



I've been
meaning to ask...

IS EVERYTHING IN THE BIBLE TRUE?



VINJE

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

9:30 AM

gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes, God, we are afraid to ask you the big questions.

Deepen our faith, God.

Sometimes we worry our questions mean we doubt you.

Deepen our faith, God.

Sometimes we are more comfortable believing on a surface level.

Deepen our faith, God.

Sometimes we are afraid of what the answers might be.

Deepen our faith, God.

Questions and doubt are not signs of shrinking faith. Rather than drawing us from God, questions move us closer to discovering who God really is. Questions are the sign of a faith that is real and alive and curious. Questions deepen our faith. So let us dare to ask the big questions together.

Amen.

SONG

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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!

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 139:1-8

*Word of God, Word of Life.***Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****MESSAGE***IS EVERYTHING IN THE BIBLE TRUE?*

JOHN 6:61-69

SONG HOW GREAT THOU ART**APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

"IT'S NOT THAT THOSE ANCIENT PEOPLE TOLD LITERAL STORIES AND WE ARE NOW SMART ENOUGH TO TAKE THEM SYMBOLICALLY, BUT THAT THEY TOLD THEM SYMBOLICALLY AND WE ARE NOW DUMB ENOUGH TO TAKE THEM LITERALLY."

JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN

OFFERING**SONG** LAMB OF GOD**OFFERING PRAYER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****SONG** HOPE HAS A NAME**SONG** LORD I NEED YOU**TABLE BLESSING**

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

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place remember that no question, fear, or doubt can separate us from the love of God.

And may these words of Jesus echo through your mind, as well:

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Go forth in Jesus' name.

Amen.**SONG** OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART LORD**DISMISSAL***Go in peace. Ask the big questions.***Thanks be to God.**

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS	Seyward Ask Dane Skilbred	MUSICIAN	Lily Sargent
USHERS	Mark Bredeson Kirk Davis	COMMUNION	Lynn Peterson Jeff Holtkamp
LECTOR	Julene Bredeson	CAMERAS	Anthony Buzzeo
		SLIDES	Paul & Sue Bredeson

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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, Jim Tiede, Steve "Iver" Iverson, Terry Heil, Bob Glaesman

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Merle Berkeland, Ted Olson, Trevor Hansen, Randy Patton, Lane Leedah

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor the bulletin (\$75), broadcast (\$95), bus (\$60), or coffee (\$40) or all 4 for \$250.

Sponsors are needed for the following dates: 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5

THANK YOU

This week's broadcast is sponsored by the Thiele family in loving memory of their incredible parents, Duke and Audrey Thiele. Who this year, would have celebrated their 100th birthdays.



GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES EARLY

BIRD REGISTRATION

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15.

Now's the time to get registered for camp! Head to www.gllm.org to check out all the options for our youth! Also, please note that scholarships are available if needed. Please reach out to Pastor Dane with any questions about these opportunities!



FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

MARCH 16 | 9 AM-4 PM

Vinje is offering First Communion Instruction as a retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp. The instruction is geared toward those in Grades 2-5, but if you feel that your child is ready, we welcome Kindergarteners and up! Please find more information as well as the registration links on Vinje's website. Contact Pastor Dane with questions.

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES ability AGE ethnicity RACE **gender identity**
AT VINJE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALL ARE WELCOME. BECAUSE GOD WELCOMES ALL. YOU ARE WELCOME. YOUR FAMILY, CHILDREN, FRIENDS, SPOUSES AND PARTNERS ARE ALL WELCOME. YOUR DIVERSITY, IDEAS, QUESTIONS, AND UNIQUENESS ARE ALL WELCOME.
LANGUAGE sexual orientation



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

**February 18 (Holden)
& February 21
When We're
Burnt Out**

Have you noticed that sometimes we just get overwhelmed? Schedules are busy, demands are high—and that is nothing new. Jesus offers a way out of the never-ending cycles that can often dominate our lives.

**February 25 (Holden)
& February 28 (Holden)
When There's Not Enough**

What do we do when everyone around us is waiting for something that we know is all gone? Jesus isn't afraid to step into these moments with us and show us unimaginable resources.

**March 3 & March 6
When We're Too Hurt**

Sometimes the only thing worse than being hurt or sick is watching a loved one who is hurt or sick. Who can we turn to in times that healing is needed? Jesus shows up in these moments with healing for every aspect of our lives.

**March 10 (Holden)
& March 13 (Holden)
When Life's Too Much**

Death brings out the deepest sorrow. We don't know what to do or say. But Jesus does.

**March 17 & March 20
When We're Too Anxious**

Sometimes, our anxiety can become larger than life. When the storms of life terrify us and it seems that we are left alone to worry, Jesus is still there. The care that Jesus gives us can bring peace to any situation.

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
12:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
5:00 PM EXEC COMMITTEE MTG
6:00 PM JUBELLATION REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
10:00 AMMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
5:00 PM FUNDRAISER MEAL—BBQS
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM
6:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
6:00 PM LENTEN MENTORS
6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
5:30 PM BLUE STAR MOTHERS
6:00 PM AIM-PEOPLE FIRST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
11:30 AM MEMORIAL SERVICE—
DON HANDAHL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
9:30 AM WORSHIP





Nursery care is available services in the Pre-K Room located in the east hallway.



LOVING ARMS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Do you have a little extra time on your hands but want to maintain a flexible schedule? We'd love it if you'd consider joining the Loving Arms team as a flexible part-time substitute teacher. You'll love working next to growing young minds and making a positive impact on children's lives. Talk to Melissa or Pastor Justin if you would like more information.



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