St. John Lutheran Church

February 2026 Newsletter

As a community of believers in Jesus Christ, inspired by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the mission of St. John Lutheran Church is to:
WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARN, SERVE and SUPPORT.

An Uncomplicated Lent

Teri Talk February 2026 "An Invitation to an Uncomplicated Lent"

During Lent of 2026, you are invited to join congregations of the Central States Synod for "An Uncomplicated Lent."[1] This is an invitation for God's people to let go of the all the "stuff" that consumes our time, energy, resources, and spirit, and to go back to the basics: life-giving relationships with God and neighbor.

Life is... complicated. Like weights added to a backpack one at a time, commitments, health concerns, compulsions, escapes, and emotions get added to our load. They **consume** time, resources, emotion, and energy. Before we know it, they are **crushing** us.

We are not alone. Our ancestors spent 40 years wandering in the Exodus wilderness. It took time and practice to reorient their lives--to **let go** of the effects of slavery and **learn to live** with God and one another. But yet again, the weights slowly piled up and consumed them. They later spent 70 years in Exile **releasing** those weights and **remembering** who they were and what was important.

It takes time and discipline. When life gets overwhelming (again and again), God calls us to uncomplicate things. And so, the church enters the season of Lent every year as a sort of spring cleaning. **We spend 40 days (plus 6 Sundays) intentionally letting go of the things that are life-taking and focusing on the relationships with God and other people that are life-giving.**
From Ash Wednesday, February 18 through Easter Sunday, April 5, you are invited to participate in these practices to uncomplicate life….

Let Go - The Practice of "Fasting"

A common practice is to "Give up" something for Lent. Consider using this process:
- **Take time to think** about what sucks the life out of you and distracts from relationships.
- **Focus on the compulsions** rather than activities. Look beyond just social media, chocolate, being late, or swearing. What's going on in you *behind* those things? Escapism or FOMO (fear of missing out), self-indulgence or depression, self-importance or taking on too much, callousness or anger? Make a list of the activities you engage in that feed those life-taking compulsions.
- **Give it a few days.** Pay attention each day to increase your awareness of what is daily sucking the life out of you.
- **Pray about it.** Discuss it with God and listen for God's nudging.
- **Be accountable.** Create a visible reminder (your phone, fridge, etc.) and ask a companion to check in and annoyingly remind you.

Admittedly, it appears counterproductive to add activities to uncomplicate life. However, letting go is just one step to well-being. Without life-giving practices in place, we just fill the space with different draining ones.

Embrace God - The Practice of Prayer

Like any relationship, spending time with God strengthens our connection. Consider:
- **Regular Sunday morning worship** - If your attendance is sporadic, commit now to being in worship all 5 weeks of Lent and Holy Week.
- **Daily Devotional** - Set aside 10 minutes each day to breathe, read the Bible, reflect, and pray using a guided devotional.

Engage People - The Practice of Charity

YOU are a beautiful blessing and gift. Consider how you might give YOURSELF to others--your presence, attention, talents, time, energy, and emotion. Make a plan to do each of these through Easter. Put the dates/times on your calendar now.
- **Connect with those closest to you every day.** Eat at the table, send a midday text, put down your phone, have a conversation in the car, give a hug, or whatever fits you best.
- **Gather once a week with someone outside your household.** Eat, play, talk, or do all three. Keep it simple. If hosting complicates it, meet at a restaurant or coffee shop.
- **Send a note each week to someone you haven't spoken to in a while.** It could be handwritten, email, text, or via social media. Start with, "I was thinking about you today."

Whenever and however you gather, KEEP IT SIMPLE, so you don't end up putting it off.
Have a discussion with someone else: "What was life-giving for you today/this week?"

When you reach Easter this year, may you find yourself with Jesus, renewed and full of life.

Blessings,
Pastor Teri

Reference: [1]*Pastor Mike Kern, dean of the Border Conference,* www.hosannatogether.org/css-lent.

Pastor Teri's Calendar

2026 CALENDAR YEAR

FEBRUARY CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Worship Service 8:15 & 10:30 AM, Communion, Alt Annual Meeting Date Care Home Worship 2-4 pm	02 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	03 Pastor training new staff.	04 Pastor training new staff 1:30-5:30 PM, Worship Comm. 5:30 PM, 425 Youth Group 6:30 & Choir 7:30 PM	05 Pastor training new staff.	06 Pastor training new staff. Pastor's Sermon Writing Day	07 Worship Service 6:00 PM
08 Worship Service 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM	09 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	10 Quilters 1:30 PM, Exec Comm 5:30 PM	11 WKS- text study Hays, 9 AM, Pastoral Care/ Home Visitation Day. 425 Youth Group 6:30	12 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM, Sign Payroll, RCAOC Meeting 5:30 PM STLC	13 Pay Day, Pastor's Sermon Writing Day.	14 Worship Service 6:00 PM Communion
15 Worship Service 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM. Communion, Agape Choir	16 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	17 Quilters 1:30-4:00 PM, Education Comm 5:15 PM	18 Ash Wednesday: 425 Youth Group Soup Supper 5:30 pm, Worship Service 7:00 PM	19 Bible Study with Pastor 1:30 PM, Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM	20 Pastor's Sermon Writing Day	21 Worship Service 6:00 PM
22 Worship Service 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM Bell Choir	23 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	24 Quilters 1:30-4:00 PM, Record Clergy Comments	25 RCAOC Lenten Lunch - Otterbein 12-1 PM, Lent Dev SVC 6:00 PM, 425 6:30, Choir 7:30 pm	26 Pay Roll, Bible Study with Pastor 1:30 PM	27 Pay Day, Pastor's Sermon Writing Day	28 Worship Service 6:00 PM Communion
01 Worship Service 8:15 & 10:30 AM Communion, pastor traveling	02 Pastor out of town	03 Pastor out of town, appt 10:45 am Branson, MO	04 Pastor out of town, RCAOC Lenten Lunch-St Mary's 12-1pm, Lent Dev Svc 6:00 pm	05 Pastor traveling - No Bible Study	06 Pastor's Sermon Writing Day	07 Worship Service 6:00 PM, Spring Forward Weekend - set clocks ahead One Hour!

Welcome Our New Staff

On January 29, 2026 in a special meeting, the Church Council approved offering the position of Administrative Assistant to Kelvie Reeves and she has accepted! We are so excited to welcome Kelvie as our newest staff.

She will begin training on February 3rd, and this will be a time of transition with volunteers continuing to assist in the office. We will also be transitioning to new daily office hours for the church, approved by the Church Council.

The NEW office hours, beginning Monday, February 16, 2026 will be 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm.

I am so very grateful for the willingness of many people to help cover the church office over these last couple of months, your time and assistance has been invaluable. Carol Fritz did an outstanding job organizing and lining up daily coverage for the office. A heartfelt thank you to Carol, Mary Boxberger, Janella Eck, Denise Guth, Glenna Hackerott, Ruth Keil, and John Dumler. You all have been a true blessing to the work of our church.

We extend our gratitude to Sheryl Krug for her six years of service as the office Administrative Assistant and pray for restoration and healing for her health concerns.

The Altar Guild Wants You!

There are many different ministries you can be involved in here at St. John, and one of those vital ministries is the Altar Guild. Those who serve on the Altar Guild are those behind the scene people who create the inspirational setting of our worship experience. Altar Guild is a great way to be involved in the church and doesn't require a lot of your time. You only serve 3 to 4 times in a year and can select when you would like to do that. Altar Guild helps to create a beautiful worship setting in the chapel and sanctuary during Easter and Christmas by placing Easter Lilies and Poinsettias in the worship space. Decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. Preparing and serving Holy Communion, and assisting with and being present during important times in the lives of congregational members like baptisms, weddings and funerals. Anyone of any age can serve on Altar Guild! This is not just a ministry of adult women – men and youth are welcome to serve. The only requirement is your willingness to volunteer! *So Come and see* and join in!!!

Caring for Our Neighbors - Donation Opportunities

Weekly St. John receives letters from different organizations and ministries that are in need of financial support. This month we are highlighting two of these ministries whose needs increase during the winter months due to the severity of the weather in their areas.

Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission
Proclaiming and Practicing the Love of Jesus

The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) Inc. humbly serves the Navajo community of Rock Point, AZ. Every day, our 100% Navajo staff feed the hungry, prioritize Christian and cultural learning, focus on community engagement, and work towards fulfilling basic community needs. In our spiritual and social work, we strive to embody and teach the grace of Jesus and listen to the call of the gospel to serve one another in love. About 2,000 Navajos live in Rock Point and it is roughly 50 miles to the nearest grocery store. Less than 40% of the homes in Rock Point have running water.

Invest in the lives of the Navajo children and families of Rock Point, AZ

Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission is a non-profit organization funded by the generosity of donors who care about the Navajo at Rock Point and wish to see them thrive. Your donations help provide Navajo families with basic means for survival, including housing, food, clean water, education, and ministerial services.

Why give to the Mission?

- The Mission School is an alternative school to Bureau of Indian Affairs and community schools throughout the Navajo Nation
- Parents choose to place their children in a school that reflects Christian values while respecting Navajo culture and tradition
- Partnership is expressed by Navajo and non-Navajo representation on a Mission Board of Directors
- Social needs are addressed by counseling, educational opportunities, and on-the-job training

How it Started

More than sixty-five years ago, Lutheran Christian missionaries arrived in Rock Point, AZ, a remote, isolated village near the Four Corners area where Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah meet. They were leased 5 acres of land on which to build the Mission. The original goals stated on the lease included starting a medical center, a mechanic shop, a radio station and a Christian boarding school. The very first building on this land was a combined church, clinic and two apartments built in early 1954.

Rock Point Mission Today

Today Rock Point has a gas station and convenience store, a laundromat and post office, high school, a chapter house and senior center –and 2000 people living on the land in family clans. Food and medical services are still more than 50 miles away, and general shopping is 115 miles away in New Mexico.

The Mission campus includes Navajo Mission Preparatory School, a K-2 private Christian school, a clinic operated by Tachiinii Nursing Services, Inc. home healthcare services, and an ELCA congregation, House of Prayer.

At the Mission, the Navajo people learn to see themselves and the church as the guiding light – but not the whole show. There are other components of the Mission (like our school, clinic, cultural center, water project, and food bank) which demonstrate our commitment to love one another.

What we do and how we assist the community is the practice of our faith in daily life. We believe this is the teaching of Jesus that holds us in the right relationship with our neighbors.

Donations can be mailed to:
Navajo Lutheran Mission
Box 354, Highway 191
One Mission Lane
Rock Point, AZ 86545-0354

Online Donations:
www.nelm.org
OR
ELCA World Hunger using the **Appeal Code R2LENT2026**

Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, EIN 86-0166564. All donations are tax deductible.

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

The **Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center** has been serving in Pine Ridge South Dakota for over 40 years. Started as a mission outreach the work of the Lutheran Lakota Ministry began in 1985. With a continuous presence since 1989. The work of the ministry has changed over the years.

The Center was a dream of Pastor Larry Peterson and built in 2000. At the center, we offer a range of services designed to provide help and hope to our community. Our **Kid's program** fosters growth and learning for young minds, while the **Job Corp** supports individuals in finding meaningful employment. The **Energy Matching program** assists families in managing their energy costs, and **Homeless Shelter** provides a safe haven for those in need. Additionally, **we host groups** from around the world, promoting connection and collaboration.

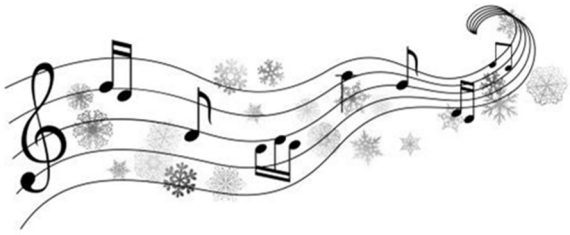
Donations can be mailed to:
Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center
PO Box 862
92 East Main St
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

Online
https://www.pineridgereconciliationcenter.org/

The Lutheran Lakota Ministry is a 501c3 supported by the ELCA, The South Dakota Synod of the ELCA, and the South Dakota Episcopal Diocese.

St. John Ringers Bell Choir and Agape Choir Schedules

Practices

Date	St. John Ringers	Agape Choir
February 4	6:30 pm	7:30 pm
February 11	6:30 pm	No Practice
February 18	No Practices – Ash Wednesday	
February 25	6:30 pm	7:30 pm

Performances

Agape Choir..... 10:30 am, February 15.....Meet in Sanctuary at 9:45 am
St. John Ringers ..... 10:30 am, February 22.....Meet in Sanctuary at 10:00 am

OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Worship Attendance

Date	Sat	Early	Late	Total
Jan 4	22	23	40	85
Jan 11	24	20	44	88
Jan 18	21	23	43	87
Jan 25*	0	0	0	0

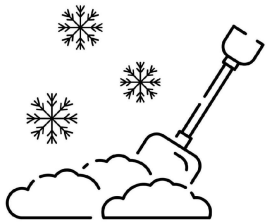
Offering

Jan 4	5352.00
Jan 11	3230.00
Jan 18	2156.00
Jan 25*	0.00

Services this weekend cancelled due to severe weather

Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

The safety and well-being of our members and staff is a primary concern so in the event of bad weather during the winter there may be times when the church will be closed, meetings cancelled, or worship services cancelled.



During the winter months, cancellations and closures may be the result of weather conditions, staff unable to get to the church, impassable roads, problems with the building, or other unforeseen situations.

Winter weather conditions may necessitate cancelling services based on street conditions, sidewalk, and parking conditions, and City of Russell plowing schedules. St. John Lutheran Church services and activities will be cancelled in the following situations:

- we are experiencing subzero temperatures or windchill,
- we have six or more inches of accumulated or new snowfall,
- we are experiencing an ice storm,
- we are experiencing a power outage,
- during week days we will follow the City of Russell/Russell Schools closure
- in rare event that local or state government declares “a state of emergency”

If the church is closed or worship is cancelled this information will be posted on the KRSL website and if possible, signs posted on the church doors. Service cancellations will be posted on KRSL.com under “Weather - Closings and Cancellations” and on the St. John Lutheran Church, Russell, KS (stjohnrussellks) Facebook (Meta) page.

If services are not cancelled, members are encouraged to use their best judgement in terms of safety for driving to services. If you have concerns about your safety for any reason, please do not drive.

If services are not cancelled, our 8:15 am and 10:30 am Sunday services are livestreamed on stjohnrussell.com. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the 10:30 am service is broadcast on KRSL 98.1 FM/990 AM.

ODDS AND ENDS

- **If you were receiving the monthly newsletter electronically by email and have NOT been receiving it, please contact the office for your email to be added back to the list of receivers and verify your email address.**
- The 2025 Annual Congregational Report is available online on the website, stjohnrussell.com. Minutes from the 2026 Annual Meeting (DRAFT) will be posted as soon as they are available.
- The Daughters of Isabella are sponsoring a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at the Gorham Senior Center from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. $8.00 per person, children 5 and under free. Quarts of soup are available for $15.00. They will be serving Chili, Green Bean & Dumpling, and Chicken & Noodle soups, homemade bread, pies and desserts. Eat In or Take Out available.
- The Executive Committee of the Church Council will meet Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 5:30 pm. The Church Council will meet Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:30 pm.
- Requests for inclusion of **articles in the March 2026 Newsletter**, must be **received in the office by Friday, February 20, 2026.**
- St. John Women's Bible Study will be held Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10:00 am, weather permitting. Large print materials are available upon request.
- **Bible Study with Pastor** will resume on **Thursday, February 19, 2026** at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
- 2025 Contribution Statements have been printed and mailed unless arrangements were made to pick up your statement in the church office.
- There are still 2026 offering envelopes on the table next to the chapel that have not been picked up. There are also designated copies of the 125th Anniversary Church Membership Directory that have not been picked up.

LENT 2026

Begins February 18, 2026, with Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday 2/18/2026 425 Youth Soup Supper 5:30 – 6:45 PM
Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 PM
The Imposition of Ashes will be available during supper and before worship.

The 425 Youth Group will offer a Soup Supper on Wednesday evening, February 18, 2026, from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM. Free will donations for the meal are greatly appreciated. Donations from the supper are used by our Youth Group for their service ministry, meals during their weekly meetings, and a portion set aside that will go towards their 2027 trip.

If you would like to help contribute to the 425 Youth Group sponsored Ash Wednesday Soup Supper donations for the purchase of groceries would be greatly appreciated.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Devotional Services

Each Wednesday evening during Lent, a devotional service of prayer, scripture, and reflection will be held in the Chapel at 6:00 PM. Each service will be approximately 30 minutes.

February 25, 2026 6:00-6:30 PM
March 4, 2026 6:00-6:30 PM ~ Led by 425 Youth Group
March 11, 2026 6:00-6:30 PM
March 18, 2026 6:00-6:30 PM
March 25, 2026 6:00-6:30 PM

RCAOC Lenten Lunch Series

During the Lenten Season, the Russell County Association of Churches will sponsor weekly devotional services with a meal during the noon hour. This year's theme is "*Come Journey with Jesus Christ to a deeper faith and closer relationship with God our Heavenly Father*" and each weekly devotional will explore a different topic related to our theme.

Below is the weekly schedule:
February 25, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM – Otterbein Methodist Church - Repentance
March 4, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM – St. Mary's Queen of Angels - Sacrifice
March 11, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM – Trinity United Methodist Church - Temptation
March 18, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM – *St John Lutheran Church - Forgiveness
March 25, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM – Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Milberger - Redemption
April 1, 2026, 12:00 – 1:00 PM – First Congregational Church - Renewal

Good Friday Community Service – 12:00 PM First Congregational Church

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm/Passion Sunday March 29, 2026 – 10:30 AM Sunday Worship Procession of the Palms & Children's Donkey Parade (all services this weekend will include Communion)

Maundy Thursday Worship Service April 2, 2026, with Communion, 7:00 PM

Good Friday Worship Service – April 3, 2026, 7:00 PM
Easter Vigil Saturday Evening Worship Service April 4, 2026, 6:00 PM
Easter Sunday Worship Services, April 5, 2026, 7:00 AM & 10:30 PM
Easter Breakfast, April 5, 2026, 8:00 AM

The Journey to Easter begins with…..

As you reflect on your invitation to an *Uncomplicated Lent*, here are some prayer practices you might want to try:

For your personal prayer life: *LECTIO DIVINA*

Lectio Divina is a way of praying with scripture. First introduced by Gregory of Nyssa in the 4th Century, *lectio divina* means "divine reading" in Latin. To do *lectio divina*, choose a passage of scripture to read three times. Although it can be used with any scripture, the psalms are a great fit. Many people find it easier to listen if someone else is reading the scripture. You can accomplish this by doing *lectio divina* with a friend or family member, or using an audio Bible app or online recording.

READING (*LECTIO*)
The first time you read the scripture, listen for a word or phrase that stands out to you. Don't think too hard about it. Don't try to figure out what you should hear. Just listen. After reading, take a moment or two to hold onto that word or phrase. Lock it into your mind and body.

REFLECT (*MEDITACIO*)
As you read the passage again, reflect on what you believe is God saying to you in the word or phrase that stood out to you. Don't slip into Bible study mode. Don't think about the moral of the passage. Just listen for what God saying to you right here, right now in that small part. After reading, take a moment or two to process what you've heard.

RESPOND (*ORATIO*)
As you read this final time, respond by considering how God might be moving you at this time. God could be prompting you to engage in dialogue, nudging you to do (or not do) something, reminding you something that can help sustain you. After reading, take a moment or two to let that urge settle into your mind and body.

REST (*CONTEMPLATIO*)
Now sit in the presence of God to speak, listen, and pray as you feel God moving you or as you feel you have need

Praying for Others:

I Prayed for You Today: A Prayer/Outreach Project for Lent[2]

"*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*" --Philippians 4:5-6

- The idea is to inspire and encourage you to pray for others; and

- Invite you and others to contact other people you know (and for whom you have prayed) and let them know that they were remembered in prayer.

Are you willing to do two things: (1) Pray each day for someone you know; and (2) Contact the person for whom you prayed and let them know that you prayed for them on that day (see the "message" examples). It is as easy as that!

Sample Prayers and Messages

1. Prayer of Blessing

Dear God, I pray for (name) today and I ask that you be with her/him and pour out your blessings upon her/him. Thank you, Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Message

Dear (Name): I prayed for you today. I asked God to bless you and your family. I hope you have a blessed day.

2. Prayer of Protection

Gracious God, I ask that you be with and protect my friend, (name), today. She/he is going through some difficult times. Show her/him your love and let her/him know that you care about her. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Message

Dear (Name): I prayed for you today. I asked God to help you and to show you that people care about you. Please know that I am here for you. Have a blessed day.

3. Prayer for Discernment

Loving God, I pray that you be with (name) today as he/she faces a difficult decision. Guide him/her and show him/her the path that you have prepared. Give him/her the courage and the strength to do what is right and the faith to trust in you. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Message

Dear (Name): I prayed for you today. I asked God to guide you through whatever situations you may be facing. I know that God will help you and I pray that God will give you the strength to trust God.

4. Prayer for Healing

God of health and healing, I ask that you be with my friend, (name), today as she/he is experiencing *(issue the person is facing: e.g. health, financial, family, etc.)* difficulties. Be present with her/him. Give her/him support and strength and surround her/him with your protective care. I ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Message

Dear (Name): I prayed for you today. I asked God to be with you and to give you the strength and support that you need. I also asked God to surround you with God's protective care. May God provide you with what you need. Know that I will continue to pray for you.

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February 2026 Worship Assistants

6:00 Sat	Greeter/Usher	Reader	Musician
Jan 31	Brad & Cheryl Prester	Elaine Voos	
Feb 7	Mary & John Boxberger	Susy Krug	TBD
Feb 14	Darold & Corine Gideon	Jeremy Ulrich	Curtis Sander
Feb 21	Galen & Rudene Niedenthal	Galen Niedenthal	Pat David
Feb 28	Bob & Elaine Voos	Elaine Voos	TBD

8:15 Sun	Greeter/Usher	Lector	Musician
Feb 1	Katrin Kolder	Katrin Kolder	Juanita Flegler
Feb 8	Kurt & Lois DeWald	Connie Shinkus	Juanita Flegler
Feb 15	Gordon & Cheryl Kraich	Cheryl Kraich	Glenda Phillips
Feb 22	Connie Shinkus	Connie Shinkus	Margaret Walter
Mar 1	Dick & Georganna McCrary	Georganna McCrary	

10:30 Sun	Greeter	Usher	Lector
Feb 1	Mark & Alice Fae Johnson (N); Deloris Janne (S)	Mark Johnson	Carol Fritz
Feb 8	Steven Madsen (N); Carol Fritz (S)	Steven Madsen	Ruth Keil
Feb 15	Ron & Ginger Tittel (N); Laura Biles (S)	Ron & Ginger Tittel	Cindy Ross
Feb 22	Morris & Barbara Krug (N); Irene Coffeen (S)	Morris & Barbara Krug	Judy Holmes
Mar 1	Mike & Diane Waymaster (N); Margaret Finkbeiner (S)	Mike & Diane Waymaster	Gina Langhofer

	Acolytes	Musician
Feb 1	Morgan & Marshall Olson (8:15 am)	
	Sasha Robbins & Bryson Feil (10:30 am)	Juanita Flegler
Feb 8	Rush Brown & Noah Krug (10:30 am)	Juanita Flegler
Feb 15	Harper Ryan & Analeigh Schoech (8:15 am)	
	Reece Peck & Evanlee Rainey (10:30 am)	Glenda Phillips
Feb 18 ASH WEDNESDAY	Harper Ryan & Hadlee Brown	TBD
Feb 22	Campbell Lofland & Layken Eck (10:30 am)	Margaret Walter
Mar 1	Maybelle & Emily Olson (8:15 am)	
	Karrsyn Ross & Rush Brown (10:30 am)	TBD

Feb 18 ASH WEDNESDAY:	Greeter/Usher	Lector
	Mark & Alice Fae Johnson	

Bulletin Delivery

Feb 6: John Boxberger
Feb 13: Allen & Betty Funk
Feb 20: Denise Guth
Feb 27: Laura Biles
Mar 6: TBD

Altar Guild

Lois DeWald - Chair
Corine Giedon- Saturday
Danielle Ewers, Pam Gudenkauf,
Susan Lorenc, Tammy Nuss

Prayers for God's Presence and Healing

> Nancy Aspegren
> Fran Barrowman (friend of Sheryl Krug)
> Mandi (Boxberger) Blundon
> DeAnna Carter
> Curtis Counts
> LaVerne Dietz
> John & Deb Dumler
> Tina Schaard-Claussen
> Karon Hanrahan (niece of Irene Coffeen)
> Lane Hatcher
> Jean Hermann (sister of Lee Keffer)
> Ken Jeroue
> Sandy Krug
> Wayne Ulrich
> Chastity Logsdon
> Gwenna Green
> Sheryl Krug
> Kathy (Keil) Louder
> Jaylen Meyer
> Deloris Nuss
> Ray Olson
> Tom Pitcock (brother-in-law of John & Bonnie Schwien)
> Aaron & Krystle Roe
> Travis Ewers
> Bob Albrecht
> Jim Schmidtberger
> Brennan Soukup (grandson of Tina Schaard-Claussen)
> Gladys Standley
> Sherwin & Dorothy Stielow
> MaryAnn Hogan
> Stephanie Verbroken (daughter of Angela Schaard)
> Lyla Schmitt
> Marge Pohlman
> Dean Meier

God's Comfort to the Family and Friends of

> Roger Reddig
> Nancy Holland
> Rick Waymaster
> Milton Ginther
> Gene Betts
> Conrad Lightfoot
> Randy Mai
> Twyla Ehrlich

Prayers for Those Serving in the US Military or in Service Abroad

> Kasey Davis (granddaughter of Pam Lightfoot)
> Zachary Dietz (grandson of Laverne Dietz)
> Macy Doctor (granddaughter of Bob & Elaine Voos)
> Shanna Dugan-Muegge (niece of Darold & Corine Gideon)
> Dustin Funk
> Jared Hachmeister (nephew of Paula Bitter)
> John Howard
> Samuel Charles Huff (great-nephew of Susan Krug)
> Tate Kaiser (grandson of Mike & Diane Waymaster)
> Lucien Karst
> Garrett Lueth
> Cale Lyons (nephew of Darold & Corine Gideon)
> Natasha (Florian) Mondero
> Caleb Moore (grandson of Larry & Lisa Mravinec)
> Kelsey Sandnismo (granddaughter of Larry & Lisa Mravinec)
> Michael Schmitberger
> Marshall Smith (son-in-law of Karen Witt)
> Keana Steinle (granddaughter of Leonard & Ruth Steinle)
> Deana Strobel (daughter of Connie McMillen)
> Justin Waters (husband of Crisda Niedenthal Waters)
> Tolan Lichty (son-in-law of Paula Bitter)

Prayers for our Care Center and Skilled Nursing Residents

Brookdale – Hays
> Geraldine Counts

Credo - Hoisington
> Deloris Nuss

Homestead – Russell
> Velma Beeman
> Shirley DeWald
> Lionel Green
> Gloria Waymaster

Main Street Manor – Russell
> Judy Albrecht
> Donna Hutchison
> Joan Waymaster
> Marjorie Pohlman

Wheatland – Russell
> Rita Galyardt
> Gladys Standley
> Rick Biles
> Lyla Schmitt
> Deb Dumler

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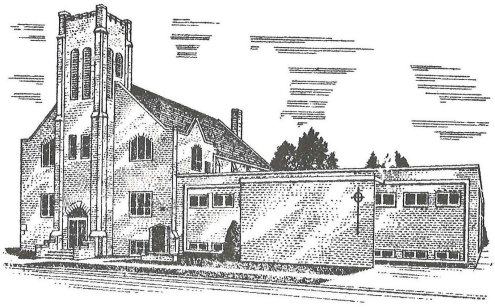

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Worship Services
6:00 pm Saturday
8:15 and 10:30 am Sunday

****NEW Office Hours****
Monday through Friday
8:30 am to 1:30 pm
****Beginning February 16, 2026****
****1:30 pm to 5:00 pm****

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