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*After this Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so he died, old and full of years.* (Job 42:16-17).

The book of Job ends on a note of contentment and peace. Job was probably five years older than I am, about 70 when the book opens. So, for his time, he is an old man. What a picture of peace - a contented man that God had greatly blessed.

Before each of us stretches a new year, a new beginning. The old is past, put away forever. God invites us always to forget about all the distrust and fears, all the anxieties of the past, all the resentments we have been holding against others, all the grudges, all the criticisms. God asks us to put them away and begin again.

But, the question that hovers over each of us as we close out 2022 is: 'On what basis are we going to live in this new year? Will it be on the old plan of it-all-depends-on-me, do-it-yourself goodness before God, trying my best to be pleasing to God and meaning it with all my heart but never realizing the depths of distrust with which I have to deal?

Or will I accept the gift of God that is waiting for me every day, fresh from His hand. A gift of forgiveness, of a relationship in which God is my Father and I am his cherished, beloved child, and in which God has provided all I need, all day long, so that I may say no to distrust and yes to truth?'

If this is the way that you and I will live in this new year then I truly believe that our eyes, ears, and hearts will experience peace and beauty beyond what we have experienced in the past.

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of this new year. May it be a time of grace, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew our commitment to following Your Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.

Happy New Year,  
*Pastor Carl*

# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 am Worship Svc w/Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship</p> <p>Pastor Preston</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am Quilting &amp; Prayer Shawls</p> <p>5:00 PM Bible Study</p>	4	5	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 am Worship Svc w/Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship/ Confirmation Class</p> <p>Pastor Carl</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am Quilting &amp; Prayer Shawls</p> <p>5:00 PM Bible Study</p>	11	12	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 am Breakfast/Fellow- ship/Sunday School</p> <p>Pastor Chris</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am Quilting &amp; Prayer Shawls</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Church Council Mtg</p>	18	19	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Fellowship/ Confirmation Class/ Congregational Mtg Pastor Carl</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am Quilting &amp; Prayer Shawls</p> <p>5:00 PM Bible Study</p>	25	26	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 am Fellow- ship/Sunday School</p> <p><b>Food Shelf Sunday</b></p> <p>Pastor Chris</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 am Quilting &amp; Prayer Shawls</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study</p>				

## January 2023

**Team Oberton:** Elizabeth & Jim Oberton, Harvey & Helen Bloom, Gary & Pam Bellamy, Lois Brenner, Tom & Patty Crawford, Lucas & Tania Hendickson, Arnie Akkerman

## February 2023

**Team Hansen:** Brad & Mary Hansen, Glen & Amanda Bramstedt, Joel & Jeanine Pantzke, Andy & Kourtney Frank, Lois Breden, Kim Schultz, Tom & Sandy Bjorge, Glen & Theresa Welters



Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Harvey & Helen Bloom

Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Susan Oberton
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Glen Welters
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lawrence Schlangen
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie Hansen
Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Hansen
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Werner
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Frank
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Glen Bramstedt
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Brenner
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Phyllis Nelson
Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Heddie Wolbeck
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Synde Dehmer
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Christmas Program, December 18, 2022