



Weekly Announcements for the week of March 22nd, 2026

Scripture Verses for March 22nd

- John 21:1-3, 4-6, 15-17
- 1 Peter 5:6-11

Scripture Verses for March 29th

- John 21:9-10, 18-19
- Acts 2:14,22-24
- Psalm 40:1-5

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.



Breakfast for Supper Campus Meal

We need your egg bakes and French toast bakes (along with some other stuff)! Please help us put on a fun April Campus Meal for the UWRF students. Our theme is breakfast for supper, and we are so excited to continue to celebrate the mission field God has provided for us right across the street! We have seen fruit from this ministry in so many ways. If you are feeling led to be an integral part of this ministry by providing food, please see the sign-up sheet online ([Breakfast for Supper Campus Meal - Google Sheets](#)) or in the fellowship hall at LMC by the new wood wall.



IRON 27:17 Launches March 25th

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.



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****

Remodel Update:

As some of the Building Update Committee members work on plans and proposals for our church facility, others are working to declutter, sort and organize the storage spaces throughout the church. If you head a ministry that stores stuff here at LMC and you have not been contacted by Anne Ross, please reach out to her. **If you are willing to help with this part, please know that we will have some "Organizing" parties in mid-April and May.** More information to come. We appreciate your continued support and prayers.

Meal Packing and Pizza

Looking for a way to serve and have a blast with your LMC peeps? Sat., April 25th, people ages 5* and up are invited to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children (990 Lone Oak Rd. Eagan, MN 55121) from 9:30am - 11:15am. Volunteering at FSMC is an amazing way for all ages to work together and battle world hunger. Following the packing event, we'll celebrate the Lord's goodness at Pizza Ranch on the way home. Transportation arrangements will not be provided by LMC; however, interested participants are encouraged to carpool if possible. The cost (meal) for the event is \$5 for children and \$10 for adults (11 and up.) **Sign up [HERE](#)** by April 19th. (50 spots are available) Payment is due prior to the event. Questions? Contact Chad Schuermann *FSMC requires all participants to be five years or older. Families that are unable to have all their children attend the packing event due to age restrictions are invited to join LMC for pizza following.



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.



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 29th**. 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 afr101902@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."*

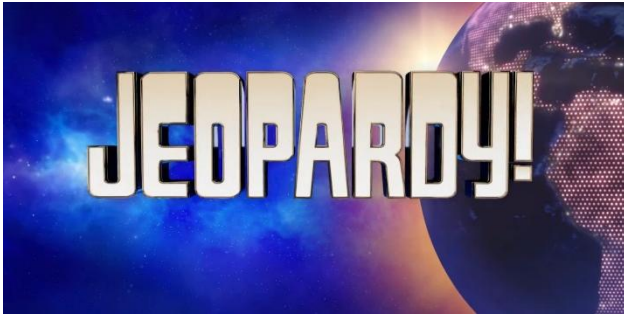
Not only do these words speak the truth of Jesus' healing and restoring our lives, they also remind us that the hurts we suffer in this life are hurts that He will use in order to bring others to Him. May this song bless you as you walk through life's valleys, knowing that God is walking with you.



Gertens Spring Plant Fundraiser

The Gertens Spring Plant Fundraiser site is now OPEN! Better yet, plants will be available for pick up on May 7th - 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

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 2nd. Thank you for supporting Youtherans with beautiful Gertens flowers.



YOUTHerans in March

Due to Lenten worship in the month of March, YOUTHerans (6th - 12th 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 25th - 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 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 3rd 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.



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

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!

This Week at Luther Memorial:

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

Monday 3/23 6:00 PM AA Meeting @ LMC
 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community
 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community

Tuesday 3/24 11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting
 5:30 PM Soccer Shots @ LMC
 5:30 PM Youngish Adults @ Johnstons
 6:00 PM Chad's Zoom MC
 7:00 PM Joining Jesus Zoom call

Wed 3/25 6:17 AM IRON 27:17
 8:30 AM Mid-Week Connect
 10:30 AM Lenten Worship
 5:30 PM Lenten Meal
 6:30 PM Lenten Worship

Thursday 3/26 6:30 PM Choir Practice
 7:00 PM College Bible Study

Sunday 3/29 8:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship Service
 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time
 9:30 AM Education Hour
 10:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship Service
 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Bible Study

Worship Assistants: March 18th

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



Birthdays this week at LMC:

Hali	Tasler	3/23
Courtney	Jacobson	3/24
Talia	Caliva	3/25
Grant	Lierman	3/27
Kaston	LaGessee	3/28

Worship Assistants: March 22nd

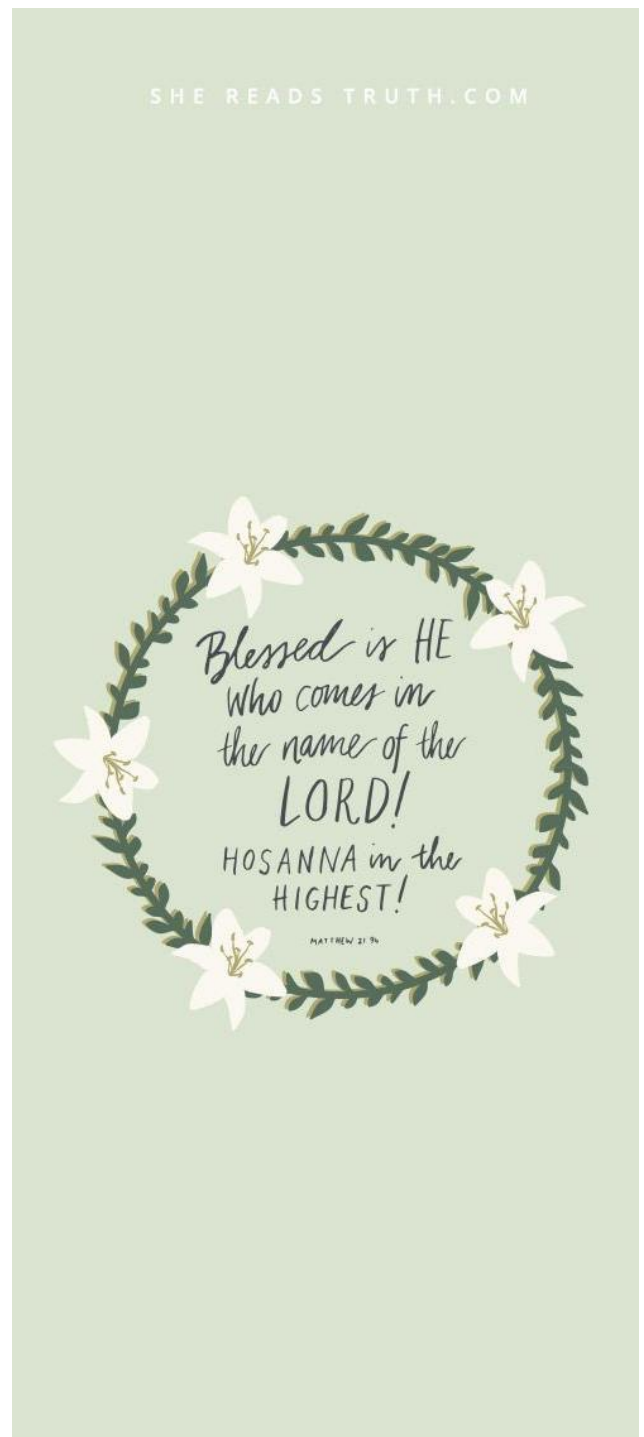
March 22nd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Bobbi Jo Lierman	Bobbi Jo Lierman
USHER	Carol Olsen	Sandy Bowen
GREETER	Bob Kamish	Hannegraf Family
CLICKER	Crystal Halverson	Curt Leighty
ALTAR FLOWERS	Donated by Carole Shuster	
READER	Gavin Lierman	Quentin Schultz
VIDEOGRAPHER	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 25th

Lent: March 25 th	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	

Worship Assistants: March 29th

March 29 th Palm Sunday	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Michael Guell	Nick Turchin
GREETER	Michaela Gullicksen-Munger Family	Pat & Susan Pierce
CLICKER	Jeff Meyer	Stacia Turchin
ALTAR FLOWERS		
READER	Lindsey Dietrich	Heidi Riese
VIDEOGRAPHER	Tony Brace	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Tony Bylander & Susan Pierce	
FOOD SHELF	Sandy Bowen	
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Kirk & Marilyn Anderson	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	Johnston Family	



RIVER FALLS LIONS

EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026
11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM**

**RIVER FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
818 CEMETERY ROAD
RIVER FALLS, WI**

We will be accepting donations of:

- Food and money for the River Falls Community Food Pantry
- Used eyeglasses, cell phones & hearing aids
- Used small Printer Cartridges

April 11th | 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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