



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

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

- John 21:9, 15-17
- Jeremiah 32:27-28, 36-41

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

- John 21:1-3, 4-6, 15-17
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### Message Series:

#### Unforgiveness/Forgiveness

Ever struggled with forgiving someone who did you wrong? I think we all have moments where we can relate. As we enter into the season of Lent and prepare to celebrate Easter, its a great time to pause and remember just how powerful the forgiveness of God is. So bring all you sin, shame and brokenness as our Sunday morning sermon series explores the freedom that comes in Jesus. In our midweek worship we will spend time reflecting on the life of Peter. He too struggled with forgiveness and shame but upon his confession of Jesus as the Christ, God would build his church. So join us as we explore our scars and engage in the healing forgiveness of Jesus this Lent.



### IRON 27:17 Launches March 25<sup>th</sup>

IRON 27:17 gathers men around God's Word to forge deeper faith, build authentic brotherhood, and sharpen one another to follow Christ with strength, humility, and courage. Based on Proverbs 27:17 we know that "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" If you are looking for a place to grow as a man of God join Wednesday morning at 6:17 AM at LMC. Coffee will be on - bring your bible and get ready to be sharpened.

### New Member Class

LMC will be starting a new member class next Sunday running for four weeks. The dates are March 15,22,29 and then a meal together after service on April 12. This is a chance to take a step forward in engaging at LMC. We will cover the Lutheran Theology 101, Finding Purpose, Our Mission, Details on the C4. If you are considering taking a step deeper in your connection at LMC I'd invite you to join us! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out. We will meet in the Kids room at the back of church from 9:30 - 10:15 AM.



## LAUGHTER RETURNS

### *An Evening Supporting Sober Living*

In the journey of recovery, there is a profound moment when the weight of the struggle begins to lift, and the sound of genuine laughter is heard once again.

Please join The 2911 Project for an evening dedicated to the joy that can be found in recovery. We are hosting a special dinner and improv comedy benefit to support the men in our community who are working hard toward their new life in recovery.

Recovery is a serious path, but it is also one that leads back to the fullness of life. This night is a celebration of that resilience—proving that when we provide a safe, stable environment and seek a new life: *laughter returns.*



### THE DETAILS

- **DATE:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026
- **TIME:** 5PM Doors Open | 5:30PM Dinner Served
- **LOCATION:** Juniors Restaurant, 414 S. Main St., River Falls, WI
- **FEATURING:** Live Improv Comedy by The Stevie Ray Comedy Troupe (from the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre!)

**INDIVIDUAL TICKETS:** \$45 (Includes Dinner & Show)

**TABLE SPONSORSHIPS:** \$150 to display company/name at table (Contact Sarah for more details) **\*\*Separate tickets still required\*\***

**PURCHASE ONLINE:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**\*\*All proceeds directly fund housing for men seeking recovery, a new washing machine, and a scholarship fund for those in financial crisis needing housing\*\***

## Falcon Links Easter Bags & OTHER NEEDS

THANK YOU to everyone who took a Falcon Links Bag!! The filled bags will be due back on or before **Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please have fun and be creative! Thank you for joining Jesus on His mission and blessing a Falcon Links student! Please contact Anne Ross at 515-231-3743 or [af101902@gmail.com](mailto:af101902@gmail.com), if you have any questions. Thank you!

### Other Items Falcon Links Needs:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Curly hair products
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- High protein snacks-beef jerky, trail mix, etc.
- Granola bars
- Microwavable meals – non-perishable
- Individual cereal boxes/Pop tarts
- Gift cards – grocery, gas
- Snacks – individual packages

If you feel led, please bring these items to the LMC office and/or hand them to Monica and she will make sure they get to the Falcon Links Director.

## March Music Spotlight

In a world that feels heavy and complicated, this month's music spotlight reminds us of the simplicity of faith. ["Let it Begin"](#) by Big Daddy Weave is a song of restoration, renewal and transformation. It reminds us that transformation isn't a one-time event. It is something that happens daily as we remember our baptism, take up the cross and follow Jesus. Here are the words to the chorus:

*"There's a river that delivers me to freedom  
And the current of His mercy brings restoration  
If my wounds could tell one story, let it be my testimony.  
That You don't leave me where I've been.  
If this is healing, let it begin."*

Not only do these words speak the truth of Jesus' healing and restoring our lives, they also remind us that the hurts we suffer in this life are hurts that He will use in order to bring others to Him. May this song bless you as you walk through life's valleys, knowing that God is walking with you.



## Gertens Spring Plant Fundraiser

The Gertens Spring Plant Fundraiser site is now OPEN! Better yet, plants will be available for pick up on May 7<sup>th</sup> - just before Mother's Day. An amazing selection of hanging baskets and outdoor plants are available. All proceeds benefit LMC youth on upcoming trips and outings. Full color brochures with prices are available in the fellowship hall. All purchases must be made online. Go to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)

**Store ID: 94** Upon checkout, the site will request where to direct the proceeds from your purchase. Please select the student's last name from the dropdown list. If you would like your purchase to benefit all youth, please select "All LMC Youth" at the top of the list. Orders due by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for supporting Youtherans with beautiful Gertens flowers.



## YOUTHers in March

Due to Lenten worship in the month of March, YOUTHers (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth) will be meeting from 5pm - 6:15pm. During both evenings, students will be able to get food from the Lenten meal. Reminder: friends are always welcome.

- March 11<sup>th</sup> - Bible Study: "Another Look." Session two of a four-part study on the gospel of Luke. On this night we'll be discussing, "How did you notice Jesus' presence today?"
- March 25<sup>th</sup> - Game Night - Ultimate Spoons Championship and Jeopardy.

## 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.

## Haiti Relief Concert and Fundraiser:

It Takes a Village Concert 20th Anniversary Ecumenical Fundraising Concert Did you miss the concert on Feb. 22nd? [Enjoy the 2026 You Tube recording.](#) Donations at any time support the school, orphanage, and health center in Ganthier, Haiti built by the joint efforts of River Falls churches in the RF Ministerium. Please consider making a donation to support the people of Haiti. Checks can be made out to "Haitian Relief Services" or scan either of these QR codes.

Haitian Relief Services

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## Lent & Holy Week Schedule

2/18: Ash Wednesday Worship: 6:30 PM

2/18: Chili Cook-off 5:15-6:15 PM

Wednesdays (2/25-3/25) Lenten Worship: 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesdays (2/25-3/25) Lenten Meal: 5:30 PM

4/2 Maundy Thursday Worship: 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

4/3 Good Friday Worship: 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

4/5 Easter Sunday: 6:30 AM Outdoor Easter Worship

7:00 AM Easter Breakfast Potluck

8:00 AM Traditional Easter Worship

10:30 AM Contemporary Easter Worship

**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.



**Sunday Morning Lenten Bible Study:** Have you ever heard someone start a conversation with "My Jesus is...." We live in a culture where many people have constructed false versions of Jesus. Some people think they can mold him into whatever works for them. Others think of Him as more of a genie or national political figure. Maybe you see him as a non-judgmental or everybody-wins type of person. You may even find him comfortable, distant, or boring. Over the next 8 weeks we will be diving into our bibles as we deconstruct these false versions and affirm the true biblical Jesus that came to save you and me!



**Birthdays this week at LMC:**

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**This Week at Luther Memorial:**

- Sunday 3/15
  - 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
- Monday 3/16
  - 6:00 PM AA Meeting @ LMC
  - 5:30 PM Elfe Missional Community
  - 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community
  - 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
- Tuesday 3/17
  - 9:30 AM Women’s Journey team
  - 11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting
  - 5:30 PM Soccer Shots @ LMC
  - 5:30 PM Youngish Adults @ Johnstons
  - 7:00 PM Joining Jesus Zoom call
- Wed 3/18
  - 8:30 AM Mid-Week Connect
  - 10:30 AM Lenten Worship
  - 5:30 PM Lenten Meal
  - 6:30 PM Lenten Worship
- Thursday 3/19
  - 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Saturday 3/21
  - 7:30 AM Men’s Journey Team
- Sunday 3/22
  - 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: March 11<sup>th</sup>

Lent March 11th	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
MUSICIANS	Lori W	Ellen Schultz
USHER	NA	Glenn Badje
GREETER	NA	Nick Turchin Family
CLICKER	Monica Bylander	Mason Turchin
READER	NA	Pat Pierce
VIDEOGRAPHER	NA	Curt Leighty
FOOD SHELF	Sandy Bowen	

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

March 15th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Sandi Kovatch	Sandi Kovatch
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Marv Klingler	DeAn Krey
GREETER	Elaine Sorenson	Glenn & Donna Badje
CLICKER	Michaela Gullicksen-Munger	Levi Schuermann
ALTAR FLOWERS	Donated by Carole Shuster	
READER	Lise Klingler	Lilly Elfe
VIDEOGRAPHER	Ben Wurdell	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Linda Kirk & Greg Wurdell	
FOOD SHELF	Sandy Bowen	
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Kirk & Marilyn Anderson	
SWEET JESUS	Marilyn Anderson	

### Worship Assistants: March 18<sup>th</sup>

Lent: March 18th	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
MUSICIANS	Lori W	Ellen Schultz
USHER	NA	Pat Pierce
GREETER	NA	Sandy Bowen
CLICKER	Monica Bylander	Heidi Riese
READER	NA	Levi Schuermann
VIDEOGRAPHER	NA	Gabe Wurdell
FOOD SHELF	Sandy Bowen	

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

March 22nd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Bobbi Jo Lierman	Bobbi Jo Lierman
USHER	Carol Olsen	Sandy Bowen
GREETER	Bob Kamish	Hannegraf Family
CLICKER	Crystal Halverson	Curt Leighty
ALTAR FLOWERS	Donated by Carole Shuster	
READER	Gavin Lierman	Quentin Schultz
VIDEOGRAPHER	Michaela Munger-Gullicksen	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Pat Armstrong & Pat Pierce	
FOOD SHELF	Sandy Bowen	
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Kirk & Marilyn Anderson	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	Lise Klingler	

### Worship Assistants: March 25<sup>th</sup>

Lent: March 25th	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
MUSICIANS	Lori W	Anita Slate
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	NA	NA
USHER	NA	Ryan Schumacher
GREETER	NA	Greg Wurdell Family
CLICKER	Monica Bylander	Cilla Schuermann
ALTAR FLOWERS		
READER	NA	Cilla Schuermann
VIDEOGRAPHER	NA	Monica Bylander
RAISE RIGHT	NA	
FOOD SHELF	Sandy Bowen	
ALTAR GUILD	NA	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	NA	

April 11<sup>th</sup> | 11am | First Covenant Church  
Save the date, invite a friend!

WOMEN'S

# Spring

SALAD  
LUNCHEON



Story Teller Pati Ketchel  
sharing the story of  
"Katherine Von Bora  
Luther"  
wife of protestant reformer  
Martin Luther

Salad luncheon to follow after presentation



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