

Providence Lutheran Church January 2026

We exist to help people know Jesus, not just about Him!

Our purpose is to make Christ known by developing prayerful disciples.

Our values are faith, hope and love.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

January always arrives with a sense of newness. A new year stretches before us—unwritten, unknown, and filled with both promise and uncertainty. As people of faith, we don't step into this new year alone. We step forward trusting the God who has already gone before us.

The psalmist reminds us, “*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it*” (Psalm 118:24). Not just the good days. Not just the easy days. **Every day—every season—is held in God’s faithful hands.**

As we begin a new year together as a congregation, January invites us to pause and reflect. Where has God been at work among us? Where have we seen grace, healing, growth, and hope? And just as importantly, where might God be calling us next?

In the church, January is not simply about resolutions or fresh starts—it is about **renewal**. Renewal of faith. Renewal of commitment. Renewal of trust in God’s promises. In worship, study, service, and fellowship, we are continually being shaped and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

As we move into this year, I encourage you to remain rooted in the practices that sustain us: prayer, worship, Scripture, generosity, and caring for one another. Reach out when you need help. Offer help when you see a need. Speak words of grace and encouragement. Remember that even small acts of faithfulness matter deeply in God’s kingdom.

Whatever this year brings—joys or challenges, clarity or questions—know this: **God is with us.** God is at work among us. And God’s steadfast love never fails.

May this new year be one in which we grow together in faith, hope, and love.

Grace and peace to you in Christ, Pastor Patti Sue

SAVE THE DATES:

- † **1/31:** Super Saturday at 9 AM
- † **2/7:** Annual Yard Sale from 8 AM – 1 PM
- † **2/8:** Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
- † **2/17:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6 PM
- † **2/18:** Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 PM
- † **3/21:** Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 AM
- † **3/29:** Palm Sunday Worship at 11 AM
- † **3/30-4/3:** Spring Break for Lex. 1 Schools
- † **4/2:** Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 PM
- † **4/3:** Good Friday Worship at 7 PM
- † **4/5:** Easter Sunday Worship at 10 AM
- † **4/30-5/3:** Via de Cristo co-ed weekend

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special "thank you" to everyone who decorated the sanctuary for the season of Advent and for Christmas! The church looked beautiful.

Also, a special "thank you" to the congregation for the generous staff Christmas gifts! We so appreciate your love and support.

GROWING IN FAITH WITH BIBLE STUDY

Bible study is on Wednesdays. We meet in the bible study room in the education building at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each week. On January 7th we will consider the name of God "I Am." Then, beginning January 21st we will explore the Book of 1 Samuel. We would love to have you with us!

POINSETTIAS

If you have not picked up your poinsettia, please do so before they are discarded. Thank you.

TIME & TALENT SHEETS

Included with this month's newsletter is a "time and talent" sheet. We ask that all members and regular visitors pray about how and where God may be calling you to serve in 2026. Please complete and return so that we can properly schedule serving saints each month. Thanks!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Our new church council was installed during worship on December 14th. Below is the contact information for each council member for 2025:

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2026 ANNUAL YARD SALE

The annual yard sale is scheduled for **Saturday, February 7th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Please start bringing your gently used or new items to the Fellowship Hall in January. We have not yet decided where the proceeds will go but will advise.

PLC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December flew by in a flash at our preschool! We kicked off the season with a very successful Holiday Market, where Santa was—as always—a big hit. The children worked hard preparing for our Christmas program, and it was an absolute joy to watch (there may be some future actors among us!).

Throughout the month, we filled our days with stories about the true reason for Christmas, along with crafts, games, dancing, and plenty of snacks. We wrapped up the year with a cozy pajama party and sent our kiddos home with the most precious handmade gifts for their parents. We are so grateful for a wonderful season and are excited to see where the New Year takes us! As always, thank you for your continued support of our little preschool with a big heart.

Blessings, Amber McNorton

JANUARY SERVERS:

Altar Flowers:

1/4 Open Availability
1/11 Open Availability
1/18 Open Availability
1/25 The Oswalds
2/1 Open Availability

Lay Readers:

1/4 Kathy Hendrix
1/11 Trudy Scurry
1/18 Judy Meetze
1/25 Duane Hall
2/1 Glenda Oswald

Greeter:

Connie Setzler

Offering Counter:

Judi Harmon

Worship Assistant:

1/4 Deb Kopitskie
1/11 Kathy Hendrix
1/18 Trudy Scurry
1/25 Deb Kopitskie
2/1 Kathy Hendrix

Altar Guild:

1/4 Judi Harmon
1/11 Mona Nash
1/18 Glenda Oswald
1/25 Trudy Scurry
2/1 Judi Harmon

Ushers:

Russell Pye &
Jimmy Scurry

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

1/4 Ely Huffman
1/10 Eva Jimenez
1/11 Steph Lawhorn
1/14 Pastor Patti Sue Pye
1/17 Rosemary Carmean, Hope Hiott
1/20 Erika Violette
1/29 Ellen Hall

Did we forget your birthday? Please contact Steph in the church office!



SUPER SATURDAY: 1/31

Super Saturday is a 2-hour program for children in our congregation and preschool. We meet on the last Saturday of the month from 9-11 a.m. for a time of learning, fun and fellowship.

If you can help, please call Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755) or email Steph at the church. We need 3-5 helpers for each event.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Church Council will prepare an Annual Report for 2025 by the end of January for distribution. It is always a great way to see the amazing ministry the congregation is involved in and see how we are helping to grow the Kingdom of God.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

The financial summary for Nov. is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider your financial commitment to our ministry and staff.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755).
Thank you.



PROVIDENCE MEMBERS

Joyce Bixler, Gail Caldwell, Rosemary Carmean, Debbie & Jamie Edwards, Donna Florio, Duane & Ellen Hall, Judi Harmon, Eva Jimenez, Kaleigh, Ryder and Rebecca Kameese, Eddie Kopitskie, Mike Mancino, John Martin, Amber McNorton, Judy Meetze, Peyton Nash, Ken Peacock, Sarah Beth Pye, Cass Ronan, John Scott, Jeanette Swygert, and Conner Violette

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Virginia Aebischer, Judy Barnes, Stephen Barrett, Donna Burton, Adrianna Calderon, Amanda Carnavale, Minerva Castro, Craig DeMunbrun, Kay Elliott, Rachel Ellis, Hellen Farrell, Colleen and Richard Fennessy, David Godwin, Kimberly Howard, Luis Jimenez, Caroline and Hunter Jones, Bobbi Labreque, Brice Minick, Emma Morris, Kaitlyn Osteen, Greg Ring, Amy Jo Rodziewicz, Luz Roman, Sue Ruff, Maryanne Seyfert, Evelyn Sheffield, Chris & Ginny Smith, Greg Smith, Suzie Starkey, Haidee Stith, Mario Trejo, Lora Ullery and Leo Vila

Prayers & Praises

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