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*"Just the facts, ma'am"* was the catchphrase most associated with the TV show "Dragnet" associated with the character of Joe Friday, the straight-to-the-point detective. While he never uttered that exact phrase during the show, it fit well with his character in the way he wanted bare-bones, no-nonsense information when investigating a case.

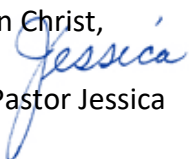
This month's Sunrise newsletter is "just the facts". We are currently hiring again for a church secretary, a position that we will begin calling an "office administrator" to better indicate that the person we hire will be responsible for the running and well-being of the church office beyond answering phones and typing emails. The Personnel committee and I have worked to create a job description that is suited for the current work we do in the office - managing invoices, answering calls, keeping track of membership information, and the general ins and outs of the church administration.

We appreciate the congregation's prayers as we seek our new office administrator.

Please contact me directly or reach out to a Session elder if you need assistance in the meantime.

Included here are some of the most relevant details coming up in the next several weeks.

In Christ,

  
Pastor Jessica



FISH Food Bank  
20th ANNUAL LOAVES & FISHES DINNER

AN EVENING OF GOOD FOOD  
Salmon Loaf, Cucumber Sauce, Rolls, Coleslaw, Jell-O, Dessert Bars  
SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025 - SERVING: 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1326 1ST AVE. NORTH

We are in need of donations of raffle items or silent auction items. Do you knit or crochet? Are you crafty? Do woodcarving or woodworking? Do quilting or needlework? Paint? or making theme gift baskets. If you know a local merchant that is willing to donate gift certificate or card these would be greatly appreciated.

All of the proceeds raised will go to FISH, the emergency food program for the hungry of Great Falls. If you have raffle or auction items to donate, please drop them off at Our Savior's Lutheran Church hours 9 to 1 by Wednesday, March 19th.

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## SHARING OUR SUNRISE JOYS AND CONCERNS

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*  
Lamentations 3:22-23

Though I am someone who inherently likes winter with the pristine beauty of the landscape, the warmth and coziness of home on a cold day, soup on the stove and cookies in the oven; I must admit that the month of February with its endless snow and below zero temperatures was becoming a bit much. So as I sat down to write this, there was a sense of a new day with the temperatures above freezing and the wind (yes, I was even thankful for its gusto) melting the snow off the roofs and roadways. And it brought me to the season of Lent which begins in a few days and coincides this year with a feel that spring is coming. The beginning of a new day. A time to contemplate the great gift of Christ's love as we near the resurrection. A time to move from the old into the new; from fear to hope; from winter to spring.

*"This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."* Psalm 118:24

When death or illness comes into our lives, it is sometimes difficult to find the hope in a new day. Yet the verse from Lamentations always comes to mind. God's mercies and faithfulness are great and always there. We pray for those who have recently lost a loved one or are still struggling to find the joy long after a loss. For those with ongoing health struggles we pray for peace and comfort. This month we continue to remember Helen DeVoss as she struggles with pain along with many health concerns. We remember too our friends Ruth Hickey and Joyce Ziegenhagel, Joe Hoseck's brother in law and Lisa Shull's sister. As always we pray for those unnamed who struggle with pain and suffering daily. We give thanks and celebrate successful surgery for Maribeth Doan who had a heart valve replacement and is doing well.

Sunrise is always ready to respond to needs in the congregation and community with generosity of time and resources, as pointed out last Sunday by Eric Chigbrow. From Monday morning filling of food for children's backpacks at the Great Falls Food Bank, to bringing over 200 pair of socks for women and children at the Cameron center, for teaching a Bible class, to answering the call to leadership as elders and deacons or helping out in the office while searching for a new office administrator. Many hands of service.

We have much to be joyful for at Sunrise. We celebrate birthdays with our Sunrise family, are thankful for those who have family and friends visit, wish safe travels for those traveling, for fellowship and friendship.

As we enter into this season of Lent with prayer and preparation on the road to the cross and the empty tomb, hear the words from *Psalm 103.17* " **But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.**"

In the Sunshine of Hope, Tana

## COFFEE HOUR: Fellowship Time at Sunrise

It isn't really an hour. Coffee hour, or Fellowship time, or whatever you may call it, is the time immediately after church when we gather as friends. It is an important time for many of us to connect with friends and family that we might only see at church. It is a time to talk about the sermon, make plans for the upcoming week, share stories about grandkids. The most important part of Coffee hour is the fellowship. Don't get me wrong, the cookies and snacks are great, we have some very good bakers in the church. As long as we have coffee and tea no one will complain – they seem to make us all chattier.

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Make the coffee and tea, talk to your friends, and clean up afterwards, that is all you need to do. You can always bring treats but don't let that stop you from being a host. Fellowship is the main ingredient of Coffee Hour. Don't forget to invite a friend to co host with you. Invite a friend, it is better when there are more voices.

~ Eric Chigbrow, elder

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*From the Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee:*

*We received a letter from Family Promise thanking Sunrise Presbyterian Church for the donation and to let us know that Family Promise is currently supporting 2 families in their Promise Place shelters and are seeking volunteers who would be willing to help provide groceries for their families. They are also actively seeking volunteers willing to be at the Day Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during weekdays to drive the shuttle van, supervise families doing their laundry and taking showers, and to help parents navigate online applications for housing, jobs, daycare and social services.*

*If the Lord is speaking to anyone in the congregation to assist Family Promise, please contact Greg Gosenick, Executive Director at 406.564.5267.*

### **Backpacks for Kids**

We have all heard about the Backpacks for Kids food program that the Great Falls Food Bank provides to our local elementary schools.

Did you know that Jim and Ember Woods have been faithful volunteers since the program began? At the start of the 2023-2024 school year Ember asked a group of our church members if we would join her in fillings lunch bags for the kids.

Since that time Sunrise has provided a core team of volunteers that meet every Monday at the food bank. There are six of us that regularly take turns working. We do two hours a week (average 8 labor-hours a week). We fill about 500 lunch bags in that two hours. The food bank gives about 900 lunches to the schools every week.

Next school year they are planning to give lunches to the middle schools also because hunger doesn't stop at 6th grade.

If you would like to volunteer or just have questions please contact Ember.

The Mission Committee

### **Reminder:**

When donating cans to the can shed, please remember to tie the bags they are donated in. Thank you for being committed to the aluminum can recycling project!

We collect \$10-20 of cans per month and this money goes to provide shipping for our pill bottle reuse endeavors. We shipped our most recent batch of pill bottles in January.



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Friends,

As part of my commitment to OPSF, I will be traveling to Synergos churches this spring as I help them on-board and prepare for residency placement this year. The Worship committee and Personnel committee are both aware of my travel schedule and will be assisting with coverage in the office and worship service during times when I am absent. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Personnel Committee: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull, and Marcia Anderson.



While we seek our next church secretary, my hours have shifted: Sunrise Mon-Wed mornings & OPSF afternoons, OPSF Thurs-Fri mornings and Sunrise Thurs afternoons. However, please check with me in advance as my calendar has many moving parts.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jessica

#### 2025 Per Capita:

Per capita is the amount churches pay per member to support our higher judicatory/mid council bodies. This includes Glacier Presbytery, the Synod of the Rocky Mountains, and the PC (USA) national office. This year's per capita is \$70. Thank you for your support of our denomination through your per capita giving.

#### Adult Bible Study Group

Our Adult Bible Study group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 10 am. Anyone is welcome to join!

**Sunrise Park** has been adopted by Sunrise Presbyterian Church! This FREE program which will begin in February was approved by the Faith-Life, Outreach and Mission Committee following a presentation by Jessica Compton, Deputy Director, Great Falls Park & Recreation Department. We are working on a "Fellowship/Walking

Club" name. Any suggestions are welcome!

When you visit the Park and see anything that is not in proper order or have a picture you would like to share, please let

Carol Stilli know. Our church will be included in the list of those who have adopted parks in our city, and in the future an article to feature Sunrise Presbyterian Church. We are excited about this program, embracing our "own" park to enjoy for families, children and individuals while helping to improve our environment, one park at a time!



Sunrise Presbyterian Church, OPSE, Holidays in United States							Mar 2025 (Mountain Time - Denver)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<div>23</div> <div>Stock Collection Sunday</div> <div>9:30am - Liturgist -</div> <div>9:30am - Sunday Worship @</div> <div>10:45am - Fellowship Time</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>5:30pm - Session Meeting</div>	<div>26</div> <div>8:30am - Glacier Pres Pastor</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>1</div>		
<div>2</div> <div>9:30am - Worship @ Sunrise</div> <div>10:45am - Fellowship &amp;</div> <div>11am - Deacon's Meeting @</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>6:30pm - Worship Committee</div>	<div>5</div> <div>8:30am - Glacier Pres Pastor</div> <div>5:45pm - Ash Soup Supper</div> <div>6:30pm - Ash Wednesday</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10am - Adult Bible Study</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>9am - Elder Training Event</div>		
<div>9</div> <div>Daylight Saving Time starts</div> <div>Lent 1</div> <div>9:30am - Worship w/</div> <div>10:45am - Fellowship &amp;</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:30am - Glacier Pres Pastor</div>	<div>12</div> <div>8:30am - Glacier Pres Pastor</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Newsletter Deadline</div>	<div>15</div>		
<div>16</div> <div>FHSH Collection Sunday</div> <div>Lent 2</div> <div>9:30am - Worship @ Sunrise</div> <div>10:45am - Fellowship &amp;</div>	<div>17</div> <div>St. Patrick's Day</div>	<div>18</div> <div>1pm - In-home Communion</div>	<div>19</div> <div>8:30am - Glacier Pres Pastor</div> <div>6pm - Faith, Outreach, &amp;</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Synergos Sub-committee in denver) (OPSE)</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Pastor Jessica in Gillette</div>		
<div>23</div> <div>Pastor Jessica in Gillette</div> <div>Lent 3</div> <div>Tim Lanham visits in worship</div> <div>9:30am - Worship @ Sunrise</div> <div>10:45am - Fellowship &amp;</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>5:30pm - Session Meeting</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Newsletter Assembly</div> <div>8:30am - Glacier Pres Pastor</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>		
<div>30</div> <div>Lent 4</div> <div>9:30am - Worship @ Sunrise</div> <div>10:45am - Fellowship &amp;</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div> <div>6:30pm - Worship Committee</div>	<div>2</div> <div>8:30am - Glacier Pres Pastor</div>	<div>3</div> <div>10am - Adult Bible Study</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>		

RESCHEDULED: Elder Training - MARCH 8 from 9am-1pm

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**Committees and Elders:**

Admin, Personnel, & Social Media: Joe Hoseck, Scott Shull  
Buildings & Grounds: Dale Lambert  
Christian Education: Erica Rusinski  
Faith, Outreach, & Mission: Norman Anderson, Joe Hoseck, Dale Lambert, Carol Stilli  
Finance, Stewardship, & Memorials: Joe Hoseck, Dale Lambert, Scott Shull  
Nominating: Scott Shull, Norman Anderson  
Worship: Norman Anderson,  
Clerk of Session: Millie Sivak

**Sunrise Board of Deacons:**

Chair: Ember Woods  
Secretary: Tana Harp    Treasurer: Janette Forsyth  
Pam Chigbrow, Maribeth Doan, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert, Jacinte McCullough, Sue Petersen



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