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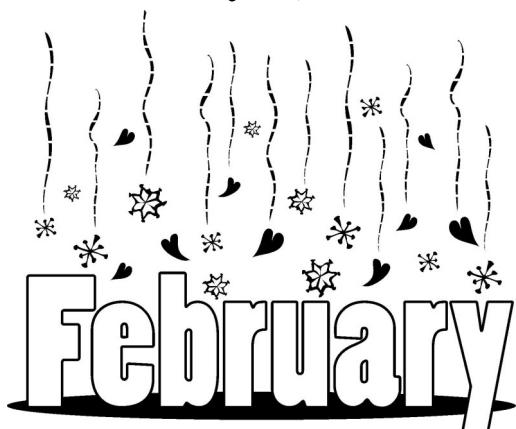
### *Calendars:*

*February serving us*

*Calendar in February*

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!**

**Monday**  
**January 26, 2026**



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# LUTHERAN CHURCH of PRAYER

## *The Prayer Line*

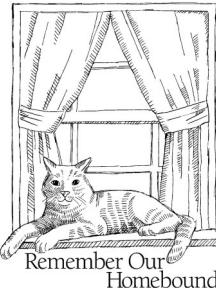
### **A Few Thoughts on St Valentine,**

A few years ago, a member from my old parish passed on a book titled "Celebrating the Saints." It is year long journey going through the 'saints' of the church. Many people don't realize it but in the Lutheran Church we do commemorate and even celebrate the 'saints' of the church. The month of February is known for many things but one thing in particular is February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentines Day. Though we associate Valentines Day with love and romance however a deeper dive into who this saint was reveals this aspect of the holiday has almost nothing to do with St Valentine himself or the work he was known for. Valentine was a clergyman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century church living in Rome. He was best known for ministering to martyrs of the church up until the time in which he was martyred by the emperor Claudius. Valentine was known for being humble and living the life Christ would have lived. There are known to be healings and miracles attributed to him hence his status as a saint. In one such case it is said that he healed the eyesight of a daughter of a local magistrate.



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Cards, calls and prayers are much appreciated by our Military and Homebound members:



Marion Bogle  
Marlene Cawelti  
Linda Crookes  
Diana Danforth  
Brian Henderson  
Doris Martell



Brenton Campbell  
Peter Stewart

### **LCoP Prayer Chain**

When you have any prayer concerns, please let our prayer chain pray for you by contacting: [office@lcop.org](mailto:office@lcop.org)

### **Online Calendar!**

Did you know that our event calendar is online so you can access it anytime, anywhere, from the internet? Check it out at [www.lcop.org](http://www.lcop.org), click on resources under the church name. This will also be updated during the month as events change or are added! To update, please email [info@lcop.org](mailto:info@lcop.org).

### **Join Our Email List!**

Are you on our email list to have the newsletter and event reminders delivered to your inbox? Subscribe by sending an email to [info@lcop.org](mailto:info@lcop.org).



**Monday, February 16th**



God's blessings to everyone on your special occasion. If you don't see your name, please call the office to make corrections or additions. We want to include everyone!

### **♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥**

Tim & Diana Danforth  
Brian & Marilyn Henderson  
Chuck & Tammy Poynor

### **\* BIRTHDAYS \***

Kate Zimmermann  
Diana Danforth  
Frank Hedge  
Hildegard Siener  
Frank Crookes  
Bonnie Grisso



### **Treasurer**

Profit and loss from

July of 2024 to December of 2025

LCOP income	expenses
\$179,531.11	\$186,277.21
WW income	expenses
\$250,064.51	\$240,277.21
Combined income	expenses
\$429,595.62	\$426,510.01
Thank you	
Terry Vergon	
Treasurer	

## **Properties Board**



The next meeting will be held on Monday February 16, 2026 at 6:30pm and the next work day will be held on Saturday February 21, 2026 at 8am.

I want to thank everyone who came out on the last work day. I wasn't able to make that one but I saw your work that you did. Your efforts and work is appreciated. I think it's up on the roof top to clean out leaves this coming work day. Continue to pray for our church and our Pastor. With Gods encouragement we can do many things.

Properties Board

Donald Votaw

*"People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

*1 Samuel 16:7, NLT*

Ice Cream Social  
February 15th 11am at  
Rosemary's  
Sign up sheets in the Narthex



**Ice Cream Social**

## **Wonder Window School Board**



The blessings just continue. We had 2 new students start in December and 2 students move from part time to full time. We also were able to hire 2 new teachers. Welcome Miss Ana and Miss Fabiola.

Our annual Teddy Bear Parade will be on Thursday, February 5 at 9:30 in our back parking lot. It's always a cute Parade so if you are free that morning please come out and watch.

Thank you to those of you who supported our Krispy Cream fund raiser.

Please keep our Director, staff, children and families in your prayers.

Blessings,

## **Church Golfers!** **Come and join us!**



Do you like to golf?

We golf every Friday morning! For more information, please call or text Roy Eynaud at

661/340-4521

## **Special Dates for February 2026**

- Black History Month, *February 1-28, 2026*
- Groundhog Day, *February 2, 2026*
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2026*
- Presidents Day, *February 16, 2026*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 18, 2026*



## **Men of LCoP!**

As we look forward to this spring, keep Saturday, May 2nd open. We will be having our annual Men's Retreat at the Campbell Ranch. You will not want to miss it as it will be a great day of teaching, fellowship, and food. More details will follow as we get closer to the event.

Thank you,

Tim



## **SAM**

SAM met on Sat. Jan. 10,2026 .

Items for discussion:

Planning our 2026 Women's Retreat to be held May 2, 2026 at Bethany Lutheran Church. Committee members are: Kristy Sturz, Jann Votaw, Diane Blankenship, Vivienne Kuster and Sheila Eynaud.

More information to follow.

Terry Vergon to head the dinners for Advent and Lent as part of Fellowship.

Linda Hartnett to head the ice cream socials at Rosemary's, she will set them up and organize the sign up as well. This is also a part of Fellowship.

Sheila Eynaud will get the sign up sheets for Supper Club and organize the groups, this is also part of Fellowship. Bryant Arnold suggested a sign up sheet for LCoP members who would like to attend the Supper Club dinners as guests, a sign up sheet was provided.

SAM is also helping Rebecca Smith with collecting diapers for the homeless shelter in town.

SAM members are doing a clean up of the library and kitchen before we start our Lenten dinners. Our work day is January 31st at 9:00am. Anyone can come and help!

Our next meeting is 2/7/26 at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to come.

Sheila

## **February Board of Director's**

The new year is off to a roaring start and we hope that all is going well with all of you. The BOD's and Elders have been working towards possible outreach ideas. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rev. Paul Ferguson who serves as Assistant to the President – Strategic Mission Leadership with CNH District, will be with us at LCoP. Rev. Ferguson will provide the morning sermon and will present a Mission/Vision presentation after church. No survey's involved! Rev. Ferguson will give us some possible outreach ideas to hopefully help us, with Christ's help and working, to grow our church. The BOD's and Elders have already heard some of his presentation and hope that you will find it enlightening also. God's Rich Blessings on you!

*Continued from Pastor,*

I bring this up partly because there are so many fascinating facets and angles to these people we label 'Saints.' But much like St Nicholas and St Patrick, the commercial holidays that are associated with these individuals do not tell the whole story of them or even what they were known for. And in the case of St Valentine, one does have to do a little digging to understand how he became associated with the holiday of heart shaped candies. Take some time and learn about the 'Saints' that we commemorate. But know that when you come across the word 'saint' know this. We are 'Saints' not by our works but on account of Christ. Happy Saint Valentines Day and a blessed month of February.

*Pastor Hendricks*

**What you need:**

- Construction paper (brown for the trunk, pinks and reds for hearts)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons

**What you do:**

1. Cut a large tree trunk and branches out of brown paper and glue it onto a sheet of paper or poster board.
2. Use colorful paper to cut several hearts — these will be your "leaves."
3. On each heart, write loving actions like "share my toys," "pray for others," or "help clean up."
4. Glue the hearts onto the branches to create a full, love-filled tree.
5. Hang it somewhere visible as a reminder to put love into action every day!

**1 John 3:18 (NIV)**

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

**JESUS  
LOVES YOU—  
and so do we!**



## FEBRUARY

### **LCoP Missionaries' Info**

If you would like to pray for and learn more about them, and perhaps also support them through correspondence and/or finances, here is their infor-

#### **Jonathan & Carrie Federwitz**

Wycliffe Bible Translators/Lutheran Bible Translators Instructor position with JAARS, (Jungle Aviation and Radio Service). In Waxhaw, NC.

Contact: [j-c.federwitz@gmail.com](mailto:j-c.federwitz@gmail.com)

Support: [www.LBT.org](http://www.LBT.org)

#### **Nathan & Sarah Federwitz**

[nandsfederwitz@gmail.com](mailto:nandsfederwitz@gmail.com)

#### **Campbell's**

*support & contact info available at church.*

#### **Rev. Dr. Ross & Kris Shaver**

Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
P.O. Box 66861

St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

You may also mail a check to:

[Payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include "Shaver - Dominican Republic" on the memo line.]

OR

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## NEW RECURRING FEATURE

The SAM group is interviewing the Elders individually and will publish those interviews in the coming Newsletters. This is a way our congregation can get to know a bit more about these men who serve in church leadership. This month the spotlight is on Tim Hartnett.

### HOMETOWN BOY SCORES BIG

Tim Hartnett long time local teacher and coach, was born in Bakersfield in 1950 and graduated from Foothill High School in 1968. His dad and mom moved here at a young age and his dad worked in retail for many years until he too, became a teacher. His mom was a housewife, raising the children (2 brothers and 2 sisters) as Christians and she was the spiritual leader in the home. Tim's early education was a Redeemer Lutheran School in the Southwest where he completed K-2nd grades. He believes his religious foundation was built there. He then attended public school where at a very early age he came to love all kinds of sports and athletic endeavors, especially team sports and their dynamics.

He met his wife, Linda, at LaVerne College where they were both very involved in athletics. What attracted Tim to Linda was her carrying around a puppy. They were cute and he liked them both. They married near the end of his junior year. Tim taught science and math and coached football, wrestling and track at Bonita Hight in LaVerne, CA.

As the family grew, he took the head football coaching job in Lindsay, the Exeter High. After Prop. 13 passed the school district made cuts so he took a job at San Marino Hight School (also referred to as Beverly Hills East). After one year there, the family decided it was a very expensive place to settle down so back to the valley and Delano High they came with Amy (1974), Caleb (1977) and Lindsay (1980) now in tow.

One morning in 1984, Paul Briggs (arguably the best known football coach in Kern County history) called and offered Tim a job at BHS. Tim looked over his shoulder and spied Linda with the suitcases already in her hands, ready to make the move. After two years working with Briggs and then eleven more with Pat Preston as head coach, Tim took the helm. He coached for five more years there. He decided to step back from coaching in order to spend more time with his family and travel with them during summer vacations. When the new Golden Valley school opened, they offered him the head coach job and he spent years there until some parents from Highland called and asked him to transfer to HHS. It was close to home and so he coached there for four more years. He involved all of his kids as "stat girls," "ball boy" and football player, thus keeping them close. "Linda was the best coach I ever had-total involvement!"

One thing that Tim is most proud of is that he has felt blessed to be a part of all the young men's lives he touched. He has a great sense of pride in them even now, many years later as he get to see them, hear from them and enquire about their families.

The Hartnetts joined LCOP in 1992 and have remained active members to this day. They have sat on most of the boards at church, some for many years. Tim is the Elder for Flock #6.

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## If God Had Voicemail

Have you ever wondered what would happen if God used voicemail to handle all our prayers?

Let's imagine it for a moment.

I had just finished gossiping and wanted to confess, so I got ready to pray—or rather, to “call.” Immediately, a voice answered:

“You’ve reached the throne room of Heaven, the Prayer Department. All of our representatives are currently assisting other callers. Your call is important to us, and we want to help you. Please stay on the line, and your request will be answered in the order it was received.”

Soft music plays. Then another message comes on:

“Listen carefully to the following options and press the appropriate number.

Press 1 for prayer for a loved one.

Press 2 for prayer for your church.

Press 3 to give thanks.

Press 4 to confess sins.

Press 5 for salvation.

Press 6 for physical needs.

To repeat this menu, press 9.”

Since I had a sin to confess, I pressed 4.

Another voice responded cheerfully:

“We’re so glad to help you with your confession of sins. Please select from the following options:

If you cursed, press 1.

If you yelled at your spouse or another family member, press 2.

If you gossiped, press 3...”

The list went on and on.

About then I decided to hang up and keep on gossiping. But then I remembered what the Bible says about God and how he attends to our needs. He doesn’t route our prayers through a heavenly call center or put us on hold. We don’t get busy signals, menus or automated voices.

Instead, our Father listens instantly, personally, and lovingly. Instead of a voice mail system, he says, “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.” (Isaiah 65:24, KJV)

*Continues from Hometown boy scores big,*

### **FUN FACTS ABOUT TIM**

Favorite place: Kauai, Hawaii

Favorite subject: History

Favorite book of the Bible: Romans

Favorite food culture: Meat and potato guy

Favorite soup: Tom Yum Thai\*\*hint for Lenten Soup Supper

Favorite your group: His 8 Grandkids