

THE MESSENGER

From the Pastor's desk...

Rohde's Reforming Report

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." – Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

It is the fall!! That means school and activities and harvest have all come back into full swing. Once again, we are starting up Sunday School and confirmation to educate our young members and help them grow in their faith. Our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will be taught by Pastor Nicholas in confirmation class where they will learn about worship, how it informs our daily life as Christians, and what it means to be a faithful child of God in the midst of all that is going on in their lives.

In Holy Baptism, we as parents, sponsors, and fellow people of God make promises to the baptized. We make promises to live with them as God's faithful people. We promise to introduce and encourage their relationship with God's Word found in Christ Jesus through worship and hearing of the Gospel. We promise to teach them not only fundamentals of our Christian faith, but how our faith is lived out in our daily lives. We promise not that everything will be perfect and peaceful all the time, but that we will walk with them in their fears, their wonders, uncertainties of life, and their joys as they journey through a life of faith.

We are told that statistically, we as Lutherans do not know how to invite others into a life of faith. So, here is my invitation to you. Invite the youth in your life to participate in their faith. Invite their parents too! (invitation is not the same as a guilt trip) If they're not able to bring themselves, then bring them to worship, or invite them to a church or community activity outside of Sunday morning worship. Ask them about their day or what they learned in Sunday school on a given week. Come sit with them during worship so they see that church is a community of faithful people and not just us and them. Get excited with them about the things happening in their lives. Find ways to participate with them in their Fall church events around Reformation and Advent. Learn along with the confirmation students. Let them be your teachers (they might surprise you with how much they know!). Encourage your high school students to consider attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer and help them figure out how to make it possible for them to go.

Live into the claims we make each and every Sunday. We, though sinful, are made right with God through Jesus Christ. We are the Church. All of us. Together.

Blessings to all students, teachers, parents and all school workers as we begin another year of learning and growing together.

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Nicholas Rohde



Women of the ELCA

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

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Serving
with Love



OUR MISSION

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OUR PURPOSE

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

FISHER LUTHERAN WELCA FALL 2026 BIBLE STUDY

"Bold Faith on an Unexpected Journey"

A three-part Bible study
by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney

SESSION ONE

"Encountering God in
the Wilderness."



September 16, 2026
@ 9:00 AM



Faith often leads us down paths we didn't expect—into wilderness places, across unfamiliar lands, and through seasons of grief and hope. This three-session study takes us on a journey with Hagar, Ruth and Mary Magdalene, women whose bold faith transformed their unexpected stories. Their encounters with God remind us that we, too, are seen, sustained and sent to carry good news into the world.



Session One: Hagar, an enslaved woman pushed to the margins, encounters God in the wilderness. When she believes all hope is lost, God sees her, hears her and reshapes her story. Her witness reminds us that God meets us in deserted places with vision and promise. This session invites participants to consider who is marginalized in our world today and to reflect on how God sees both them and us in our own wilderness experiences.

NW MN SWO 38th Annual Convention

Keynote Speaker



Gaye Lindfors

Inspirational Christian Speaker and Author. Native of Climax, MN. Leading a human resources department that supported 11,000 employees and serving as Special Assistant to a university president are career highlights. I have an M.A. in Industrial Relations and have served in leadership roles in associations, non-profits, and volunteer and professional women's organizations. It was a joy to serve as president of the National Speakers Association/Minnesota chapter, and as Regional Director for Christian Women in Media. Volunteering rocks! My husband Steve and I live in St. Paul, MN. "Ooftah" is one of my favorite words and I believe problems are most quickly solved when Hawaiian pizza or chips and salsa show up ... or Haagen-Dazs ice cream. Football, jazz, small town cafes, and books create some of my Happy Places.

Check out nwmnsynod.org for more information and updates along with Registration and Application Forms.

Tentative Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Friday	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Registration
	2:00 - 4:30 PM	Business Meeting
	4:45 - 5:00 PM	Devotions
	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Banquet
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Entertainment: Songfest, Led by Pastor Michele Jensen
Saturday	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration & Coffee/Water & Muffins
	9:00 - 9:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Devotions
	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Bible Study with Pastor Rebel Hurd
	10:30 - 10:45 AM	Break - Refreshments provided
	10:45 - 12:00 Noon	Keynote Speaker - Gaye Lindfors
	Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 - 1:45 PM	Breakout Sessions
	1:45 - 2:00 PM	Break - Refreshments provided
	2:00 - 2:45 PM	Breakout Sessions
	3:00 PM	Closing Worship with Bishop Bill Tesch

Mary Magdalene Awards Presentation will be on Saturday. (Time to be determined)



Theme: Button up your Faith

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do.

WELCA Leadership Day!

Friday, Oct. 30, 2026
9:30 - 3:00

Little Norway Church
10802 423rd St SE Fertile, MN

If you are a leader in your unit, conference or the synod - you are invited! We are here to help you succeed in your role!

Special speaker: Pastor Gentle Nettland

No charge • good food • good fellowship



To Register:
Contact Marlene Block (SWO Board Member)
marleneb@gvtel.com or call 218-289-4046
by Oct. 15th

Join us!



PATCHWORK
PARISHIONERS

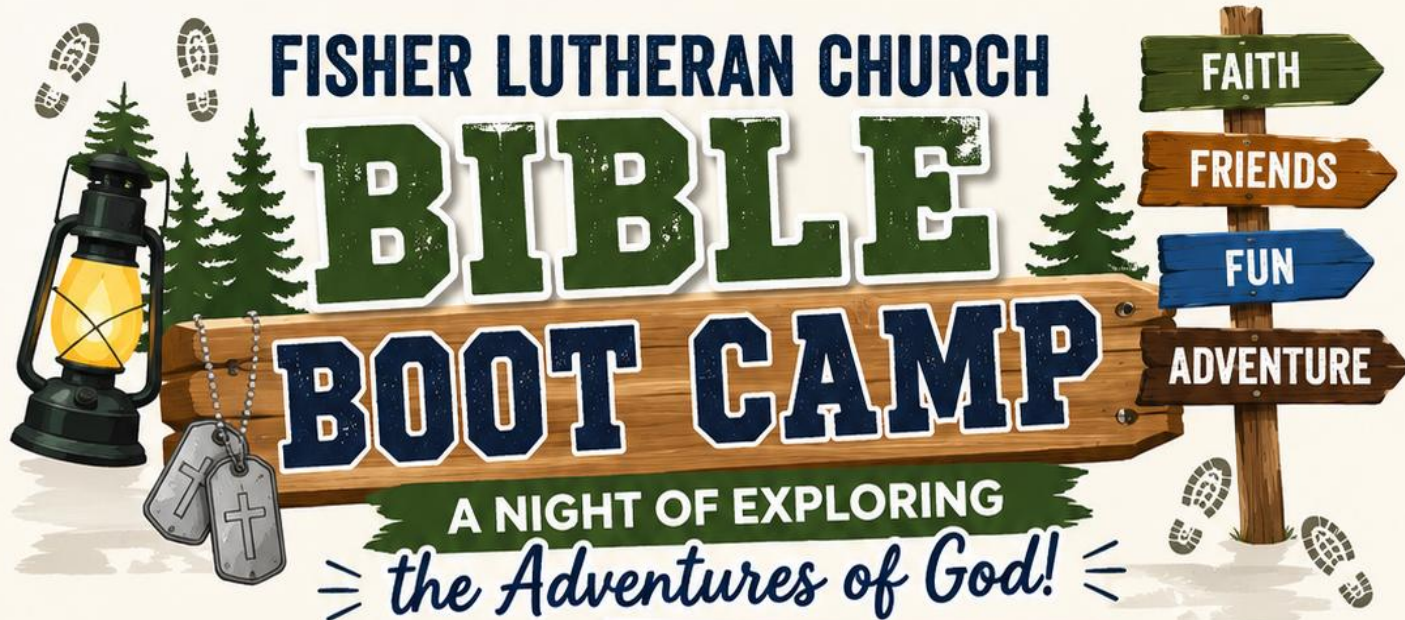
FISHER LUTHERAN QUILTING

Volunteer to Quilt for Kids and Families in Need

Join us
September 21st & 22nd
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



All Women Are Welcome!



FISHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

BIBLE

BOOT CAMP

A NIGHT OF EXPLORING
the Adventures of God!

2026 VBS RECAP

★ JULY 28TH ★ 5:00 – 8:00 PM

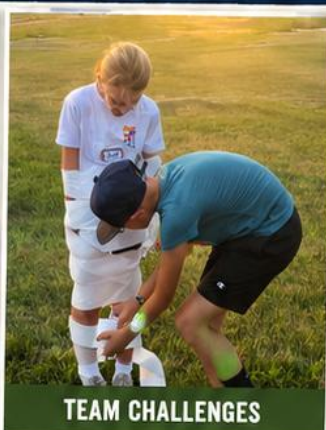
Camp was in session for a fun-filled evening of stories, games, crafts, music, and delicious food as we discovered amazing adventures of God in the Bible!

LEARNING. LAUGHING. GROWING IN FAITH!

Thanks to all our campers, leaders, and volunteers for making this night so special!



★ ★ HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NIGHT! ★ ★



GOD'S WORD
EQUIPS US
FOR EVERY ADVENTURE!



THANK YOU
to everyone who
helped make this
VBS a success!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mercy Meadow Farm

U-Pick Events

Tuesday & Saturday
August 1st - September 26th.
Hours: 4pm-8pm

Where: 35416 260th St. SW Fisher, MN



Follow us on facebook for special events and updates.

Nelson's Pumpkin Patch We ♥ Our Pumpkins

Fall 2026 Season

Sat. September 5th – Sun. October 25th

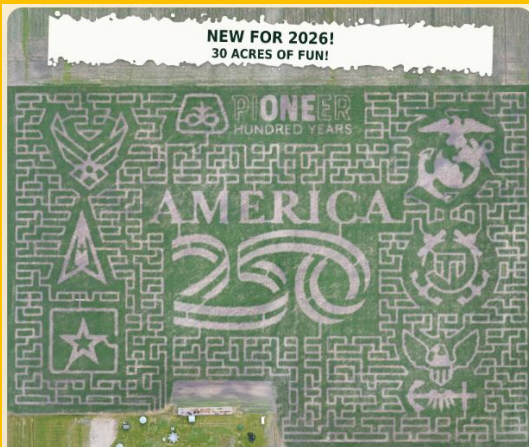
Monday – Friday: 3 pm – 7 pm

Saturday – Sunday: 11 am – 6 pm

*Extended Hours: Oct. 22nd – 23rd: * 11 am – 7 pm



NEW FOR 2026!
30 ACRES OF FUN!



August 15th – October 25th



60th Annual Potato Bowl Week:

August 31 - September 5, 2026

September 3rd – French Fry Feed

September 4th – UND vs. St. Thomas



TOWN SQUARE FARMERS MARKET

9 AM-1 PM
Every Saturday
June 13th - September 26th
2026



God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

GET TICKETS AT
<https://okto26.cbo.io>



6th
Annual



Oktoberfest
Matt Hodek and the Dakota Dutchmen

beer • music • food

September 29 • 5-7:30 p.m.
Alerus Center • Grand Forks, ND



gratitude:

Seminary Stipend Fund Give a gift of Gratitude in 2026

The Seminary Stipend Fund provides a way for you to show your support and gratitude for our ELCA women seminarians. Monies donated to this fund will be collected throughout the year, divided equally and give to each student seminary as a gift in January 2027 to use as they wish.

Donations can be sent to the SWO Treasurer Write "Seminary Stipend for Women" on the memo line or use the Offering Form A

Send to: Janet Olson
PO Box 567
Warroad, MN 56763

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Fisher Bygland Parish

We are affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a member of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. We are a two-point parish, serving the members of Fisher and Bygland

Bygland Lutheran Church

40976 235th St. SW
Fisher, MN 56723
218893-4243

Mission

"We are God's work in progress, with hearts lifted to God in trust and praise and with hands extended to serve in Jesus' name."

Fisher Lutheran Church

209 2nd St. S.
Fisher, MN 56723
218-891-4632

Mission

As children of God, we invite all people to journey with us as we worship, grow in faith and serve in Jesus' name.

Email

office@fisherbygland.org
pastor@fisherbygland.org

Worship Services

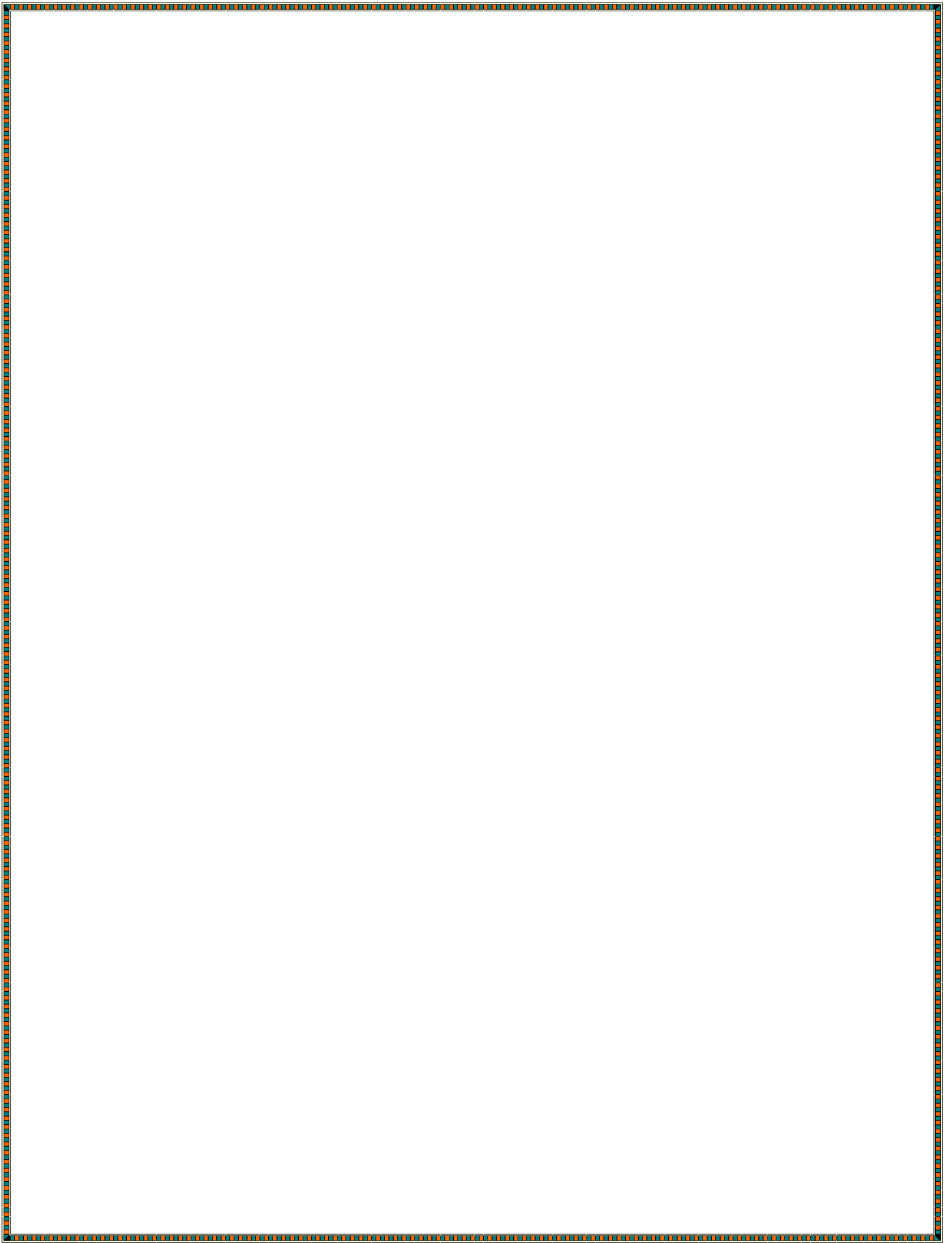
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Fisher and Bygland have alternating times each week.

Bygland Only September 6th

Please view the calendar for worship times & locations!

***Fisher services streamed online via
Facebook***



Fisher Bygland Lutheran Parish September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 *LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE* 9:00 AM Worship at Bygland 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	7 HAPPY Labor Day	8	9 7:30 PM Bygland Council	10	11	12 Bygland Lutheran Church Adopt-a-Highway
13 God's Work, Our Hands 9:00 AM Worship at Bygland *Blessing of Backpacks 10:00 AM Rally Bygland 11:00 AM Worship at Fisher *Meal following FLC Services	14	15	16 9:00 AM WELCA Bible Study 6:15 PM Confirmation Meeting 7:30 PM Fisher Council	17	18 NSMN Synodical Women's ORG. Convention @Trinity Lutheran in Crookston	19 NSMN Synodical Women's ORG. Convention @Trinity Lutheran in Crookston
20 9:00 AM Worship at Fisher 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship at Bygland *BLC Teacher Installation	21 9:00 AM Quilting at Fisher	22 9:00 AM Quilting at Fisher First Day of Eid	23 Confirmation Meeting	24	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship at Bygland 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship at Fisher BLC & FLC Bible Sunday	28	29	30 Confirmation Meeting			

Pastor Nicholas Rohde

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Holy
Communion



Bygland

Ushers: Mark Egeland

Altar: Rachel Traub & Mary Don Krostue

Work Group 1: Randy Moe

Becky Moe

Fisher

Head Usher: Paul Rutherford

Altar: Randy & Val Korynta

Work Group 2: Reed & Sheryl Tinkham

