



Humans Of Faith  
Jack Delaney

If you could be great at any Olympic sport, what would it be?

**Swimming, because I love to swim.**

Tell us a weird fact you know for no reason.

**A frog's legs are 2x longer than its body.**

What is something you've always wanted to do but haven't done yet?

**Learn to ski.**

If you were a potato, how would you be cooked?

**Mashed potato.**

What is your favorite vacation spot or most interesting place you've visited?

**Kalahari. I loved all the animals in the lobby.**

Which natural phenomenon bring you joy?

**Creeks, rivers, stream and lakes. And finding the creatures in them.**

## Church Calendar

### This Week December 29

Door Monitor- Julanna Klaasen  
Sound/Video- Paul Cusack  
Projector- Linda Van Lenten  
Nursery- Alyssa Morin, Kelly Delaney, Jack Delaney  
KidsChurch- Sally Ruitenber, Sue Grimm  
Coffee- Linda Van Lenten  
Children's Message- Bill Faasse  
KidSpace- No KidSpace  
Chosen- No Chosen

### Next Week January 5

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenber  
Sound/Video- Paul Cusack  
Projector- Jess Ruit  
Nursery- Mary van der Meer, Kelly Delaney, Jack Delaney  
KidsChurch- Kathy Faasse, Bev Bentley  
Coffee- Trudie Pruiksma, Bev Bentley  
Children's Message- Paul Cusack  
KidSpace- No KidSpace  
Chosen- No Chosen

What's your favorite hymn?

**Ten Thousand Reasons.**

What are 5 quick things you're grateful for?

**Nature, my parents, my brothers, the sky and school.**

What is a book you wish you could read again for the first time?

**A Wrinkle In Time. I love this book because it was so creative.**

Do you have any secret talents?

**Whistling.**

What's your favorite school subject?

**Reading and writing.**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG- "O COME, LET US ADORE HIM"**

**\*GOD'S GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* SONG OF PRAISE- "O HOLY NIGHT"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SONG OF ASSURANCE- "HERE I AM TO WORSHIP"**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING**

*SPECIAL COLLECTION- MADISON AVE CROSSROADS*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SONG OF PREPARATION- "INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY"**

**SCRIPTURE- MATTHEW 2:13-23**

**SERMON- "TRYING TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WAYS"**

**SONG OF RESPONSE- "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*DOXOLOGY- "O THOU JOYFUL, O THOU WONDERFUL"**

**POSTLUDE**

**TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ENJOY COFFEE, TEA, JUICE, WATER AND MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION.**

\*Please rise, in body or in spirit

**TODAY**, December 29,

- Is the first Sunday after Christmas
- We will hold a congregational meeting to vote on the 2025 budget following morning worship

**NEXT SUNDAY**, January 5,

- Is the second Sunday after Christmas
- We will celebrate communion at our morning service. Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” All, then, who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who earnestly desire to lead a godly life, ought to accept the invitation now given and come with gladness to the table of the Lord

#### FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!** We are looking for individuals to help serve coffee during coffee hour after church. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and connect with our church community. If you’re able to donate your time, please see Trudie for more details.

**Next week, January 5<sup>th</sup>,** we will be ringing in the new year by having olie bollen during our coffee hour. Please join us in the Barn following morning worship for a time of fellowship and food!



***This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant as we enter 2025.***

**Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.**

**We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.**

**In the midst of life’s uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.**

**In the midst of life’s inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.**

**In the midst of life’s temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.**

**And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end” (Psalm 119:33).**

**We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our Armed Forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.**

**Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).**

**As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.**

**And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.**

**Amen.**

#### OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Congratulations to *Jay & Jess Everett* on the birth of their daughter Bethany Taylor Everett on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bethany joins big sister, Abigail.

Please note the new phone number for John and Louise Butler is 201-389-3949.

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**SICK & SHUT-INS –**  
Louise Butler, Foge Maas,  
Helen Van Olden



12/29 Doris Kuiken

12/29 John Everett

12/31 Keith Davis

1/3 Cheryl Cusack

1/5 Judy Van Dyk

1/5 Sue Grimm

1/5 Eloise Royle

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#### *Special Collections*

**January 5-**

Building Fund

**January 12-**

World Renew

**January 19-**

Missions

**January 26-**

Don Stoel Memorial Fund

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