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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Lisa Bowen, Linda Leslie, Bonnie Knapp, Jerry Wion, Jim Reynolds, Kris Glad (military)

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Gail (Lymphoma), Maise Trostle, Mary Trostle, Jeff Bickel, John Light, Rich Campbell, Lee Card (military), Jonathan Green, Pauline Harman, Shawn Ewing (cancer), Francis O'Connor (cancer), Stan Lembeck, Bill Sherman and family (cancer), Amanda Sigman and family (cancer)

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Beginning on Monday, February 5, a study of the Gospel of Mark will begin at 7:00 pm. This is the first of the four Gospels written on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. If you've never been in a Bible study before, or if you're well versed in the Scriptures, this will be an enriching exploration of a crucial New Testament book. The group will meet in the Hope Room (former Deeper Waters Room). Pastor Ron will lead the study.

If you would like more information or to register, please contact Pastor at [TLCRevRon@comcast.net](mailto:TLCRevRon@comcast.net).

SOCIAL STATEMENT STUDY

Did you know that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has developed a host of Social Statements on a wide variety of issues? These statements are not church dogma, but rather documents that are designed to help members and congregations reflect on issues facing the world today from a Christian perspective. You can find all the current Social Statements at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org); insert 'social statements' in the search box.

The process by which the ELCA develops these statements begins with a small group of members from across the church. Once the draft is completed it is made available to congregations who may wish to study the statement and then provide feedback to the churchwide offices. Once responses have been collected the statement is updated and then forwarded to the next Churchwide Assembly for review and hopefully approval.

Currently, congregations are invited to study and respond to a statement that's in process, entitled, "The Social Statement on Women and Justice." There has been some interest in reviewing this statement as a group and sending in our responses. To that end, Pastor Ron will be leading the study to be held on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am, in the Hope Room (former Deeper Waters Room), beginning on February 17. Digital copies of the Statement can be found on the ELCA website while several hard copies have been secured and are available on the table under the card rack across from Fellowship Hall.

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TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

10:00 am Zumba  
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:15 am Worship with Communion  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship with Communion  
 11:45 am Social Time  
 12:00 pm Deeper Waters at 2000 Degrees

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:45 pm Zumba

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:45 pm Zumba  
 7:00 pm Bell Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10:00 am Zumba  
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:15 am Worship with Communion  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 9:30 am Joyful Voices  
 10:45 am Worship with Communion  
 11:45 am Social Time

PARISH DIRECTORY  
 CORRECTION

Carolyn Kresen is in  
 Room 229 at Juniper Village.

READINGS - FEBRUARY 4

Job 38:1-18  
 Ephesians 1:3-10  
 Luke 5:1-11



CALLING THOSE THAT LIKE TO DO COUNTED CROSS STITCHING

Plans are in the works to make more Chrismons for our Christmas Trees. I know we are working way ahead of schedule, but if you have a few free minutes, afternoons, or evenings, and like to cross stitch and the weather outside is not something you want to venture into, why not sit down and make a Chrismon or two.

All supplies are available so you need not purchase anything. Let me (Jean Ross, [gdnjr@comcast.net](mailto:gdnjr@comcast.net)) know you are interested in helping with this project and I will get the supplies to you.



ALLEGHENY SYNOD  
YEAR OF PRAYER 2018  
FEBRUARY  
OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Pray for our brothers and sisters in the Montana Synod and Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church that the Holy Spirit would continue to bless their work among their people and show us how to participate in meaningful ways.

*“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”—Romans 12:4-5*

How is the Holy Spirit calling you to participate  
in the ministry of our mission partners?

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*Creation Care update from Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light*

## **JULIANA v. U.S. - CLIMATE LAWSUIT**

“Exercising my ‘reasoned judgment,’ I have no doubt that the right to a climate system capable of sustaining human life is fundamental to a free and ordered society.” -U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken

Twenty one youth filed their constitutional climate lawsuit, called *Juliana v. U.S.*, against the U.S. government and the fossil fuel industry in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon in 2015. Earth Guardians is also an organizational plaintiff in the case.

Their complaint asserts that, through the government's affirmative actions that cause climate change, it has violated the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property, as well as failed to protect essential public trust resources.

A hopeful reading of this case's opinion, which enables the parties to proceed to trial, paints the picture where the children of the future can sue present day regulators for failure to mitigate climate change.

This case could potentially eliminate the nonsensical denial of climate change and declare it ripe for judicial action. Judge Aiken found that "this lawsuit is not about proving that climate change is happening or that human activity is driving it... those facts are undisputed."

However, since no comprehensive federal US climate action policy exists to-date, Juliana v. United States gives the judiciary a chance to help US climate change policy to catch up and to establish a body of common law to fill in until Congress passes a comprehensive climate change framework. Juliana v. United States enforces the public trust doctrine and applies it to the federal government, establishing the right to a climate system capable of sustaining human life as a fundamental right protected by substantive due process.

Professor Patrick Parenteau, an expert in climate change law from the nation's leading institution for environmental law, Vermont Law School, said that, "Judge Aiken wrote a blockbuster opinion in Juliana v. United States holding that there is a constitutional right to a safe climate for the youth of America and the world." He emphasizes that "this has set the stage for the trial of the century featuring some of the world's foremost climate scientists and putting the Trump administration under scrutiny to justify its announced intentions to repeal the Obama administration's clean power plan and withdraw from the Paris climate treaty signed by nearly 200 nations."

Juliana v. United States is a case to remember as we go into the new year. It is the much-needed game changer that the environmental movement needs, that the children of the future count on, and that gives us, as stewards of the Earth, hope that Judge Aiken's opinion will be affirmed by the Supreme Court. As Professor Parenteau predicts, "the whole world will be watching to see how this groundbreaking case turns out."

**The trial will not begin on February 5th**, as originally scheduled, but we are optimistic that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals will soon rule in favor of the youth and lift the stay.

**Citations:** <https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/us/federal-lawsuit/>

Gabriela Steier, *No Ordinary Lawsuit: Juliana v. United States is a Landmark Precedent for Climate Change Litigation*, JURIST - Academic Commentary, Jan. 6, 2017, <http://jurist.org/forum/2017/01/Gabriela-Steier-juliana-v-united-states.php>

*Please keep these young people in your prayers and follow the progress of the trial on the PA IPL website.*

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