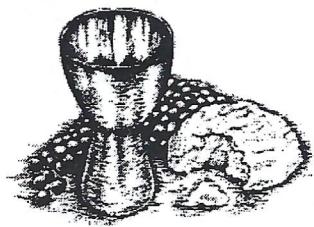


JANUARY  
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# United in Faith News

Why are we  
Here?  
We are to be  
God's  
hands,  
feet and  
voice  
in the  
world.



# January

## United in Faith Welcomes New Pastor

We are delighted to announce that on December 14, 2025, the congregation voted to extend a Pastoral Call to Sharei Green. This moment marks a significant milestone for United in Faith (UIF), reflecting our shared commitment to spiritual growth and community building (both internally and externally). We know you are eagerly anticipating Pastor Sharei's ordination. Details of the ceremony will be shared as soon as they are finalized. In the meantime, let us celebrate this good news and welcome Pastor Sharei!

At  
United in Faith,  
The Guiding  
Principles are:

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Jesus is  
Lord and  
**Savior**  
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Reflect  
God's **Love**  
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Pray and  
**listen** for God's  
guidance

+  
Continue to  
strengthen  
**faith**

+  
Include **All**  
in God's  
work

+  
Meet people  
**where they**  
**are**

Please take some time in the coming months to get to know Pastor Sharei. Invite her over for coffee or dinner. Share your story and listen to hers. Pray for her and for the congregation. This kindness and hospitality will help strengthen the trust and community that define UIF.

Although this change is exciting, it comes with its own challenges. We have to say the difficult goodbye to Pastor Jeanie Reardon. We appreciate the time she spent with us and the guidance she provided through this transition. With her encouragement, we reflected on our past so that we can approach 2026 with clarity and purpose. For these reasons, and many others, we are deeply thankful for Pastor Jeanie and wish her the best on her journey.

Lastly, we couldn't have gotten to this point without the Call Committee's time and discernment. Please join me in extending a special thank you to Kim Childress, Janeen Devine, Jeff Jewell, Katie Jewell, Bonnie Maginnis, Pam Marino, and Dave Quillin.

-Gretchen Quillin, UIF President

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE  
January 15, 2026**

# † UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING †

## UNITED IN FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ANNUAL MEETING



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026**  
**11:00 A.M.**

All members of United in Faith are invited  
to the **ANNUAL MEETING**

This is an important meeting of our membership  
to review past activities,

look to the future and to elect new Council members,  
Synod Voting Members and a Nominating Committee.

Please plan to attend!



<b>January 6</b>	<b>James Haas</b>
<b>January 14</b>	<b>Stephanie Chobot</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Judi Schira</b>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>Leah Escalante</b>

### St. Cyprian's Non-food Monthly Donations - January 2026: Diapers

The Justice Ministry encourages UIF members to donate a highlighted item each month. The food pantry only has funding for food items and clients still need to stretch their dollars to cover both food and all those daily necessities. This month we are asking for diapers, always needed for infants and toddlers, but products for adults as well.

A donation box is available as you come in the back door, just at the end of the ramp.

### Girl Scouts of UIF

How can it be January already? You know what this means—it's Girl Scout Cookie time!! We have a new one this year called Explorers—kind of a rocky road flavored cookie. In November the Leaders from our neighborhood had a weekend at one of our camps and had a fun and relaxing time. Our Daisy and Brownie troops continue to grow—there are five girls in each now! We have ahead a few other inquiries as well—we think Annette is sending them our way. Some of our troops and families went to see a production of Elf in Palatine on a very snowy weekend. And we will have a large group of girls and families going to the Cookie Rally and Wolves game in January. Everyone stay warm! Cookies will come later in the month!

Janeen, Sharon, Catherine, Michelle, Colleen, & Dawn



# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>3</b> 9:30am Al-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- <a href="https://siaawso.org">https://siaawso.org</a>
<b>4</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed 11:00am Coffee Hour	<b>5</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>9</b> 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Girl Scout Service Unit 286	<b>10</b> 9:30am Al-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- <a href="https://siaawso.org">https://siaawso.org</a>
<b>11</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed 11:00am Coffee Hour	<b>12</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>13</b> 12:00pm Ladies Discussion Group 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> 10:00am Justice Team	<b>15</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>16</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>17</b> 9:30am Al-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- <a href="https://siaawso.org">https://siaawso.org</a>
<b>18</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed 11:00am Coffee Hour	<b>19</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00am Food Pantry	<b>23</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>24</b> 9:30am Al-Anon 10:00am Book Club 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- <a href="https://siaawso.org">https://siaawso.org</a>
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*Christmas  
blessings and  
the gift of hope  
to you from your  
friends at  
United in Faith*



# January



## Worship Schedule



<b>January 4</b> <b>Christmas 2</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> Fellowship & Conversation <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship in person & livestreamed <b>11:00 AM</b> Coffee hour
<b>January 11</b> <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> Fellowship & Conversation <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship in person & livestreamed <b>11:00 AM</b> Coffee hour
<b>January 18</b> <b>Epiphany 2</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> Fellowship & Conversation <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship in person & livestreamed <b>11:00 AM</b> Coffee hour
<b>January 25</b> <b>EPIPHANY 3</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> Fellowship & Conversation <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship in person & livestreamed <b>11:00 AM</b> Coffee hour

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