

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FRIENDS IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kay Jipp	January 02
Delmer Mogensen	January 02
Audrey Wilson	January 03
Willow Johnson	January 04
Ennis White	January 06
Emersyn Aguirre	January 08
Mark Carlson	January 08
Annika Hinterholzer	January 08
Gabriel Olsen	January 08
Kelley Wester	January 10
Lucille Haase	January 11
Kimberly Peterson	January 11
Anja Hinterholzer	January 12
Raelynn Still	January 12
Ann Wester	January 13
Debbie Kelley	January 15
Cole Erdmann	January 16
Gabe Aguirre	January 17
Melissa Mugg	January 17
Gene Petersen	January 17
Abby Still	January 17
Ellie Anderson	January 18
Victoria Brown	January 19
Dave Carlson	January 19
Jaedon Fisher	January 20
Becky Erdmann	January 23
Andrew Hancock	January 23
Dean Rohwer	January 23
Mark Wilcox	January 23
Josiah Rosentrater	January 25
Chuck Erickson	January 27
Wendy Ivarson	January 27
Josh Hancock	January 28
Elias Still	January 28
Ray Gregg	January 29
Eric Hinterholzer	January 29
Emmett Rosentrater	January 29

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Anders Sorensen	February 1
Liz Wilson	February 1
Marilyn Lundquist	February 3
Gavin Mayer	February 3
Madalyn Dobson	February 4
Ron Morgan	February 4
Faith Brown	February 5
Leah Maier	February 5
Westyn Harper	February 7
Nora Wilson	February 7
Elsie Wester	February 11
Kayla Mayer	February 12
Charity Anderson	February 13
Tucker Dobson	February 13
Elaine Visscher	February 13
Tom Hinterholzer	February 14
Evero Montero Dirks	February 14
Bethany Hancock	February 15
Cory VanderPloeg	February 15
Gordon Andersen	February 16
Leta Faust	February 16
Hudson Lichter	February 16
Tim Axiotis	February 17
Keelynn Stika	February 17
Laiken Johnson	February 19
Grace Anderson	February 20
Dawn Badker	February 21
Kyle Morgan	February 21
Reba Brown	February 22
Steve Lundell	February 22
Josh Douglas	February 23
Barb Lemke	February 25
Heidi Brown	February 26
Erin Wilson	February 26
Gen Stratton	February 27
Jill Freed	February 28
Jan Hatten	February 28
Karl Kludas	February 28
Rachel Wolodkiewicz	February 29



THE OAKDALE MESSENGER

JANUARY 2021

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS IN 2020!



Our Pastors!
Pastor Tyler, and Pastor Seth joined us on April 1.



Family Retreat at Hidden Acres!



Handicap Accessible Van for Dr. Tim and Ann Wester!



Bible Instruction Class Graduates!



Mission Trip to Hope at the Brick House!



Thanking God for the Caldwell's Ministry!



Pastor Tyler's Installation!



Wednesdays in the Park!



July 4 Picnic!



Virtual VBS!



Summer Outdoor Worship!



Our Teens and their Leaders!

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WELCOME ADDISON!

Addison Elaine Barglof was adopted by Carrie Barglof on December 16, 2020.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS knocked on a few doors and windows in Cherokee on a cold night before Christmas.

Caroling in Paullina had to be cancelled the next night due to the stormy weather.



JULOTTA

The long-held tradition of Julotta continues to be held on Christmas morning. The Ross and Kristen Peterson family, the David and Reba Brown family, and the Benjy and Ona Deubner family provided special music this year.

Deubner Family

HIDDEN ACRES CAMPS AND RETREATS
hacamps.org

FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS — WINTER BLAST - FEBRUARY 5-7
 Contact Pastor Seth to register.

FOR MEN:
 MEN'S RETREAT - JANUARY 22-24
 SPORTSMEN'S RETREAT - MARCH 25-28

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



ELDER BOARD UPDATE

The Elders met on January 5. The meeting was a great time of praying together for the family at Oakdale and how the Elders could be more effective in their role by being more faithful to God and better imitators of Jesus Christ.

Here are the topics discussed:

- Much discussion centered around modeling and emphasizing discipleship and raising up leaders among the family.
- A team building/vision casting retreat is planned at Hidden Acres on February 26-27 for the full Elder board and spouses.
- Pastor Tyler presented his goals for 2021.
 - These goals will be the catalyst for the Elders to build upon and add specificity to at the retreat.
 - Once that is completed each Elder will then use that vision document to discuss with each ministry area, i.e. Spiritual Life, General Board, CE Department, etc. and help them set goals inside that vision.
- The goal is to ask "Why" as we seek to return to full ministry. With 2021 being a reset year this will be helpful to evaluate all ministries as we seek to follow God's leading.
- The Elders are in full agreement that meeting together is crucial for the life and health of the family at Oakdale.
- Plans are being made with the CE department and the General Board as we seek to return to Oakdale ministry offerings sooner than later. This will be done with safety in mind as we find staff for all ministry areas.

"Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

GENERAL BOARD UPDATE

The General Board met on December 15 and the following is a summary of the meeting:

- approved a 3% salary increase for each of the following: Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, De Tjossem, and Lorna Wilson
- approved an increase of \$1.00 per hour for Carolyn Kranig

DECEMBER FINANCIALS

General Fund Balance as of Dec. 31 - \$138,582.51

General Fund Income for December - \$42,954.33
 General Fund Year-to-Date Income - \$365,921.98

General Fund Expenses for December - \$27,682.89
 General Fund Year-to-Date Expenses - \$306,272.81

The Mission Fund met its yearly financial commitment to the missionaries that Oakdale Church supports.

ATTENDANCE

	8am	9:30am
December 6	12	82
December 13		85
December 20	25	85
December 27	25	64

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

On January 24, 2021, Oakdale Evangelical Free Church will hold its annual congregational meeting at 11:00am. The meeting will be held in the church sanctuary which allows plenty of room to be comfortable.