



## Weekly Announcements for the week of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Scripture Verses for February 15<sup>th</sup>

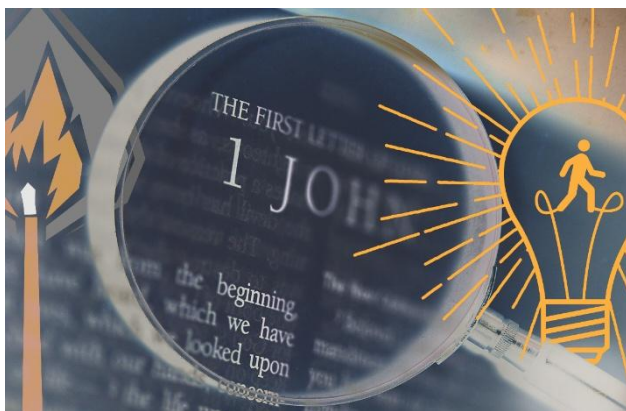
- 1 John 1
- Matthew 5:13-16

### Scripture Verses for February 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Isaiah 53:1-7
- John 20:24-28, 30-31
- Luke 4:18

### Message Series: 1 John

Many of us know John 3:16. You might even be able to recite it from memory. But do you know 1 John 3:16? Join us in the month of February as we dive into John's first letter to the churches that had sprung up in Asia. We'll take deep dive into what it means to walk in the light. How to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. What does it mean to overcome the world? Join us as we go verse by verse and study this letter that circulated to encourage and grow the faith of the early church and set the trajectory of loving others as a response to God's grace in our lives.



**YOUTH Praise Team Practice** will be held on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM. The Youth will be performing on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at both services. If you have any questions, please talk to Melody.

### Gertens Easter Flowers Benefitting

**LMC Youth** Yes, we know, we just celebrated the birth of Christ...and now we're talking Easter. But Easter brings forth life - so let's celebrate...and decorate. Gertens has a wide variety of lilies and other flowers to help beautify your home *and* LMC for the Easter season. Individuals who desire to purchase a plant for the sanctuary may indicate on the order form. **Order forms** must be filled out with payment (cash or check) attached and placed in the collection box in the fellowship hall. Pictures of Easter plants are on the back of the order form. Forms are due Wednesday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Plants will be delivered to LMC on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** (Maundy Thursday). All funds will assist youth on their summer mission trip to Lake Traverse, South Dakota. \*Spring Plant orders (hanging baskets & outdoor plants) will begin March 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.



### It's Time! Secret Angel Reveal Party

**When: Sunday February 22nd**

**Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Please bring an appetizer/snack to share, a present for the person you have been an angel for and a card revealing your name. PLEASE NOTE that new forms are available now to fill out for next year's Secret Angels! New people are ALWAYS welcome to join in the fun! This activity is for all ladies and young women grade 4 and up. Please return the forms by February 22nd.



## Dough for Donuts & Kwik Trip Bonus

During the month of February, LMC is collecting funds to support donuts for Sweet Jesus Time between services. Funds raised will be used to purchase Kwik Trip Grocery Only cards at a 20% discount. Donations can be made at the Raise Right table.

Need a gift card for yourself? Kwik Trip is raising their donation by 5%. This means LMC earns 10% from every gas & grocery card and 20% from Grocery Only Cards. Support LMC by purchasing or prepaying for your gift cards today.

**\*\$50 Kwik Trip Cards now available\***

## LMC Annual Chili Cookoff - February 18<sup>th</sup> (5:15 PM - 6:15 PM)

It's that time (we still haven't put away the ballots from last year) of year again to dig up your famous chili recipe and bring it to the annual cookoff on February 18th. Funds raised from this event will assist youth in their upcoming outings and trips. Sign up your chili entry or donate food needed [HERE](#).



## IF:GATHERING-ONE NIGHT

**IF: Gathering** is a ministry that exists to gather, equip and unleash women to be disciples. (IF:Gathering publicly launched the first gathering in 2014. At the event, women were reminded that because God is indeed who He says He is we in turn have a job to do on Earth: tell others about Him).

On **February 28th** we will share a livestream recording of **IF: ONE NIGHT** that will have taken place the night before in Dallas, filled with worship, teaching in the Word and prayer. Some of the speakers for this year's event are **Jennie Allen, Christine Caine, Francis Chan, Matt Chandler, Lauren Chandler**. These are authors and speakers who may be familiar to you, and some we have studied with Women's Journey Team.

Please come and join us at LMC on Saturday February 28, 2026 for a time of fellowship, worship, learning and prayer! The program will begin at 10:00 AM and end roughly at 2:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Feel free to come at 9:30 AM for a chance to grab coffee and fellowship. Don't forget to invite a friend or friends!

**Space is limited so please let us know you'll be coming by February 15th. You can sign up by going to this link: [Register for Women's Journey Team- LMC](#)**

Contact Wendi Blaubaach, Sandy Brace or Monica Bylander for more information.



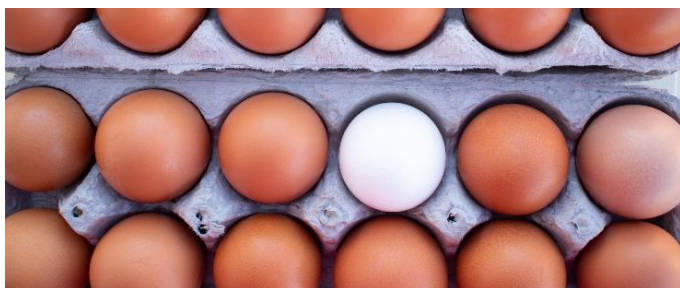
## UWRF BINGO Night:

- **February 12<sup>th</sup>** 6:00-7:00 PM
- **March 12<sup>th</sup>** 6:00-7:00 PM
- **April 16<sup>th</sup>** 6:00-7:00 PM

If you are a UWRF Student and would like the chance to play BINGO for prizes, come on by LMC! There will be FREE BINGO and trivia!

## Nominations for Board of Directors

**positions.** The committee is accepting nominations for consideration for the board positions of secretary and vice president at this time. Position descriptions are available in the church office or on the church website in the Bylaws section 2. Please contact the church office or one of the nominating committee members with your nomination. Committee members for the May 2026 election are Tony Brace, Brian Schultz, Pastor Elfe and Greg Wurdell. Thank you.



## Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Service Project/Field Trip

During Education hour on 2/15 LMC students will be assisting the River Falls food pantry in two special ways. LMC, we need your help!

### Prek - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students in these grades will be packing juice boxes into gallon size bags, thereby creating a more suitable amount for a family. This will take place in the church basement.

5<sup>th</sup> Gr. - High School will be heading to the food pantry from 9:15am - 10:15am. While there, the students will be packing eggs, to-go meal packs, animal food, and sorting food. Each child/teen under the age of 15 is asked to be under the supervision of a present adult (parents/relatives/friends of parents.) There will be no Sunday school for 5<sup>th</sup> grade - high school AT LMC on this date.



## February Music Spotlight

“Mighty Name of Jesus” by Hope Darst is a bold worship anthem that proclaims the authority, power, and victory found in Jesus’ name. With confident lyrics rooted in faith and a driving, congregational sound, the song invites believers to stand firm in hope, declaring that no fear, darkness, or circumstance can withstand the mighty name of Jesus. Every time I hear or sing this song, it reminds me that no matter how our world seems, no matter the circumstances that try to tear us down, we have power in the mighty name of Jesus. I pray that as we sing this song in February, you are reminded to tap into that powerful and hopeful Name.

## ❄️ Family Sledding Fun at Hoffman Park! 🚲

Bundle up and join us for an afternoon of winter fun at **Hoffman Park** on **Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>!** Bring the whole family for sledding, laughter, and cozy time together on this Monday off school! We will have the Octagon shelter for warming up and hot chocolate + donuts!

We'll have:

- 🚲 Sledding fun for all ages
- ☕ A cozy warming shelter
- ☕ Hot chocolate to help everyone stay warm & DONUTS!

🕒 **Time:** 9:00-11:30 AM

📍 **Location:** Hoffman Park

Dress warm, bring your sleds, and come enjoy a winter afternoon together. We can't wait to see you there!

## Couples EUCHRE night at Bylanders

February 11th from 6:30-8:00 PM

\*If you haven't mentioned to Monica (651-235-7217 or [ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org](mailto:ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org)) that you are coming, please let her know so they can plan for how many games to set up.

\*If you need a refresher on how to play, please watch this YouTube video before Wednesday

Night: [How to play Euchre](#)

\*Please plan to bring your own beverage. We will provide popcorn.

Bylanders address:

824 Yellowstone Dr

River Falls, WI 54022

Any couples who are interested in playing Euchre, come join us at the Bylanders. This will be during the same time as YOUTHerans, so if you have preteens or teens, feel free to drop them off and come by. If you have younger kids, they are invited along to hang out while we play.



## Soccer Shots @ LMC!

We have an opportunity again this year to have Soccer Shots at LMC on Tuesday evenings this coming Winter. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Members of LMC will be receiving 10% off the registration fee. In order to register with the discount, please email [twincities@soccershots.com](mailto:twincities@soccershots.com) or call 651.300.0134

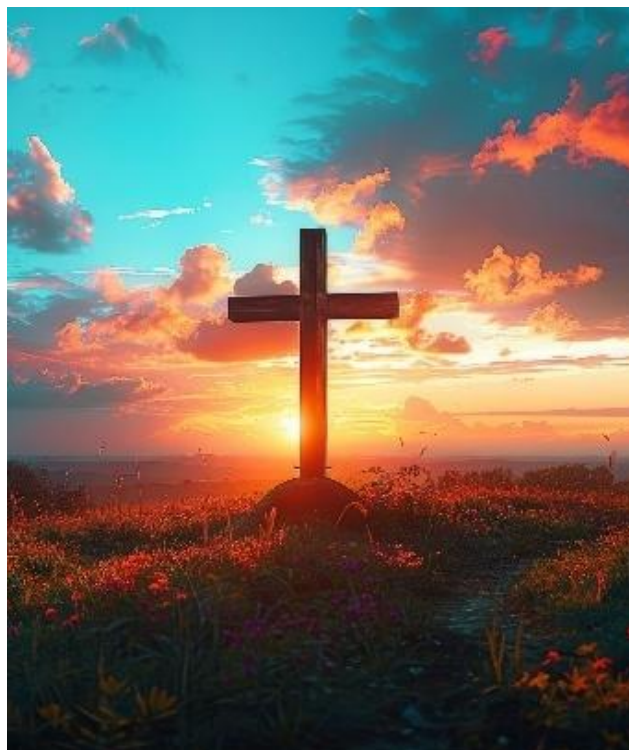
**There will be a 5-week session:**

- Tuesdays (2/24-3/24)
  - o 5:30-6:00 PM
  - o 6:00-6:30 PM

## Send Monica Your "God at Work" Stories! No story too small!

Feel free to write them in to my email:

[ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org](mailto:ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org) or stop by the church office and we can record the story.



**College Bible Study** We are so excited to invite the students back to LMC for **two options** for Bible Studies. **Thursday evening at 7:00 PM** mentored by Monica & Tony Bylander along with Steve & Jacky Rolf. **Sunday evening at 7:30 PM** student-led study mentored by Micah Thompson. LMC, we could use your help in providing snacks for the Thursday night Bible Study. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship Hall on the table. Thank you for supporting this important mission field!

**Coffee for a Cause!** We are serving "Promised Grounds" coffee on Sunday morning during "Sweet Jesus" time. We will have the coffee available for purchase (whole bean only). Proceeds will go toward C4 continents missions and every ounce sold is an ounce of clean water for someone in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country through "Filters of Hope!" [BUY HERE](#)



## Opportunity to Submit Prayers to

**Pastor Chad:** Submit a prayer to Pastor Chad with this [LINK](#) or scan the QR Code. All prayers will be anonymous unless indicated otherwise. If you'd like the church to pray for them, please indicate that. The power of prayer is SO GREAT!

**Giving at LMC:** We recognize we have givers from every generation at our church, so whether you're still writing a check faithfully, or if you give online, we're excited to announce we recently added four new ways to give using digital wallets:

1. PayPal
2. Apple Pay
3. Google Pay
4. Venmo



When you go to the Give Now Link, Choose my account and then payment method. You can then choose from your bank account (ACH) or one of the other above methods listed above.



## This Week at Luther Memorial:

Sunday 2/15	8:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:15 AM Middle & High School Service Project @ Food Shelf 9:30 AM Education Hour IF: 10:30 AM Worship Service 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Bible Study
Monday 2/16	9:00 AM Sledding Event @ Hoffman Park (LMC Office Closed during event) 5:30 PM Elfe Missional Community 6:00 PM AA Meeting @ LMC 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
Tuesday 2/17	11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Youngish Adults @ Johnstons 6:00 PM Chad's Zoom MC 7:00 PM Joining Jesus Zoom call
Wed 2/18	8:30 AM Mid-Week Connect 5:15 Chili Cook Off 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday 2/19	8:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM College Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Saturday 2/21	7:30 AM Men's Journey Team
Sunday 2/22	8:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Worship Service 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Bible Study

## Worship Assistants: February 15<sup>th</sup>

February 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Anita Slate	Anita Slate
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Michael Guell	Nick Turchin
GREETER	Masanz Family	Brent Bishop Family
CLICKER	Heidi Riese	Curt Leighty
ALTAR FLOWERS	Brian & Ellen Schultz	
READER	Jill Wurdell	Kris Strub
VIDEOGRAPHER	Tony Brace	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Pat Pierce & Greg Wurdell	
FOOD SHELF	Mary Conroy Johnson	
ALTAR GUILD	Lori Woltman & Jacky Rolf	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	Halverson Family	

## Worship Assistants: Ash Wed. Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wed: Feb 18	6:30 PM
MUSICIANS	Sandi Kovatch
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	NA
USHER	Wurdells
GREETER	Tony Bylander Family
CLICKER	Crystal Halverson
ALTAR FLOWERS	Brian & Ellen Schultz
READER	Bob Johnson
Videographer	Curt Leighty
Raise Right	NA
FOOD SHELF	Mary Conroy Johnson
ALTAR GUILD	Lori Woltman & Jacky Rolf
LAWN MOWING	NA
SWEET JESUS	NA

## Worship Assistants: February 22<sup>nd</sup>

February 22nd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Crystal Halverson	Crystal Halverson
USHER	Quentin Schultz	Dan Halverson
GREETER	Candy Bettendorf	Marilyn Anderson
CLICKER	Jill Wurdell	Stacia Turchin
ALTAR FLOWERS	Brian & Ellen Schultz	
READER	Crystal Halverson	Donna Taranto
VIDEOGRAPHER	Ben Wurdell	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Pat Armstrong & Tony Bylander	
FOOD SHELF	Mary Conroy Johnson	
ALTAR GUILD	Lori Woltman & Jacky Rolf	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	Lana Meyer	

## Worship Assistants for February 25<sup>th</sup>

Lent: Feb 25th	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
MUSICIANS	Lori W	Ellen Schultz
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	NA	NA
USHER	NA	Gene & Linda Kirk
GREETER	NA	Michael & Denise Guell
CLICKER	Monica Bylander	Jeff Meyer
ALTAR FLOWERS		
READER	NA	Heide Bishop
VIDEOGRAPHER	NA	Gabe Wurdell
RAISE RIGHT	NA	
FOOD SHELF	Mary Conroy Johnson	
ALTAR GUILD	NA	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	NA	

