



**I've been  
meaning to ask...**

**DOES GOD HAVE A PLAN FOR MY LIFE?**



**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.**

### **HYMN**

**GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER**

**HYMN #618**

### **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**

ROMANS 8:23-30

*Word of God, Word of Life.***Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****MESSAGE***DOES GOD HAVE A  
PLAN FOR MY LIFE?*

PROVERBS 3:1-12

**HYMN**

HYMN #796

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

**APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

"THE GLORY OF GOD IS  
PRECISELY THAT FOR OUR  
SAKES HE COMES DOWN TO  
THE VERY DEPTHS, INTO  
HUMAN FLESH, INTO THE  
BREAD, INTO OUR MOUTHS,  
OUR HEARTH, OUR BOSOM."

MARTIN LUTHER

**OFFERING****HYMN**

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

HYMN #712

**OFFERING PRAYER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****HYMN**

BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE

HYMN #469

**HYMN**

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

HYMN #773

**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.****HYMN**

SOON AND VERY SOON

HYMN #439

**DISMISSAL***Go in peace. Ask the big questions.***Thanks be to God.**

# SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

<b>PASTORS</b>	Justin Ask Dane Skilbred
<b>USHERS</b>	Mark Bredeson Kirk Davis
<b>LECTOR</b>	Suzanne Napgezsek

<b>ORGANIST</b>	Tim Burns
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Steve & Jill Condon
<b>CAMERAS</b>	Paul Nordin
<b>SLIDES</b>	Suzanne Napgezsek

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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  
Dianne Christenson

## CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

## 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: 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31**

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

ability
AGE
ethnicity
RACE

gender
identity

LANGUAGE
sexual orientation

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.



## 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](http://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!



## I've been meaning to ask...

When it comes to faith, we all have questions that we wonder about. Let's explore a couple of them together in the coming weeks.

Here are the questions we'll be digging into...

- Jan 31 Do all religions lead to the same God?
- Feb 4 Does God have a plan for my life?
- Feb 7 Can I believe in both God and science?
- Feb 11 Is everything in the Bible true?

## ANNUAL MEETING

### TODAY | 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 (please see the insert in your bulletin) and a 2024 budget proposal. Hope to see you all at one of these two meeting times!

*\*Also, please note that childcare will be available during the meeting!*

## BOY SCOUT CHILI FEED

SUNDAY, FEB 4  
11AM-1PM

### CALVARY CHURCH

Support Vinje Boy Scouts by attending the delicious Troop 224 Chili Feed next Sunday at Calvary Lutheran Church! Your free will donations will be used towards summer camp expenses.



## FAREWELL FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
AFTER THE ANNUAL MTG

Join us for worship on Wednesday and stay for cupcakes (which will follow the brief annual meeting) as we send off Lily and thank her for her sharing her talents with us this past year.

SCAN HERE TO  
GIVE ONLINE!



## THIS WEEK AT VINJE

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30 AM WORSHIP  
10:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
1-6 PM BLOODMOBILE

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
2:00 PM RUTH'S CIRCLE

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!  
5:00 PM SUPPER  
5:25 PM NOVA/SALOM  
6:00 PM WORSHIP  
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION  
6:45 PM ANNUAL MEETING  
6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30 AM WORSHIP

*Nursery care is available during all worship services in Loving Arm's 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. Plus, a little extra spending money never hurts. Talk to Melissa or Pastor Justin if you would like more information.



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