

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran
Church
5356 N. Hillside
Wichita, KS
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March 2025 Newsletter

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LENT

in view of

GOD'S MERCY

a Series of Services for the Season of Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY:
Mercy in Ashes



WEEK ONE:
Mercy in Temptation



WEEK TWO:
Mercy in Suffering



WEEK THREE:
Mercy in Betrayal



WEEK FOUR:
Mercy in Relationships



WEEK FIVE:
Mercy in Service

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Romans 12:1

Winter Worship Schedule

9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship
 10:10 AM- Sunday School (All Ages)
 11:00 AM- Traditional Worship

Men's Breakfast

We will be at Auntie C's, located at 61st and Broadway. We will be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 8th for some good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Bischoff at 209-2138.

Quilt Day

Our next Quilt day will be on March 4th at 9:00 am. For questions, contact: Janice Cross 260-4282 (h) or 519-4776 (c)

This group of quilters is open to anyone who wants to join them. Sewing or quilting skill is not necessarily required. They meet once a month and you can come and go as your schedule allows. The morning is filled with conversation, laughter, encouragement, and by doing the important work of creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



2025 Bookkeepers Report



	January 2025	YTD 2024	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$26,528.19	\$26,528.19	\$215,931.31
Expenses	\$24,125.73	\$24,125.73	\$249,950.53
Variance	\$2,402.46	\$2,402.46	(\$34,019.22)

Respectfully Submitted, Alan Wondra



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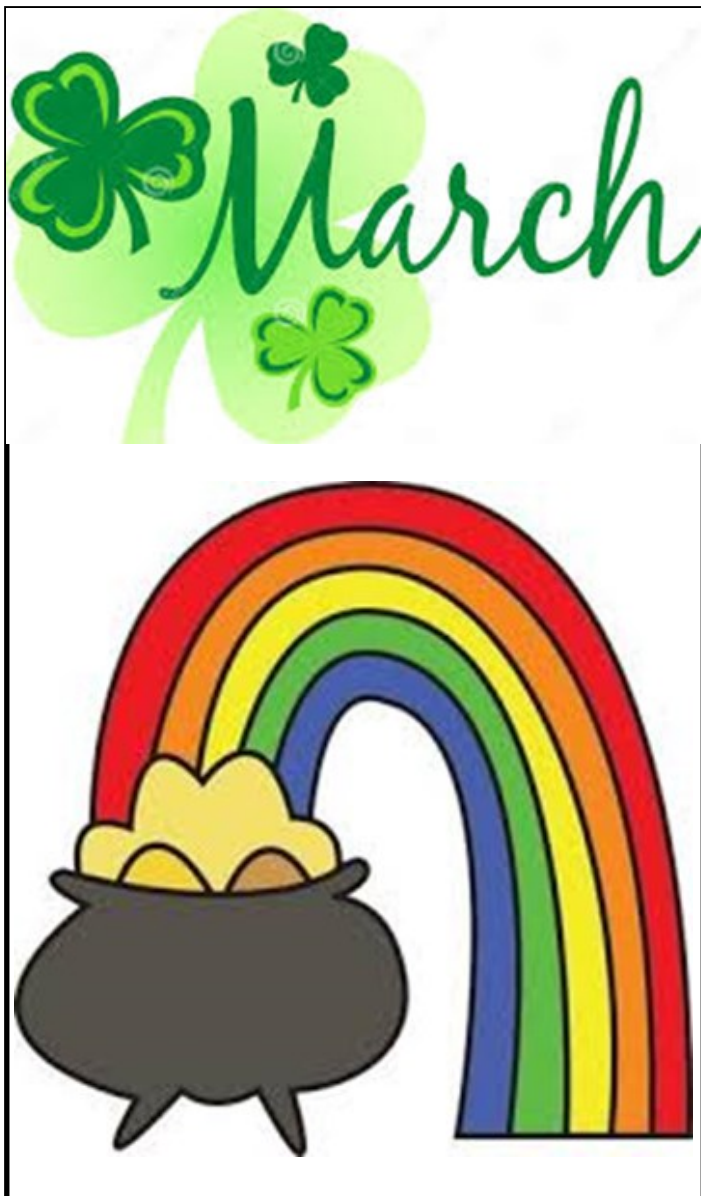
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Parish Nurse - Mary Garrelts



For any medical questions or concerns please contact **Mary Garrelts** at mgarrelts@cox.net



The logo features the year '2025' in a large, bold, black font with a white outline. Below it, the words 'Class of' are written in a black, cursive script font.

Do you have a high school senior this spring? We'll soon be preparing to make their graduation cut & tie quilts. I purchase fleece & we try to find a time that parents can help with the actual making of the quilt. JoAnn's Fabric Store is going out of business & they have been the most convenient & cost-effective place to buy. So if your senior knows the two colors (or just one is ok, too) that they would like – let me know. I understand students are still in the decision making process & there's no great rush. Some kids use college colors, some use favorite colors, some use high school colors, some use their dorm room decoration theme (think girls now). Just let me know when you have choices firmly in mind! We like to finish them a couple weeks before Senior Sunday so we have time to get names embroidered on the quilts. Call or text – Mary Garrelts 316-640-7009

Lenten Suppers are Coming!

March 12th – Soup & Chili

March 19th – Sandwiches & Such (Spring Break)

March 26th – Baked Potato Bar

April 2nd – Spaghetti

April 9th – Potluck

Meals begin at 6:15pm & by 6:45pm we will start clean-up to be ready for service at 7pm. *We would like individuals/& or families to sign –up to help with serving as coordinators for a week.* Call or text Mary Garrelts at 316-640-7009 if you would be willing to step up. Bonnie & Phil are vacationing in New Zealand & Australia this month so we need to acquire some new talent!

New & Old Suggestions for Lenten Meals:

1. Bring your own plates/cups/silverware or use the church's "real" dishware.
2. A new station to scrap plates will be set up outside the kitchen. We ask that you just clear your plates & take them home to rinse & wash. We will have some old Walmart sacks for your use or bring something from home. We are trying to cut down on the number of people in the kitchen at clean-up time & be good stewards of the earth & cut down on our paper/plastic waste.
3. If you use the church's dishware – we will have a bin to place it in & we will place it in the dishwasher.
4. Dishwasher will be started as we finish up in the kitchen.
5. Sign-ups will be out on Sunday morning to give us a basic idea – but anything is welcome on Wednesday!
6. Please come even if you didn't make it to the store – there's always enough!
7. If everyone pitches in to help with clean-up – we can all make it into service.

LENT 2025

Our theme for Lent this year is called, “In View of God’s Mercy,” as we explore the depths of God’s mercy for us displayed through Jesus Christ, and then ask how we can extend that same mercy to others. Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and our worship service will be at 7:00pm.

We will continue our tradition of Lenten meals & worship services every Wednesday after that. The meals will begin on Wednesday, March 12th. Each meal will begin at 6:15pm, followed by a short worship service at 7:00pm. There will soon be a meal sign-up at the Opportunity Table.

We also have a daily devotional for you to take home and use throughout the season of Lent. Those are available at the Opportunity Table.

FALCON FELLOWSHIP COMING UP!

Wednesday, March 12th, is our monthly Falcon Fellowship, where we offer the kids a full lunch and have a great speaker to tell them even more about Jesus. If you would like to help set up, serve and clean up for Falcon Fellowship, we’d love to have you!

You’ll need to arrive around 11:45 (a bit earlier if you want to help grill).

We’ll start serving around 12:20. And we’ll be cleaning up and you’ll be outta there by 1:45. Of course, you can come for any or all of it. We also take donations of homemade cookies!

If you’d like to help, you can just show up, or you can mark the tear-off to let us know you’re coming. Hope to see you there!



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



We will soon be offering classes for children wanting to receive their First Communion. Our First Communion classes are open for any children whose parents feel like they are ready to receive this sacrament. Desiring to take Communion, asking questions about it, or just sticking out their hands out to receive the bread are all good indicators that a child may be ready to go through these classes. This decision is up to the parents and the children to make together. It is also important to know that taking the

classes does not mean that you have to take Communion when it is all over with. There will be a time during the final class for the children and the parents to make that decision together and “We’re just not ready,” is a perfectly acceptable answer.

If children are already receiving Communion, but have never taken the classes or received any instruction about it, this is also a good opportunity for them to learn more about this sacred church tradition. These children are also welcome and encouraged to attend the classes.

The First Communion classes are designed to reach children at a variety of ages, so no child is too old or too young to participate. The classes are also highly interactive and there needs to be at least one parent/grandparent present with your child at every class. There will also be homework for your family after every class. All three classes build on each other, so attendance at all three is important. We will be offering First Communion classes in March at times that will work for all the participants. If you are interested in participating in First Communion classes or have questions about it, please contact Pastor Chad or mark the Tear-off.

JUSTICE TOGETHER UPDATES

In November at the Community Problems Assembly, the members of Justice Together selected two primary issues of injustice to focus on this year: homelessness & affordable housing.

Homelessness

Our local officials have not yet followed through on all the promises they made at the 2024 Nehemiah Assembly. The municipal photo ID card that we fought hard for has been hung up at the state level because the Kansas attorney general wanted to review it and ensure its legality. The city has purchased the equipment to create the photo ID cards and it will hopefully soon be a reality. We also asked for & were promised that the city & county would work together to sustainably fund the MAC (the multi-agency center) as a one-stop-shop for all aid organizations related to homelessness. While the MAC has been created and operated as a temporary homeless shelter this winter, neither the city nor the county has followed through to create sustainable funding for it yet. So we continue to meet with them and hold them accountable to the public promises they made.



Affordable Housing

This was a new issue for Justice Together to address. Research Teams were formed to digest and understand the root problems of affordable housing in our city. Alan Wondra has been serving faithfully on this research team, and they have developed their Problem Statement. The next step is that they will find & develop practical solutions to the problems they identified. At this year's Nehemiah Assembly, they will be asking local officials to implement the solutions they are proposing, and we will need as many people possible at the Nehemiah Assembly to show our local officials that we are serious about wanting them to address affordable housing problems that affect so many.

Mark Your Calendars

March 12 – **Team Meeting** – After the Lenten service, we want people to stick around to discuss our plans for next two upcoming assemblies.

April 10 – **Solutions Rally** – This is a citywide gathering where we will hear the solutions being proposed by the Affordable Housing Research Teams and what we will be asking our local officials to implement.

May 8 – **NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY** – This is the event where we need as many people as possible to attend. Last year we had over 1,400 people of faith ask our city leaders for specific solutions to injustice. It is the one night of the year that all Christ Lutheran folks, along with other people of faith, should come out so that we can work for justice together!

Opportunity to Serve God for All Ages!

**@ St. Paul's Breakfast
March 14th & 15th**

Saturday, March 15th is our Saturday to serve breakfast to persons experiencing homelessness in Wichita, and we will be gathering the evening before to prepare a meal of



breakfast burritos. **We need help!** Because of the new emergency homeless shelter, which is less than a block away from St. Paul's, the breakfast has seen a significant increase in guests over the last couple months. They have been regularly serving 250-300 people each Saturday.

On **Friday, March 14th**, we will gather at **Christ Lutheran** about **5:30pm** to start making the breakfast burritos & prepare everything.

On Saturday, **March 15th**, we will gather at **St. Paul's Lutheran (925 N. Waco)** between **7:00-7:30am** in order to serve the breakfast. We will likely be wrapped up by 9:30 or 10:00am. This is a great opportunity for families & individuals to serve others. It's also a great way to get to know other folks in the congregation.

We will need people to donate cinnamon rolls, sweetbreads & donuts on Saturday morning.

If you can help, please mark the Tear-off. If you have questions or want to learn more about it, you can call or text Rich Harder at 737-2329. Thank you so much!

**NEWS FLASH HEBREW WORD "QARA"--TO CALL OUT:
PRONOUNCED "KAW-RAW"**

By: John Snow

ALL FOUR BOOKS THAT COVER THE LIFE OF JESUS IN THE BIBLE REFER TO JOHN THE BAPTIST AS THE " VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE WILDERNESS". A QUOTE FROM IS. 40:3, ACCORDING TO JOHN , HIS PURPOSE WAS TO ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS.

ISAIAH USED THE HEBREW WORD "QARA" , WHICH MEANS TO PROCLAIM OR TO CRY OUT. WE TRANSLATE IT AS "TO CALL OUT TO"

ISAIAH TOLD THE JEWISH PEOPLE THAT ONE LAST PROPHET WOULD PREPARE THE WAY FOR GOD TO COME BY CALLING PEOPLE'S ATTENTION TO JESUS SO THAT THEY MIGHT TRUST IN HIM FOR SALVATION. JOHN THE BAPTIST WANTED THE PEOPLE TO CALL OUT TO JESUS.

"EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED"

ROMANS 10:13. JONAH 2:2 , IN MY DISTRESS I CALL TO THE LORD. MOSES IN EXODUS 32: 11-14 WHEN HE FEELS OVERWHELMED. IN PS. 18,77, AND 86 WHEN DAVID FEELS DOUBTS AND DISTRESS. IN MATT 14:22-33 , DON.T BE AFRAID. MARK 9:24 I BELIEVE, HELP MY UNBELIEF. DAVID CRIES OUT IN DISTRESS IN PS. 142:1-2, JOB IN JOB 16:20 PAUL IN ACTS 20:18 JESUS IN JOHN 11 :55. NEED SOMEBODY TO TALK TO? ,

FEELING OVERWHELMED?, TIRED?, NOWHERE TO GO. NEED HELP??

PLEASE GET AHOLD OF PASTOR CHAD--HE CAN HELP YOU!!!! HE WILL PRAY WITH YOU. YOU MIGHT EVEN GET AN INVITE TO HIS OFFICE, BUT BE CAREFUL, IT'S A SCARY PLACE. JUST KIDDING, HE'D BE GLAD TO HELP.

WE HEARD LAST MONTH THAT WE ARE TO BE FISHERS OF MEN. TO BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST, TO HELP THEM BELIEVE, TO HELP THEM GET STARTED DOWN THE RIGHT PATH. I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT MOST OF US HAVE CRIED OUT TO THE LORD IN DESPAIR, OR BEING OVERWHELMED, IN SICKNESS,OR DOUBTS, BUT HAVE YOU EVER CRIED OUT THE THE LORD IN HAPPINESS; THE BIRTH OF A CHILD, OF BEING CANCER FREE, OR JUST PRAISING GOD,

I PRAY THAT PASTOR'S OFFICE BE FILLED WITH APPOINTMENTS FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED SOME SPIRITUAL HELP. PRAISE BE TO GOD!!!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



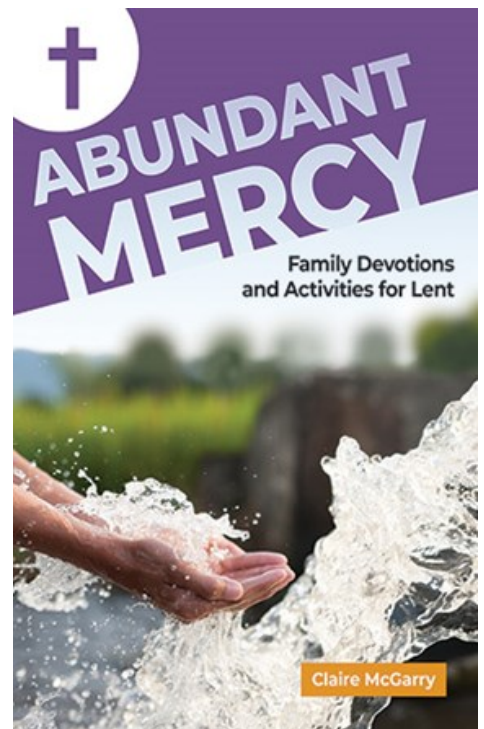
(Officially) Joining the congregation on Sunday, March 2nd, were **Adam, Melissa & Sasha Bohrer!** They've been worshipping with us since the fall and we are so thankful to have them as part of our faith community. They're all from Minnesota originally.

Adam works in cyber security and loves video games & working out at the gym. Melissa work for State Farm Insurance, loves being a mom, and has some musical talents. Sasha is a delightful 3-year-old who we baptized on a snowy day in early January. If you see them around, please help them feel welcome!

LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Lent starts this week and our Lenten Daily Devotionals are ready for you to take home. They are located at the Opportunity Table. This is a chance for you to spend just a little extra time with God during the 40 days of Lent. Our overall theme for Lent is "In View of God's Mercy", and this devotional will help us think about how we can better receive God's mercy and extend God's mercy.

We have a suggested donation of \$2/copy, but please don't let that stop you from picking one up or taking an extra to give to a friend. We have plenty!



March Human Needs Collection benefits:

Camp Tomah Shinga

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries



Items on the Wish List:

- Towels Terry Bar Mop Towels Size 16"x19"
- 6 Qt Clear Storage Boxes
- 3 Qt Stackable Clear Plastic Storage Bins with Lids, Durable Nestable Containers
- Dish Soap, Fresh Scent, 30 fl oz
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags, 13 Gallon
- Multipurpose Drawstring Trash Bags, 30 Gallon, 50 Count
- Fresh Liquid Hand

Soap, 7.5 Fl Oz

- Disinfecting Wipes, Lemon & Fresh Scent
- 2-Ply Flex-Sheets Paper Towels
- Small Flat Tip Paint Brushes
- Apple Barrel, Vibrant Spectrum Collection Acrylic Craft Paint, PROMOABIII, 2 fl. oz each, 16 assorted matte colors, 16 count
- 2-Ply Toilet Paper
- 2 Pack 18 Inch Grab Bars for Bathtubs and Showers
- ValBox Treat Boxes 30 Pack Brown Kraft Paper Gable Gift Boxes-6.2 x 3.5 x 3.5 Inches
- Pillows Queen Size Set of 2 for Back Sleepers (19"x28")
- 3 Piece Deluxe Microfiber Bed Sheets, Twin XL, Dark Gray, Solid



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March Noisy Offering will go towards purchasing items on the Camp Tomah Shinga wish list.



Donations for St. Paul's Breakfast Guests



Our next turn at serving breakfast and distributing clothing will be Saturday March 15th. This is a bit earlier in the month than usual so we only have a few short weeks to collect clothing.

CLOTHING COLLECTION NEEDS FOR MEN AND WOMEN:

- Socks
- Underwear/Bras
- Shoes/Boots
- Jeans/Pants
- Coats/Jackets
- Shirts/Tops
- Bags
- Toiletries (Even small travel sized or hotel sized)

It is OK if items are gently used, but please make sure they are clean. Place in the gray tote marked St Paul's which is under the Human Needs table. They will be collected by noon on Friday the 14th. If you have any questions please contact Gina Christensen by phone or text at 316-727-1402

Casey would love for everyone to come watch her as Mrs. Gloop in the musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! It's April 10, 11, 12 at the Alvin A Morris Administration Center at Lincoln and Edgemoor.

CPT *Purchase* **TICKETS@CPTICT.ORG**

Come See Me!

April ²⁰₂₅
10-12

ROALD DAHL'S
CHARLIE
AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

PRESENTED BY
Christian Performance Theatre ✦

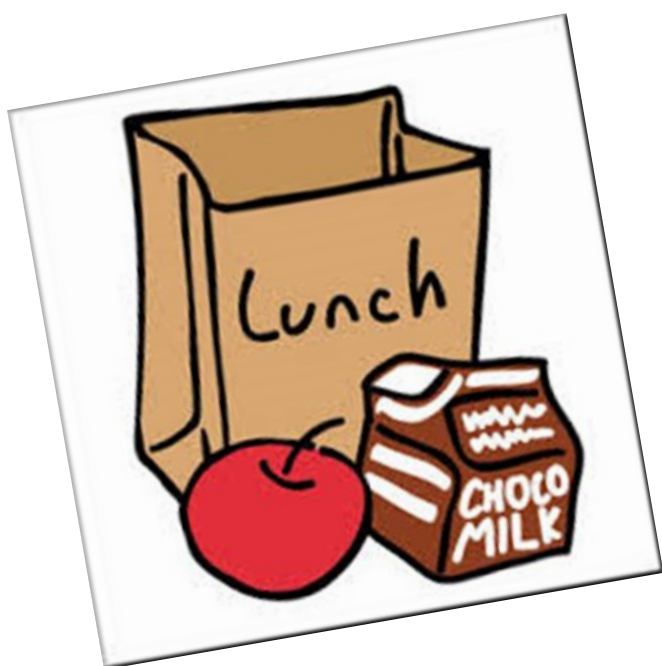
The poster features a young woman with blonde hair, Casey, smiling and wearing a red t-shirt with the musical's title. The background is a dark purple gradient. At the top left, there is a logo for CPT (Christian Performance Theatre) with a ticket icon and the text 'Purchase TICKETS@CPTICT.ORG'. The main text 'Come See Me!' is in large, bubbly, purple letters. Below that, the dates 'April 10-12' are written in yellow, with '20' and '25' indicating the years. The title 'ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY' is printed on the t-shirt. At the bottom, it says 'PRESENTED BY Christian Performance Theatre' with a small star icon.

These are some pictures from a recent senior high youth group where the weather was nice enough for us to have a campfire!



Maynard Peterson and Dawn & Mike Horter helped pass out sack lunches for Sandwich Saturday on February 22nd. Thank you to everyone who came out to help put those lunches together!

Thank you to Jeannene Schweitzer for knitting a bunch of hats & headbands to give to the Heights high school kids. They loved them and really appreciated them on a very cold day!



The youth spent February 7-9 at the annual YOUTH QUAKE in downtown Wichita. They had a great time learning that Christ is Enough!







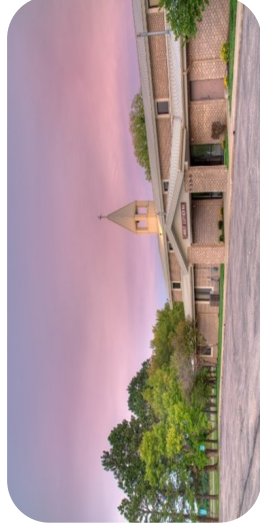


Christ Lutheran Church

SINCE 1951

Staff

Organist Margaret Dietz
 Cantor/Choir Director Jared Pector
 Custodians Ivan & Judith Gonzalez
 Bookkeeper Alan Wondra
 Parish Nurse Mary Garrelts
 Secretary Kali Mills
 Parish Ministry Associate Jody Helton



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 Youth Emily Pector

Staff Relations Committee

Council Mollory Fowler
 Staff David Lechner
 Pastor Forrest Ehrnke

March Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
3/2	9:00	Justin Clouse	Jody Helton	Landon Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Julie Stiebner	Jo & Audrey	Derek Farris	Donn & Cindy T
	11:00	Rich Harder	Becky Dykstra	Paige Gibbs	Matt Becker	Annabel Entwisle	Ben Gibbs	Deb Bischoff	Carol Dooley	
3/9	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Jody Helton	Robin Pressnall	Kari Clouse	Janet Miller	Donn & Becky D
	11:00	Donn Bischoff	Connie Schlatter	Maynard Peterson	Courtlynn Dykstra	NEED ONE	Jean Beal	Kelsey Helmick	Chandra Entwisle	
3/16	9:00	Andrew Clouse	Landon Clouse	Noah miller	Jim Garrelts	Mary Garrelts	Jody Helton	Mary Garrelts	Juanita Freed	Donn & Paul S
	11:00	Bobby Smyser	Taylor Cook	Casey Dykstra	Entwisles	Maynard Peterson	Rosie Harder	Jamie Gibbs	Emily Pector	
3/23	9:00	Justin Clouse	Jody Helton	Andrew Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Landon Clouse	Lantana Howell	Jo & Audrey	Derek Farris	Donn & Jamie G
	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Deb Bischoff	Abby Banta	Gibbs	Donn Bischoff	Bobby Smyser	Alisa Baden	Schweitzers	
3/30	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Kari Clouse	NEED ONE	Janet Miller	Donn & Becky D
	11:00	Paul Shaw	Kelsey Helmick	Paige Gibbs	Matt Becker	Annabel Entwisle	Jean Beal	Alisa Baden	Deb Bischoff	

March 2025

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<p>2 Church Clean Up Day 12:15pm</p> <p>Maize New Mission Start Meeting 5:00pm</p>	<p>3 Falcon Falls HOA 7:00pm</p>	<p>4 Quilters 9 AM</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p> 	<p>5 Women's Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Ash Wednesday 7:00pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Middle School Retreat At Tomah Shinga</p> <p><</p>	<p>8 Men's Breakfast 8 AM</p> 
<p>9 Daylight Savings</p> <p>></p>	<p>10 Council 6:00pm</p> <p>Pastor Chad On Vacation</p> <p><</p>	<p>11 Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p> 	<p>12 Women's Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Falcon Fellowship 11:45am</p> <p>Meal 6:15 pm</p> <p>Lent 7:00pm</p> <p>Justice Together 7:30pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 St. Paul's Breakfast Prep 5:30pm</p> <p>></p>	<p>15 St. Paul's Breakfast 7:00am</p> 
<p>16</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> 	<p>18 Worship @ Shepherd's Crossing 9:30am</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p>	<p>19 Women's Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Meal 6:15 pm</p> <p>Lent 7:00pm</p>	<p>20 Spring Begins</p> 	<p>21 Pastor Chad On Vacation</p> <p><</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <hr/> <p>30</p>	<p>24 ></p> <hr/> <p>31</p>	<p>25 Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p> 	<p>26 Women's Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Meal 6:15 pm</p> <p>Lent 7:00pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>



March Birthdays

Saturday, March 1– Lauren Clifton	Saturday, March 1– Heather Boyce	Sunday, March 2– Marissa Joiner
Wednesday, March 5– Robin Pressnall	Friday, March 7– Lois Jensen	Saturday, March 8– Emily Pector
Tuesday, March 11– Warren Miller	Wednesday, March 12– Laura Lechner	Friday, March 14– Gordon Jones
Monday, March 17– Kinley Thompson	Wednesday, March 19– Madison Ketchum	Thursday, March 20– Melissa Stanton
Tuesday, March 25– Elaine Miller	Thursday, March 27– Jon Stiebner	Monday, March 31– Freyja Carlstedt
Monday, March 31– Monica Spicer		

March Anniversaries

Friday, March 7– Thomas & Christina Vingerud	Monday, March 10– David & Laura Lechner	
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March Baptism Anniversaries

Saturday, March 1– Rich Harder	Thursday, March 6– Deb Bischoff	Saturday, March 8– Rosie Harder
Saturday, March 8– Melissa Bohrer	Thursday, March 20– Kristina Hysell	Thursday, March 20– Lucas Lechner
Saturday, March 22– Carl Mertins	Tuesday, March 25– Jim Garrelts	Wednesday, March 26– Alex Baden
Thursday, March 27– Sarah Serio	Thursday, March 27– Becky Dykstra	Thursday, March 27– Casey Dykstra
Thursday, March 27– Courtlynn Dykstra	Thursday, March 27– Kevin Dykstra	Thursday, March 27– Steve Peacock
Saturday, March 29– Carol Jones	Saturday, March 29– Laurie Anderson	Monday, March 31– Cindy Thompson

