

O Lord, let my  
*New Year's resolution*  
be to   
**follow you**  
**more closely**  
and to  
**trust in your**  
*loving guidance.*

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**Sunday Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.**  
**Pastor John Harrison will be our leader.**

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## New Year's blessing

The eighth day of Christmas,  
the eighth day of Creation,  
the Next New Day,  
New Year's Day.

May every day be a new year's day for you:  
a chance to forgive and be forgiven,  
to start again.  
May you take courage to begin anew....

As you let go of the year past,  
may you ... in your free fall find yourself held  
by an eternal love that has come ages to be with you,  
and will carry you all the way to the end....

Every day may you trust your belovedness,  
your freedom from having to prove yourself,  
and receive the grace that is given to you.

May this year be a year of grace and hope.

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes, [unfoldinglight.net](http://unfoldinglight.net)



**Council  
Notes**

*Church Council members  
met on Sunday, December 8*

### **Short Summary:**

Angel Light will be contacted about repairing the cross on top of the bell tower steeple.

Fence has been installed around new parking lot area.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club plans to meet twice a month.

Council Member Nominations to be voted on at our annual meeting are needed to fill positions of outgoing council members.

Joe's plumbing will be contacted to do some repair work on dripping faucets.

Pastor John Harrison will lead our worship services in January and February.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 6:00pm.



Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family of **Douglas Brice** who passed away on Saturday, December 7. He is survived by his wife, Brandi; son, Wade; daughter, Paris; granddaughters, Genesis and Angelina; parents, Randall and Linda; sister, Amanda; niece, Chelsea; nephew, Brice; Uncle Tom; and many other members of his family and many friends.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family of **Fred Hasty** who passed away on Saturday, December 13. He is survived by wife Patsy Hasty; son Gerald Hasty and wife Terre; grandsons Jared Allen Webb and Dustin Hasty; sister-in-laws; nephews; nieces and many friends.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family of **Edna Anderson** who passed away on Wednesday, December 25. She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Anderson; her brothers, Carl Muecke, Leroy Muecke and his wife Leanne, and Glen Muecke and his wife Dianne; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

May God comfort their families and friends in their loss.



### Christmas Lunch –

on Sunday, December 8, the Women of the Church provided a meal for members and friends of our congregation who attended our worship service that day.

The meal included turkey, dressing, gravy, sides and desserts. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful meal and fellowship that was shared. Christmas gift bags for nursing home and assisted living residents were filled and labeled before the meal began.



The call committee is still searching for a pastor to fill the open position at our church. Supply pastors will lead our worship services when they are available to come to our church.



### A prayer for spiritual growth

*When my spiritual vision is foggy,  
help me to find my way.*

*When my understanding is incomplete,  
open my mind and increase my patience.*

*When my indifference blocks my senses,  
touch my heart.*

*When worry or fear raise their voices,  
speak to my faith.*

*Let your Spirit permeate my longings  
as well as my living and my loving. Amen.*

—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*



**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:45am**

Annual reports for our meeting are due Thursday, January 23.

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Family of Edna Anderson**

**Family of Douglas Brice**

**Lee Ann Collier** – health

**Joe Diaz** – health

**Tammy Dillon** – health

**Jackie Dyer** – health

**Shirley Elledge** – health

**Kelly Evans** – drug addiction

**Laura Foradory** – health

**Jerry Fortune** – health/eye issues

**Mary Anne Fortune** – health

**Delayne Givens** – health

**Halie Gonzales** – guidance and health

**Frankie Gray** – health

**Autumn Guerrero** – health/stomach issues

**Matthew Gugliotti** – purpose in life

**Tammy Harrison** – health

**Family of Fred Hasty**

**Walter Hildebrandt** – health

**Connor Janes** – health

**Sebastian Janes** – guidance

**Nancy Klaus** – cancer

**Amelia McElroy** – health

**Jonathan Nichols** – health/heart issues

**Judy Numayer** – breast cancer

**Jennifer Ramirez** – health/autoimmune diseases

**Margaret Reus** – health issues

**Donna Robertson** – health

**Kamille Sanchez** – health

**Robert Sanchez** – health/blood clots

**Raymond Schwarzlose** – health

**Ruth Singleton** – health/assisted living

**Dee Ann Smith** – health

**Judy Stroud** – health

**JC White** – injuries from car accident

**Pray for everyone affected by health issues,  
all caregivers and health providers,  
teachers, school staff and students**

**GOD  
HEARS  
YOUR  
PRAYERS**

# January

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 5 – Worship Service – 9:30am
- 12 – Worship Service – 9:30am
- 19 – Worship Service – 9:30am
- 26 – Worship Service – 9:30am

Services can be watched  
on Emmanuel's Facebook page  
on our website [www.elcknipa.org](http://www.elcknipa.org)

Happy  
New Year!



- 5 – Don Batot
- 6 – Charlotte Muecke
- 15 – Patty Jett
- 17 – Sharla Ede
- 18 – Gloria Schwarzlose
- 25 – Colt Magnon
- 25 – Russell Brown
- 28 – Judy Kline



- 5 – Kevin & Kelsey Ede
- 11 – Mike & Donna Jones
- 16 – George & Chris Stichler
- 19 – Bobby & Linda Kramer



Patty Jett



### Altar Flowers

- 5 – open
- 12 – open
- 19 – open
- 26 – open

## Dates to Remember

New Year's Day  
– Wednesday, January 1



Council Meeting  
– Sunday, January 12 at 10:45am



Women's Bible Study  
– Wednesday, January 15 at 9:30am



Women of the Church Meeting  
– Wednesday, January 15 at 10:30am



Annual Reports due  
– Thursday, January 23



Newsletter Article Deadline  
– Saturday, January 25



Annual Congregational Meeting  
– January 26 at 10:45am



Activity Nights  
starts again on  
Wednesday, January 8  
– 6:30pm

Everyone is invited to attend  
our activity nights to play  
card games or dominoes.



# January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 9:30am - Worship Service and Holy Communion <small>(can be watched on church's facebook)</small> Pastor Harrison	6	7	8  6:30pm	9	10	11
12 9:30am - Worship Service <small>(can be watched on church's facebook)</small> 10:45am - Council Meeting Pastor Harrison	13 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	14	15 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Mtg 10:30am  6:30pm	16	17	18
19 9:30am - Worship Service and Holy Communion <small>(can be watched on church's facebook)</small> Pastor Harrison	20	21	22  6:30pm	23 Reports for Annual Meeting Due	24	25  for February
26 9:30am - Worship Service <small>(can be watched on church's facebook)</small> Pastor Harrison 10:45am - Annual Congregational Meeting	27	28	29  6:30pm	30	31	