

## Middle and High School Winter Camp is Coming Soon!

#### Students in grades 6-12 - join us **January 31 - February 2** <u>at</u> <u>Singing Hills Retreat Center in Plainfield, NH!</u>

We are looking forward to a great weekend of fellowship, games, sledding, time in God's Word led by Mark and Gwen Oien, great food, and more!

The cost of this weekend has been generously covered for every student! Praise God! Please let Kerry know by Sunday, January 19 if you or a friend plan to attend!

\*Let's all keep the teens and adult leaders in prayer.

#### Missions Committee Involvement and YOU

Our very active "Missions Ministry" is coordinated and run by our own church members pitching in together.

**Sunday Jan 26th after the 10:30 worship is a meeting of the Missions Committee** to discuss some of the mission partnerships and plans for 2025. We support many mission partners both national and international. If you have an interest in possibly being involved in this ministry in some way then prayerfully consider coming to this meeting as a way of "testing" if this ministry is a good match for you. **You are invited.** 

#### Madagascar Medical Mission Trip in 2025

Joanna Machain is organizing a medical mission trip to Madagascar for Sept 2025. Medical providers and lay people both needed. If you have interest in this adventure in any way let Joanna know to help the initial planning thoughts.

### **Bits and Pieces**

⇒ Ministry Support: Diane Herth is away for a few months and Sophie Sienkiewicz is filling this role of Ministry support. You can use the same "Office" email contact to reach her for the communications and scheduling.

**The Vision Team** has met for an Operational Awareness meeting of how our church home functions and how the LCMS relationship works. Next is a full day meeting planned for Sat Jan 25th with the consulting team. \***please do not plan any activities in the church for this full day event on next Saturday** 

# Supporting "Life" and the Life Sunday date

It is of special importance to us as a church home to support the cause of saving the lives of children soon to be born. The tragic thought that it is okay to choose to end a young persons life has no Scriptural support. Moral wrong is not a choice, or a right, a political position.

Our church home supports **Your Options Pregnancy Center**. This clinic offers free ultrasounds to see young children not yet born and provides support services for young moms. Pregnancy clinics like these have been harshly treated by the MA government, even with an ad campaign against them. We usually do an annual baby bottle drive for financial help on a Life Sunday "date" that has been connected to a Supreme Court decision. This year we'll do that drive using the Feast Day that is in our church calendar already. **The Feast of the Annunciation is March 25th**. This is 9 months before Jesus birth and is the date of the Incarnation of our Lord happening... when God the Son entered into human flesh at conception.

### It's healthy to ponder how Jesus went through all the stages of human development and life that we do. We'll tie our church's local support of the cause of Pro-Life with this March 25th date this year.

Keep this pregnancy center and young mothers in your prayers, and *look for more info in March...* 

# **Our Music Program** YC

YOU are invited.

We have a Liturgical Choir, a Handbell choir, and a Praise Band. You can join in with others in these fun ministries by singing or playing an instrument! Maybe you can't make big commitments of time.. you're invited to join in when you can!

**Choir rehearsals** are Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. New singers are welcome at any time! The choir is an opportunity for sharing in a ministry together and some fellowship with other members! The more voices the better!

Handbell rehearsals will resume March 12 at 5:00–5:45 Praise Band rehearsals are usually Thursday night at 7pm

Possibly you know a friend or neighbor that might have interest in being involved... spread the word!

Hug a Musician! Give a big thank you and a hug to all those that team up and volunteer now!

# **2025 Opportunities** (here's just a few ways to help!)

**Communications / Video Making:** if you have skills / interest in this area please talk to pastor about ways you can be involved with helping our use of video. We make some short videos for email use but would like to expand this area to add videos into home newsletters and home devotions. We're looking for help with the recording procedures and producing the final product.

<u>Nursery Nannies</u>— we think kids are important! valuing kids, and supporting young families... gets reflected in our finances and volunteer hours. The NURSERY is important to us. We have "ads" out to hire nannies, but please spread the word to your neighbors, possibly... college students, retired neighbors, friends... they might be interested in working some Sunday mornings. See Kerry for the hours and reimbursement. *Please pitch in letting others knowing about our interest in hiring nursery nannies* 

**Worship Guide** Folding and stuffing. If you are available late Fri afternoon or Saturdays. We fold and stuff the worship guide each week. Let Pastor Joe know if this is something you can help with.

**Home Fellowship Dinners** If anyone has interest in hosting a home dinner in Feb. let us know. Diane has been organizing these, but let pastor know and we'll advertise and help coordinate!

Serving 8:15AM	Next week Jan 26th	TODAY Jan 19th	
Announcements	Adam Bonnette	Kerry Trunfio	
Coffee Set Up	Ann Nollet	Gail Sullivan	
Altar Care Set Up	- Janice LeBlanc		
Communion Servers		Gary Terhune Judy Terhune	
Media Advance Slides	Bob Uhlig	Lydia Betts	
Reader	Judy Terhune	Kristin Boyd	
Ushers	Arthur LeBlanc Gary Terhune	Hank Betts Cliff Petersohn	
Serving 10:30AM	Next Week Jan 26th	Jan 19th	
Announcements	Pastor Joe	Kerry Trunfio	
Coffee Clean Up	Jim Campbell / Gail S	Gail Sullivan	
Altar Care Clean Up		Ann Nollet	
Communion Servers			
Media Audio Media Advance Slides	Chris Imming Scott Macdonald	David Howe Tucker VanBrunt	
Reader	Wendy Betts	David Batchelder	
Ushers	Charlie Cuila Frank Seinkewicz	Don Kingston Sean Lovett	

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