pantry” to cover purchasing costs of certain foods that are purchased in case lots. 100% of all funds received from the congregation go towards food items given out. Last year about \$5,000 was received in donations.

Every member of Faith Lutheran Church is urged to regularly bring food items, and make designated donations to *“The Food Pantry”*.

A big thank you to the food pantry staff: Sandi Leenhouts who heads up the entire Human Care Ministry; Jean Finkenstadt who serves as the Director of the Food Pantry; our regular volunteers: Sandi Leenhouts, Jean Finkenstadt, Marty & Betty Lescher, Richard Jensen; and our substitute volunteers who fill in on an “as needed” basis: Ruth Bolduc, Joan Komerokas, Marian Malmgren, Melodi Kasberg, Emma Beck and Debby Lackey. Also, our faithful “grocery getters”: Neil & Jean Finkenstadt, Rich & Sandi Leenhouts, Marian Malmgren and John Reinstetle.

Additional volunteers are always welcome! Once you are trained, you will be paired with an experienced volunteer.



***Sandi Leenhouts, Director  
Human Care Ministries***