



VINJE

JANUARY 3, 2024

6:00 PM

gathering

SONG

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes, Lord, we aren't the people you call us to be.

Remind us who we are.

Sometimes, we focus on what we don't have instead of what we do have.

Remind us who we are.

Sometimes, we are so concerned about ourselves that we aren't concerned enough about those around us.

Remind us who we are.

Sometimes, we forget the gifts you bless us with and we forget to share what we have with others.

Remind us who we are.

Here in this place, God gives you a fresh start, a new beginning, and a reminder of who you are and whose you are. You belong, you are blessed, and you are loved, just as you are. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG & OFFERING

BLESSED ASSURANCE

welcome...we're glad you're here!

We are so glad that you are here and worshiping God with us today. We know that God loves and welcomes all people and so we do our best to do the same. Feel comfortable being who God created you to be in this space and listen for the ways that the Holy Spirit is calling you to faith and a deeper love for your neighbor. Thanks for joining this community of faith, service, and worship today. You are always welcome!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**MESSAGE**

MATTHEW 16:13-18
YOU ARE THE CHURCH
 PASTOR JUSTIN

SONG

KYRIE ELEISON



Jacob was a CHEATER.
 Peter had a TEMPER.
 Paul was a MURDERER.
 David had an AFFAIR.
 Noah got DRUNK.
 Jonah RAN FROM GOD.
 Gideon was INSECURE.
 Miriam was a GOSSIP.
 Martha was a WORRIER.
 Thomas was a DOUBTER.
 Sara was IMPATIENT.
 Elijah was MOODY.
 Moses STUTTERED.
 Abraham was OLD.
 Lazarus was DEAD.

*At Vinje, we believe all
 people are welcome
 at the Lord's Table
 regardless of any
 circumstance.*

COMMUNION**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will
 be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
 our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we
 forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us
 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
 Amen

SONG

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

SONG

HUNGRY

BLESSING

*You are God's Church
 You are God's beloved
 You are the body of Christ,
 the hands and feet with which God blesses the world
 So go now, blessed by God to be a blessing,
 Knowing that as you go, God's love goes with you.
 In Jesus' name. Amen.*

SONG

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

DISMISSAL

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.*

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS

Justin Ask
Dane Skilbred

VIDEO

Courtney Skilbred

MUSICIANS

Worth Saving

SLIDES

Nicholas Runke

USHERS

Confirmation Students

NURSERY

Brynnlee Carroll
Malea Hansen

Remember in Prayer

We would like to check in on you or your loved ones when ill or hospitalized. If you or someone you know is in the hospital please let one of the pastors or the church office know.

RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Marvin Turnipseed, Karen Wiehr,
Sonja Westre, Lane Leedahl, Tracey
Glein, Bea Heike

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Merle Berkeland, Shirley Brandt, Ted
Olson, Trevor Hansen, Randy Patton

BEREAVED

Family and friends of Mona Welker
following her death on December 26.

Family and friends of Shirley Brandt
following her death on December 30.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Sponsors are needed for bulletin,
broadcast, bus and coffee for 2024!
Please call or email the church office
to reserve your dates. Thanks!**

THANK YOU

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Jim and Marilyn Tiede with **congratulations to Reverend Andrés Albertsen, PhD for being awarded his doctorate degree from Luther Seminary.**

This week's broadcast is sponsored by Sonja Westre **in loving memory of Earl L. Westre.**



LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

We were simply overwhelmed and overjoyed by your incredibly generous giving towards our Light of Christmas campaign for 2023. Donations of more than \$4500 were received! In addition, members generously purchased more than 50 gifts from the tags from our Light of Christmas tree! These gifts (along with other purchased gifts and gift cards) provided Christmas joy to ten local families. 26 adults and 37 children all received a gift, a clothing item and a household necessity or a gift card. A local elementary school received boots and gloves for children in need. And also, we provided gift cards to a family that recently took in four siblings on short notice and another family who's child was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness! You it was an honor to work together with you to share the light of Jesus with our neighbors this Christmas!



WEDNESDAY TREATS NEEDED!

We are in need of treats (any kind!) to serve with Wednesday suppers! If you are able to bake or buy any sweet treats to share on Wednesdays, they can be dropped off in the office at your convenience. Thanks so much!

ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 4 & FEBRUARY 7 AFTER WORSHIP

The 2024 annual meeting of Vinje Lutheran Church will begin on Sunday, February 4th after worship and will conclude on Wednesday, February 7th after worship. All information will be presented on both dates. All confirmed members of the congregation will have voice and vote. We will vote on new council members and a 2024 budget proposal. Hope to see you all at one of these two meeting times!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MON DAYS JAN 29-MAR 4 12:30-1:30 GATHERING AREA

Learn how you can make a difference in your family, your church, and your community by studying the examples of scriptural women who in so many ways were just like us. We will be using "Women Like Us: Wisdom for Today's Issues" (Study guides will be available at the Vinje office starting January 11). Facilitators for this bible study will be Jean Geselius, Nancy Hafner, Cheryl Schmidt and Anne Christianson. Please RSVP your interest to the Church office at 320-235-1441 or email vinje@vinjchurch.com

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
5:00 PM SUPPER: PIZZA
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM
6:00 PM WORSHIP
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION
6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
11:00 AM SHIRLEY BRANDT FUNERAL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, JANUARY 8
5:00 PM EXECUTIVE COMM MTG

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

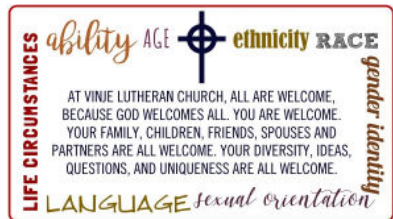
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Nursery care is available during all worship services in Loving Arm's Pre-K Room located in the east hallway.



MISSION TRIPS!

Info about the youth mission trips to St Louis and Nebraska can be found on the website! Parents, please talk with your kids about this fun opportunity! Contact Pastor Justin with questions.



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