



The Scroll

FEBRUARY 2026



"WE ARE A SPIRIT DRIVEN
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
OF ENGAGED DISCIPLES, CALLED TO
SERVE, LOVE AND FORGIVE."
WE ARE A RECONCILING IN
CHRIST CONGREGATION.



Pastor's Note

FROM PASTOR HEIDI



In the secular world, February is often marked by red heart doilies, chocolates, and "be mine" messages. In our liturgical year, February is usually when the season of Lent begins, with Ash Wednesday, falling this year on 2/18. These two days on the calendar seem quite different in their tone and flair, or lack thereof. But, for us, as members of the body of Christ, the call to repentance in Lent, and the call to show love and care for others are all connected. In Lent, we are called to search our hearts before God that we might be unburdened and unencumbered by the detrimental habits and compounding baggage from life that threaten to weigh us down and distract us from faithful living. We are reminded of God's deep love for us in Jesus that frees us to love ourselves and love others. No matter how you feel about Valentine's Day, this month brings us reminders and encouragement to receive the love of our Creator, and be unburdened to love ourselves and others.

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The Outreach team recently discovered that the Outreach bylaws include charges to enable "Lay Pastoral Care." This lay pastoral care is already happening in some instances, or is increasing now that the Outreach team has realized this part of the mission. Volunteers are writing cards to our shut ins and other members on the prayer list. I'm working with volunteers to reinvigorate our Eucharistic Ministry; a team that takes communion to folks at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes. Kathy West has been generous with her time and skill, crocheting dozens of prayer shawls and blankets for baptisms, or just to give as comfort to those struggling in some way. There are volunteers ready to make meals for folks who are having surgery or grieving. While I work this year with the Council and the Outreach Team to make sure we're doing a better job of telling the congregation about these ministries, I invite you to consider how the Spirit might be calling you to participate in sharing love and care with others in the name of Jesus. 'Tis the season to turn back towards God, which restores us for sharing love in this world. Perhaps one of the aforementioned ministry opportunities could be your way of leaning into divine love. You are most welcome!

For more information or to join:

Card Writing – contact Leigh Sammons

Eucharistic Ministry – contact Pr. Heidi Johnston

Prayer Shawl Ministry – contact Pr. Heidi Johnston

Meal Ministry – contact Sue Anderson

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Heidi Johnston

Presidential Notes

BY FAWN DEMELLO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT



I am looking forward to this next year with a new Congregation Council to continue to lead in ways that are beneficial to St. Luke Lutheran Church's growth. As a council, we will continue to be transparent in our actions and leadership. We will be reviewing more of our continuing resolutions in updating our policies and procedures. We will be looking to expand on our ministries and to have more members involved in activities and events that are presented over this next year. As always, we as a council are open to hearing all issues/concerns and compliments to assist in the continued growth of St. Luke.

We are a thriving church and our members continue to help us show this within our own walls, but more importantly throughout the community. I am looking forward to seeing more growth and how we can spread God's word through all we meet. Psalm 78:72 – "And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands, he led them"

Peace
Fawn

Souper Bowl Sunday – Potluck Luncheon & Food Drive

BY LOUISE SWETLAND

Ministry News



We're kicking off a week early! Join us Sunday February 8th, for a potluck soup luncheon as we enjoy a warm meal together and lend a hand to our local community.

Bring a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a dessert to share. We'll also be collecting non-perishable food items to support our outreach partners:

- Bring a can of Manwich to benefit the New London Meal Center
- Or donate other non-perishable items for the Ledyard Food Pantry

Sign-up sheets are available for soups, breads, and desserts. Let's celebrate good food, good company, and a good cause before the big game!

Ash Wednesday 2/18

Join us for Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 18th at 12PM and 7PM.



Update from Chikumbuso!

Ministry News



An update from Chikumbuso!
Yvonne is back at school and in grade 3!



Gifts for Jesus

BY MICHAEL WUESTHOFF

Ministry News



The Gifts for Jesus program provided Christmas gifts to 54 Martin House residents, gift bags with candy and gift cards to 26 residents of four group homes managed by Safe Futures, and gifts to children of 12 Furniture Bank families.

Donors were invited to take an ornament describing their gift as an alternative gift to give to friends or family. Also offered were opportunities to donate to a number of global agencies including ELCA Church World Service, Habitat for Humanity, and the Chikumbuso Project.

Thanks to all who donated gifts and money to the gift tree and the other programs on the gift tables, and thanks to Dyann Baker for making 145 amazing ornaments for the gift tree. We're blessed to be part of such a generous congregation. God bless you! You truly embody the spirit of Christmas!



Martin House residents with some of their gifts

We are often asked "who picks the hymns and why was that hymn chosen?" by the congregation, especially when an unknown hymn has been chosen. Hymns are not randomly chosen. Sundays and Seasons (S&S) is a service to which St. Luke, as well as many ELCA congregations, subscribe to. This rich, reliable resource for worship planning offers an expansive library of content and ideas for liturgy, music, preaching, and visuals that follows the church year and the Revised Common Lectionary. S&S provides us a list of appropriate hymns to match the weekly readings. These hymns are published in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), *With One Voice* (1995) *All Creation Sings* (2020), and *This Far by Faith*, from Augsburg Fortress. "*This Far by Faith*" was originally conceived as a concept paper by African American Lutherans in 1990. The dream for an African American worship resource that would supplement the principal worship books of the churches continued to develop. Aided by surveys conducted among African American pastors and congregations the project moved forward and working on the book began in February 1995. Development continued through January 1998, on the weekend commemorating the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. "*This Far by Faith*" was finally published in 1999.

It is the voice of the Church that is heard in singing together.

It is not you that sings, it is the Church that is singing,
and you, as a member of the Church, may share in its song.

Thus all singing together...serves to widen our spiritual horizon,
make us see our little company as a member

Of the great Christian Church on earth,
and help us willingly and gladly to join our singing,
be it feeble or good,
to the song of the Church

Dietrich Bonhöffer, *Life Together*

Let's face it, our congregation loves to sing! I have always found it amazing how quickly we are able to learn a new hymn. We may stumble through it at first, but we almost always "get it" by the final verse. My suggestion is that when you find yourself stumbling through, focus on the words. After all, it's the words that are important, not whether you sing every note correctly!





Grins & Giggles Preschool News

BY NANCY RUPERT

We have enjoyed our 'Books, Brushes and Bongos' weeks exploring famous artists works and welcoming local musicians, authors and illustrators to class to enrich our knowledge of the arts in many forms. Thanks to Scott Gordley, Robin Nelson and Leslie Woods for sharing their talents with our classes.

We blasted off into SPACE in our final two weeks of January and learned about the planets and how it feels to walk 'on the moon'. A snowfall brought out the snowsuits and we all enjoyed making snow angels and snowmen outside in the fresh air.

In the month of February, we will be showing our affection and appreciation for those we love in our lives by making valentines and having a party to exchange Valentine cards with our friends. You can bet we make cards and gifts for our moms and dads also!

We finish off the month of February exploring everything associated with 'Winter'. Bird feeders, mittens and more!! Although we had to say good-bye to a student who has been with us for two years (Lucas Walker) we welcomed a new student (Stella Stetson) too.

Happy Valentines' Day to all!

Nancy Rupert

Minutes of the December Congregation Council Meeting

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Minutes of the Congregation Council Meeting
December 11, 2025

Councilors in attendance via Zoom: Fawn DeMello, Pastor Heidi Johnston, Mark Larson, John Perkins, Brad Dame, Erica Sullivan, Alan Nordquist, Kellie August, Leigh Sammons, Pat Robbins, Janis Vajdos (arrived during budget discussion; did not vote in motions)

Recording secretary: Liese Zitzkat

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Council President Fawn DeMello, who led an opening prayer.

Motions

- Motion: The motion was made (Fawn DeMello) and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2025 [Congregation Council] meeting. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- Motion: The motion was made (Fawn DeMello) and seconded to accept the change of Pastor Heidi Johnston's vacation to December 29th and December 30th. Following discussion, the motion carried.
- Motion: The motion was made (Fawn DeMello) and seconded to accept the housing allowance of \$55,000 for Pastor Heidi Johnston for 2026. Following discussion, the motion carried.

Monthly Council Reports

- The December reports will be accepted at the January 2026 Congregation Council meeting.

Upcoming Congregation Council Meetings

- Special budget meeting for Congregation Council on January 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.
- Regular Congregation Council meeting on January 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM in person (weather permitting).

2026 Operating Budget

- The budget was discussed/revised.

Motion to Adjourn and Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer

- Motion: The motion was made (Fawn DeMello) and seconded to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Liese M. Zitzkat, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report for December 2025

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report for Month Ending
December 31, 2025

January 10, 2026

Income Summary

Pledged offerings for the month of December were approximately \$11.7K above the monthly budget, resulting in pledged offerings for the year being \$4030 greater than what was pledged for the year. Grace Giving for the month of December was above the monthly budget by approximately \$2.3K, and again exceeded (in addition to October and November) our typical monthly grace giving. This resulted in our total grace giving being \$1.3K below our estimated amount for the year.

With all offering sources combined, our year-end total offerings are approximately \$3.2K above our budget for the year.

Grins & Giggles income for the month of December was \$490 above the monthly budget, resulting in year-end Grins & Giggles income being \$6395 greater than the budget for the year.

We also earned \$393 in investment income in the month of December, primarily from our two Thrivent CD's.

With all budgeted income sources combined, our actual total budgeted income for the month of December was \$14.9K greater than the monthly budget, making the year-end total budgeted income \$12,428 greater than our budget for the year.

A summary of the YTD December 2025 budgeted income is provided in the table below:

Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Pledges	40,837.83	29,147.00	342,177.41	338,147.00	338,147.00	(4,030.41)
Grace Giving	7,751.15	5,500.00	52,680.13	54,000.00	54,000.00	1,319.87
Loose Cash Offering	448.36	300.00	5,015.91	3,600.00	3,600.00	(1,415.91)
Special Envelopes	1,173.60	1,100.00	1,693.60	2,600.00	2,600.00	906.40
Offerings	\$50,210.94	\$36,047.00	\$401,567.05	\$398,347.00	\$398,347.00	(\$3,220.05)
Building Use	255.63	212.00	3,413.78	2,500.00	2,500.00	(913.78)
Structures Income	\$255.63	\$212.00	\$3,413.78	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	(\$913.78)
Investments Div/Interest	393.13	225.00	3,123.32	2,000.00	2,000.00	(1,123.32)
Other Income	\$393.13	\$225.00	\$3,123.32	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,123.32)
Grins & Giggles Income - Donations	0.00		391.20			
Grins & Giggles Income - Tuition	8,590.00	8,100.00	92,245.00	85,850.00	85,850.00	(6,395.00)
Grins & Giggles Income - Registration fees	50.00	50.00	1,085.00	700.00	700.00	(385.00)
Total Grins and Giggles Income	\$8,640.00	\$8,150.00	\$93,721.20	\$86,550.00	\$86,550.00	(\$6,780.00)
Total Budgeted Income	\$59,499.70	\$44,634.00	\$501,825.35	\$489,397.00	\$489,397.00	(\$12,037.15)

In addition to budgeted income, there was also \$4921 of unbudgeted income in the month of December. This included \$1814 from Scrip Card sales, significant donations to the Handbell and Embellish funds, and multiple smaller donations to other funds.

Treasurer's Report for December 2025

Expense Summary

Total Budgeted YTD Expenses of \$506,492.28 is less than the YTD budget of \$506,779.00 by \$286.72 as of the end of December. December budgeted expenses were less than the monthly budget by \$2058.50.

Grins & Giggles YTD Expenses of \$92,526.49 is greater than the budget of \$77,297.00 by \$5396.49, mostly due to Head Teacher salaries, resulting from the number of hours worked being greater than what was accounted for in the budget.

Net Results: As of the end of December 2025 we have an Actual YTD Total Income of \$622,084.22, and Total Expenses of \$550,318.58, resulting in a difference of \$71,765.64. A high-level year to date summary is in the table below.

Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Total Budgeted Income	\$59,499.70	\$44,634.00	\$501,825.35	\$489,397.00	\$489,397.00	(\$12,037.15)
TOTAL Budgeted Expense	\$60,205.50	\$62,264.00	\$506,492.28	\$506,779.00	\$506,779.00	\$657.72
Budgeted Income/Expense Difference	(\$705.80)	(\$17,630.00)	(\$4,666.93)	(\$17,382.00)	(\$17,382.00)	(\$12,694.87)
Total Grins and Giggles Income	\$8,640.00	\$8,150.00	\$93,721.20	\$86,550.00	\$86,550.00	(\$6,780.00)
Total Grins & Giggles Expense	\$11,607.31	\$9,833.00	\$92,526.49	\$87,130.00	\$87,130.00	(\$5,183.91)
Grins & Giggles Income/Expense Difference	(\$2,967.31)	(\$1,683.00)	\$1,194.71	(\$580.00)	(\$580.00)	(\$1,596.09)
Total Income	\$64,421.19	\$60,492.00	\$622,084.22	\$505,255.00	\$505,255.00	\$3,820.85
Total Expense	\$67,780.72	\$62,264.00	\$550,318.58	\$506,779.00	\$506,779.00	\$657.72
Total Income/Expense Difference	(\$3,359.53)	(\$1,772.00)	\$71,765.64	(\$1,524.00)	(\$1,524.00)	\$3,163.13

Other Treasurer Activity:

- Reviewed bi-weekly payroll
- Reviewed monthly bank reconciliation
- Continued working on budget for 2026

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Nordquist
Treasurer

Consolidated Fund Activity Report December 2025

St Luke Lutheran Church - Gales Ferry CT Consolidated Fund Activity Report for December 2025

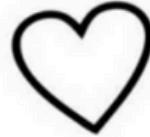
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Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
<i>Administrative-Dedicated Balance</i>					
Sabbatical Fund Balance	9,750.00	-	-	-	9,750.00
Special Gifts Balance	225.01	-	44.97	-	180.04
Staff Development Balance	3,794.80	-	-	-	3,794.80
<i>Building Fund Balance</i>					
General Building Fund	22,372.55	10.00	-	-	22,382.55
Sanctuary Renovations	4,572.36	10.00	-	-	4,582.36
<i>Discretionary Gifts Balance</i>					
Camp Calumet Scholarships	700.00	-	-	-	700.00
Council Discretionary Fund	3,107.20	-	-	-	3,107.20
Good Samaritan Fund	4,880.42	-	628.50	-	4,251.92
Pastors' Discretionary	13,322.25	-	2,148.40	45.00	11,218.85
Embellish (Bells of Fire) Fund	1,507.43	614.00	-	-	2,121.43
<i>Facilities Support-Dedicated</i>					
Memorial Garden Balance	4,005.85	-	-	-	4,005.85
<i>Family Ministry-Dedicated</i>					
Family Ministry Activities	208.00	-	-	-	208.00
<i>Fellowship-Dedicated Balance</i>					
Fellowship Furnishings	6,021.56	-	-	-	6,021.56
Fellowship Special Events	2,318.34	-	206.38	-	2,111.96
Flowers Balance	(161.33)	284.99	265.00	-	(141.34)
General Operating Fund Balance	44,234.02	59,499.70	60,145.96	-	43,587.76
<i>Life Long Learning-Dedicated</i>					
Ecumenical VBS Balance	252.58	-	-	-	252.58
Grins & Giggles Donations	248.02	-	59.54	-	188.48
Women's Retreat Balance	236.12	-	-	-	236.12
Long Term Contingency Fund	14,062.68	10.00	-	-	14,072.68
Memorial Fund Balance	7,952.80	250.00	2,104.53	-	6,098.27
<i>Ministry-Dedicated Balance</i>					
Chikumbuso Balance	0.00	570.50	570.50	-	0.00
Meal Center Balance	858.22	260.00	394.97	-	723.25
Thrivent Choice Balance	0.00	36.00	36.00	-	0.00
Net Fixed Asset Fund Balance	1,918,224.00	-	-	-	1,918,224.00
<i>Special Programs Balance</i>					
Great Lakes Scrip Program	1,618.22	1,840.00	1,075.97	-	2,382.25
Unrestricted Gifts Fund Balance	93,691.25	36.00	-	-	93,727.25
<i>Worship-Dedicated Balance</i>					
Handbell Program Fund	787.91	1,000.00	-	-	1,787.91
Special Music Balance	2,644.61	-	100.00	-	2,544.61
<i>Youth-Dedicated Balance</i>					
ELCA Youth Gathering	5,960.48	-	-	-	5,960.48
Youth Mission Trip Balance	522.15	-	-	-	522.15
Total	\$2,167,917.50	\$64,421.19	\$67,780.72	\$45.00	\$2,164,602.97

Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



K	Y	D	S	N	G	E	G	I	P	B	E	E	H	
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Is PATIENT

Is KIND

Is not JEALOUS

Does not BRAG

Is not ARROGANT

Does not act UNBECOMING

Does not seek its OWN

Is not PROVOKED

Does not take into account a wrong SUFFERED

Does Not Rejoice in UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

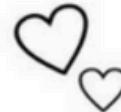
REJOICES in the truth

BEARS all things

BELIEVES all things

HOPES all things

ENDURES all things



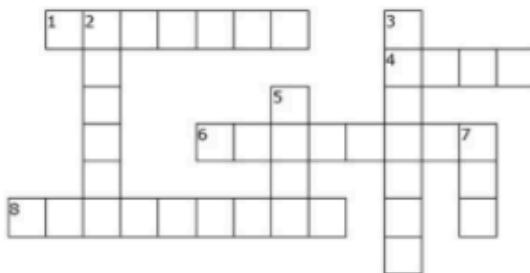
Jesus Loves Us All

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 (NIV)

Based on John 13:31-35



LOVE ONE
ANOTHER.
JOHN 13:34



ACROSS

- An order or a rule given with authority
- To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
- Boys and girls between birth and puberty
- Those who follow the teachings of Jesus
- People aside from oneself
- To give praise and honour to God or a person
- A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.
- The opposite of old

GLORIFY
NEW

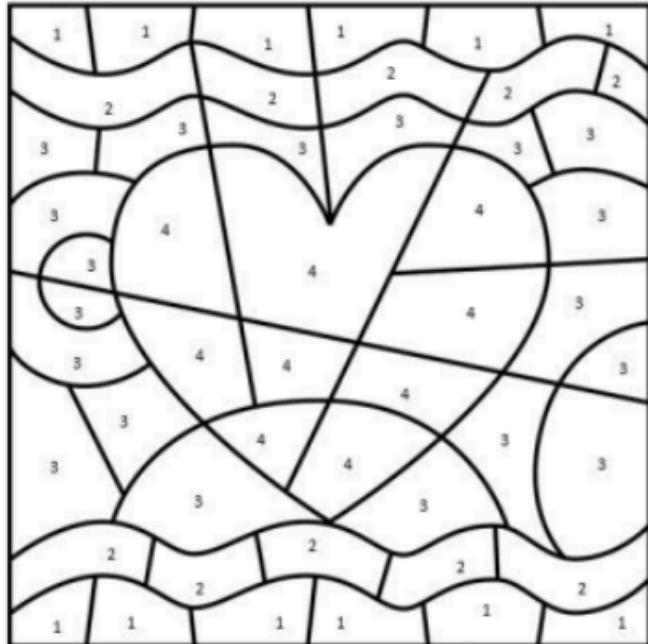
COMMAND
DISCIPLES

TIME
CHILDREN

OTHERS
LOVE

Jesus loves me!

1. red 2. purple 3. yellow 4. pink



Prayer List

Pray for healing:

Baby Eliana Marshall (friend of Lauren Brundage)
Nick Stone (son of Wally Stone)
Chris Hansen (friend of the Lettieres)
David Okrasinski (Uncle of Laura Parsons)
Kathy West
Madysen Lent (friend of Elaine Lettieri)
Shannon Tenny (great niece of Evelyn Monk)
Steve Roman (Brother of Sandy Wimmermark)
Pam Roman (sister-in-law of Sandy Wimmermark)
Crystal Dame
Daniel Miller (son of Kathy West)
Dylan Tyler (grandson of Betty Caruso)

Elaine Remondi-Simpson
Dawn Nienow (sister of Cathy Hanson)
Vicki Breuell (friend of the Nelsons)
Mandy Kelly (friend of the Wuesthoffs)
Dick Wimmermark
Billy Johnson (friend of the Steinnagels)
Kevin Ames (friend of the Steinnagels)
Livingston Carroll (brother of Patricia Carroll-French)
Travis Turner
Linda Lovewell (former member)
Doris Remondi (mother of Elaine Remondi-Simpson)
Kasey Peek
Claudia Sanchez (sister of Rut Sanchez)
Chip Moran
Donna (friend of Leigh Sammons)
Linda Wilkinson

Joy Elisabeth (daughter of Patricia Carroll-French)
Sandy (friend of Patricia Carroll-French)

Pray for those who are Grieving:

Pray for active duty military:

Christopher Bushy (nephew of Fawn DeMello)
Nicholas Tavernay (grandson of Althea Caleb)
Henry Yanaway
Christian Conrad
Adrian Estrella
Martin Wuesthoff
Andy Sammons
Derek Raymond
Patrick Wimmermark

Pray for homebound, those receiving long-term care, & their caregivers:

Nick Iario (relative of Kathleen Bartkowski)
Kathy Dame
Fred Launer
Pauline Wanner
Bob Chernansky
Jenny Waller
Lynn Minichino

Pray for those with other concerns:

the ELCA AMMPARO
Migrant Ministry
The St. Luke Prayer Shawl Ministry



Scroll Deadline: Third Monday of the Month

The deadline for the Scroll is the third Monday of each month.

Articles may be submitted as hard-copy or via e-mail to communications@stlukegf.org.

DEADLINE

Add a Prayer

If you would like to add a prayer request to the Weekly, please complete the Prayer Request form on the reverse side of the yellow Connections form.

Leave the form in the pew and the ushers will collect them and turn them in to the church office. You can also add a prayer request by calling the office at 860-464-7897

February Celebrations

Birthdays:

Jennifer Nicki	2/01
Roy Belhumeur	2/09
Amy Sindel	2/09
Julie Perkins	2/13
John Perkins	2/15
Amanda Cox	2/16
Patricia Carroll-French	2/21
Lillianna Chappelle	2/24
Leilani LaForte	2/26
Curt Frost	2/27

Wedding Anniversaries: (# of Years Married)

Tom & Jane Nolan	2/13	(61)
Michael & Karen Wuesthoff	2/14	(62)

Baptismal Birthdays:

Ballestrini, Dina	2/10/1963
Cox, Amanda	2/16/2003
Johnson, Charlotte	2/13/2011
Sammons, Leigh	2/12/1961

DID WE MISS YOUR CELEBRATION?
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE,
860-464-7897, OR E-MAIL
PARISHADMIN@STLUKEGF.ORG, SO WE CAN
BE SURE TO HONOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY.

ST. LUKE—SCHEDULE TO SERVE – February 2026

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild	Lay Readers	Communion Deacons	Acolytes	Tech Team	Assisting Ministers
2/1								
9:30	Barb Candler	Roy H. John R.	Cathy Hanson	Liese Z.	Marty Wood & Robin Nelson	Camille & Everett	Roni & Kristian	Cyndi Arnold
2/8								
9:30	Grace DeMarco	Dennis S. Dave G	Deb Eld	Natalie D.	Camille Felty & Cyndi Arnold	Camille & Nate	Brad & Al	Katie Launer-Felty
2/15								
9:30	Leigh Sammons	Al N. John P.	Penny Heller		Pat Robbins & Diane Hansen	Everett & Nate	Dave & Kristian	Fawn DeMello
2/18								
Ash Wednesday								
12:00	Edna Johnson		Cathy Hanson		Robin Nelson & Marty Wood	Camille & Everett	Jim & Brad	Felix Vajdos
7:00		John P.						
2/22								
9:30	Joan Lambert	Mark and Louise L.	Cathy Hanson	Robert N.	Nancy Rupert & Charlie Anderson	Nate & Alexander	Brad & Al	Jacqueline

This schedule compiled as of 2/24/2026; Please check the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall for updates.

Church Calendar of Events

*Community Group

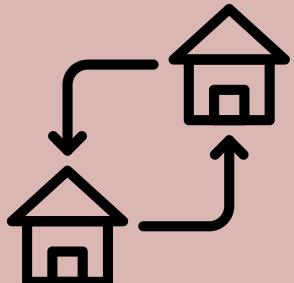
Music Rehearsals:

Monday 5:00pm - Grace Notes
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am In-person & Livestream worship 2:30pm New London Meal Center	2 9:00am Grins & Giggles 5:00pm Grace Notes 7:00pm AA*	3 9:00am Grins & Giggles 9:30am OA* 6:00pm The Belles 7:00pm Senior Choir	4 9:00am EmBellish 9:00am Grins & Giggles 11:00am Picnic in the Narthex 12:15pm KIDSTEPS Sarah Inc.*	5 9:00am Grins & Giggles	6 9:00am Grins & Giggles	7 10:00am OA* 7:00pm AA*
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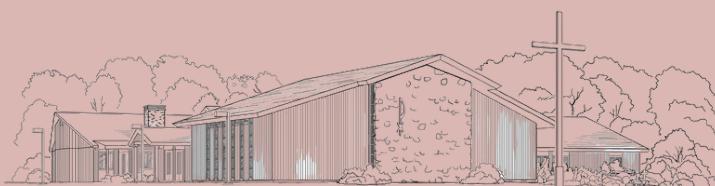


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