

De Soto United Methodist Church

E-Weekly Newsletter

January 25, 2024

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Luke 9:5-6

Worship Service

“People Who Met Jesus: Zaccheus”

A world-renowned musician Taylor Swift has been dating a Kansas City Chief's football player Travis Kelce. It is reportedly known that her fans come to Chief's game to see her. It is also said that sometimes she is more magnified than the game. Media say that Kansas City Chiefs gain an average of 18,000 new fans every time she attends an NFL game. It seems people really want to see her. But if you are a baby boomer, imagine Elvis Presley or the Beatles came to Kansas City or De Soto. Are you going to go and see them?

I am pretty sure Jesus was not less famous than any modern celebrities. Considering that there was no social media, his fame was incredible. People wanted to listen to His teachings and to be healed through His miraculous power. Stories from witnesses spread throughout Galilee, Samaria, Judea, and Gentile provinces as well. Thousands of people gathered around Jesus. Many of them followed Him.

Now as Jesus was passing through a town named Jericho, a man wanted to see Him. He heard of Him, a wonderful man, not like any other Jewish leaders. As He was going to pass by, this man became anxious because he couldn't see Jesus due to the crowd. In fact, he was not tall enough to see through the people. Actually, he was small according to the Bible. But this man of will was determined to see Jesus. So, he climbed a sycamore tree, which was not the most dignified scene for a grown-up man at all. He did not care.

Why did this man want to see Jesus so bad? What is his background? Was he able to see Jesus from the tree? How did Jesus respond to this man? What happened after he met Jesus? You probably already noticed it was a story of Zacchaeus. This Sunday, we will share a well-known Biblical figure of whom you have heard if you went to Sunday school when you were little. Come and join us to worship God and listen to the message from Him to us!

In Christ,
Rev. Young Je Kim



Continued healing prayers for those in our community who have health and family concerns.
Prayers for Keil Hileman and his family, Phil Hileman, Sandra Hoover, Judy Macy, Bub Schmidt.

A Note from Sabrina:



For Your Calendar

February 4, 4:00-5:30 pm

> **Bible Explorers** for upper elementary in Fellowship Hall.
> **Youth Group** for middle & high school upstairs by the fireplace.

February 11, after worship

> All are invited to pick-up Shrove Tuesday Pancake Mix, courtesy of Youth Group.



Free Family Concert February 3 3:00 pm

Join us as we welcome DJ CX4, Sandi Meo-Hall, for a musical family fun event.

Invite a friend to join you for this interactive and entertaining show for the young and young at heart.

This Week at De Soto UMC

28 SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
31 Wed	10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee
	6:00 pm	Choir rehearsal

4 SUN	4:00 pm	Bible Explorers
	4:00 pm	Youth Group
5 Mon	6:30 pm	NEW: Agape Circle
11 SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Mix pick up from Youth
18 SUN	11:15 am	New Member Orientation
25 SUN	11:15 am	New Member Orientation
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MARCH 3	10:00 am	NEW MEMBER WELCOME

February—looking ahead

3 Sat	3:00 pm	Family Fun DJ
4 SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	The Art of Hospitality Program and Lunch

SERVICE WORKERS JANUARY 28, 2024

Liturgist: **Gayle Moriarity**
Greeters: **Cindy and Thad Goodrich**
Hospitality: **Carol Coffman**
Offering: **Charles Miller**

Camera Operator: **Ron Hooper/
Annette Tucker**
Nursery Helper: **Lisa Schmucker**

Thank you ALL!

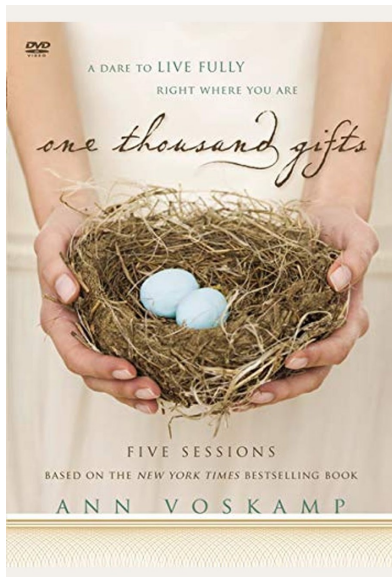
De Soto Food Pantry

Our **Mission and Outreach** Team is shining a spotlight on a food pantry need each month. We're concentrating on items that government assistance does not cover. Thanks for any help with this!

The Month of January: Cleaning items, i.e. detergent, dish soap, spray cleaners, etc.

Requesting your assistance: Please bring ONE item listed above. If every one of us brings one item to church on Sundays, we would cover the need.

Thanks so much, your Outreach Team: Linda Rumsey, Annette Tucker, Lisa Schmucker, Cindy Goodrich, Gayle Moriarity, Carol Coffman and Gene Chavez.



Agape Circle

De Soto United Methodist Women

Join us in a study of Ann Voskamp's book, "One Thousand Gifts: A dare to LIVE FULLY right where you are", led by Amy Holzhueter. We are meeting the first Monday night of the month - this February 5th, 6:30pm. Come study with other women, making and renewing friendships.

Meet at the home of Linda Rumsey, 27545 West 89th St., Lenexa, KS

Just like you, Ann Voskamp hungers to live her one life well. Forget the bucket lists that have us escaping our everyday lives for exotic experiences. How, Ann wondered, do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long and sometimes even dark? How is God even here?

The Art of Hospitality

*The Art of Hospitality training: **Sunday, February 4th, after service with light lunch**

-Trainer: Yvonne Gentile, the Lead Director of Resurrection's Guest Experience and the co-author of the Art of Hospitality

-Participants: Everyone who is interested in welcoming people.

-Please RSVP to Annette Tucker for lunch preparation.

New Member Welcoming

-**Orientation <1>: Sunday, February 18th** after worship service

-**Orientation <2>: Sunday, February 25th** after worship service

-**New Member Welcoming Rite: Sunday, March 3rd**, during the worship service

-If you are interested in joining our church family, please fill out the application prepared in the narthex and hand it in to Pastor Kim by February 11, 2024.