This newsletter is purposefully brief...we're working hard on the congregational report books for our annual meeting (see notice below).

That book will have all the reports, financial information, and so much more as we look back at 2025 and look ahead together to 2026.

This newsletter includes the very important January parish calendar, birthdays, readers list, and other information to help you get off to a good start this year.

Peace and grace, Pastor Moira

It's Important To Laugh (or groan)...

What kind of ball doesn't bounce?
A snow ball

What do snowmen eat for lunch?
Icebergers

What do you get if you cross a snowman and a shark?
Frostbite

How do you know if it's too cold for a picnic?
When you chip your tooth on the soup

Congregational Annual Meeting Sunday January 25, 2025 after worship

light snacks will be served after the meeting in the gathering room

We will review 2025, approve the 2026 church budget & elect council members.

Report books will prayerfully be available **by Sunday January 18th.**

Stock The Pantry Shelves

"When I was hungry, you fed me."
Matthew 25.35

January Focus Item CRACKERS

Saltines are great, but any regular crackers are wonderful, and it never needs to be name brand. If you are able to help with any additional items or monetary donations to our pantries (please put "food pantry" in the memo).

Readers & Greeters Schedule

The full January through March calendar is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room

Sunday January 11 ~ Pastor vacation

Reader Emma Holz
Greeters Robin Schmidt
Kelly Stevens

Sunday January 18 ~ choir sings

Reader Sue Biese
Greeters Steve & Pat Schomisch

Sunday January 25 ~ Annual Meeting

Reader Vi Brown-Luebke
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Jan Rohloff

Sunday February 1 ~ Communion

Reader Jan Rohloff
Greeters Mike & Connie Rohloff
Trevor & Sarah Rohloff

Parish Celebrations ~ for all three churches

If your special day is incorrect let Pastor Moira know.

January Birthdays

2nd	…	Alice Shulze	14th	…	Aron Rasmussen
		Laurene Ferge	16th	…	Ron VanDeraa
		Tiffany Biese			Helen Hanson
3rd	…	Rylen Wernet	17th	…	Hannah Hutchcraft
		Steven Pingel	18th	…	Sue Witterholt
4th	…	Gregory Volkman	19th	…	Jolaina Rodriguez
		Roman Halvorson	20th	…	Carol Pludeman
7th	…	Candy Bonnin			Kari Rosenberg
		Nikki Berndt			Katie Hansen
8th	…	Ray Ort	21st	…	Chuck Blumreich
9th	…	Heather Demerath	23rd	…	Dave Knapp
10th	…	Ali Holz	24th	…	Eli Hess
		Karsyn Berndt			Arabella Marcks
11th	…	Chris "Tuna" Hansen	27th	…	Cody Halvorson
		Kelcie Hooyman	28th	…	Samantha Holz
12th	…	Duane Pingel	29th	…	Cory Demerath

January Anniversaries

2nd … Erna & Bob Thiel
5th … Jen & Josh Erb
19th … Connie & Wayne Ort

January 2026

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Sunday Schedule: Trinity ~ Worship 8:45am
Black Creek ~ Sunday School 9am & Worship 10:15am
Cecil ~ Worship 4pm

Pastor's In The Office
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
Please call/text to make sure

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Communion **SCRIP order**	**5**	**6**	**7** **1:30pm BC Guild**	**8**	**9**	**10**
		1/6 through 1/16 Pastor Moira in New Mexico; available by phone for emergencies				
11 **No worship at Cecil**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**
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18 BC Choir sings BC Youth Group Bowling	**19** 4-6:30pm BC Confirmation	**20** 6:30pm BC Council	**21** 4-6pm ALC Pantry	**22** 9am C Closet work day 6:30pm BC Anniversary Committee	**23**	**24** 9-11am ALC Pantry
25 **Black Creek Annual Meeting** **Cecil Annual Meeting**	**26** 4-6:30pm BC Confirmation	**27** Noon-3pm C Closet	**28**	***29***	**30**	**31** ***Tomorrow…*** *Communion* *SCIRP*

Key to locations:
BC = St. John's Black Creek
T = Trinity
C = St. John's Cecil
A = Ascension Lutheran

January 2026

"The purpose of this congregation is to be a faith community promoting the kingdom of God through worship, teaching, and action … get ready!"

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Guild Calendar

January 7, 2026
Popcorn snowman project
Snacks ~ Sally D.

February 2026 ~ No meeting

March 4, 2026
Garden theme project
Snacks ~ Vi B-L

April 8, 2026
Get ready for the rummage sale
Snacks ~ Roberta L.

SCRIP NEWS … Budget In The New Year

Let us help with your usual monthly expenses ~
gas, groceries, dining out.
SCRIP is a great way to budget the amount you intend to spend.
Questions? Talk with Pat or Brandi Schomisch