



Weekly Announcements for the week of March 8th, 2026

Scripture Verses for March 8th

- Luke 22:61-62
- 1 timothy 1:12-17

Scripture Verses for March 15th

- John 21:9, 15-17
- Jeremiah 32:27-28, 36-41
- Colossians 2:13-15

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.



Falcon Links Easter Bags

LMC is blessed to walk alongside the UWRF Falcon Links students - those who have experienced homelessness, have been orphaned or in the foster care system – and bless them this Easter season. We have a special opportunity to provide each Falcon Links student with an Easter Blessing Bag. Just like at Christmas, the students have provided a “Favorites” list to help you fill their bags. This time we ask you to wrap the individual gifts where possible and include an Easter card signed by you and your family. For many of these students, it will be the only Easter gift they receive. **LMC families may pick up a bag on Sunday, March 8th** after either service. One bag per family please. 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

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!

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.

BIG DADDY WEAVE LET IT BEGIN



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. Thank you for supporting Youtherans with beautiful Gertens flowers.



YOUTHHerans in March

Due to Lenten worship in the month of March, YOUTHHerans (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 11th - 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 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@lmcrcf.org or stop
 by the church office and we can record the story.

Haiti Relief Concert and Fundrasier:
 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 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.





Birthdays this week at LMC:

Nick	Caliva	3/10
Joan	Kowalchyk	3/12
Asher	Schulz	3/13
April	Rixmann	3/14
Wayne	Bonkrude	3/15

This Week at Luther Memorial:

Sunday 3/8	8:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM All Congregational Meeting 10:30 AM Worship Service 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Bible Study
Monday 3/9	6:00 PM AA Meeting @ LMC 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
Tuesday 3/10	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 3/11	8:30 AM Mid-Week Connect 10:30 AM Lenten Worship 5:00 PM YOUTHherans 5:30 PM Lenten Meal 6:30 PM Lenten Worship
Thursday 3/12	6:00 PM UWRF BINGO Night 7:00 PM College Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice
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

Worship Assistants: March 8th

March 8th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Andy & Kris Strub	Quentin Schultz
GREETER	Sally & Russ Martin	Ward Family
CLICKER	Brody Reiter	Terry Ross
ALTAR FLOWERS		
READER	Bobbi Jo Lierman	DeAn Krey
VIDEOGRAPHER	Monica Bylander	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Lise Klingler & Sally Martin	
FOOD SHELF	Sandy Bowen	
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Kirk & Marilyn Anderson	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	Anne Ross	

Worship Assistants: March 11th

Lent March 11th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Lori W	Ellen Schultz
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	NA	NA
USHER	NA	Glenn Badje
GREETER	NA	Nick Turchin Family
CLICKER	Monica Bylander	Mason Turchin
ALTAR FLOWERS		
READER	NA	Pat Pierce
VIDEOGRAPHER	NA	Curt Leighty
RAISE RIGHT	NA	
FOOD SHELF	Sandy Bowen	
ALTAR GUILD	NA	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	NA	

Worship Assistants: March 15th

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		
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	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	Marilyn Anderson	

Worship Assistants: March 18th

Lent: March 18th	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
MUSICIANS	Lori W	Ellen Schultz
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	NA	NA
USHER	NA	Pat Pierce
GREETER	NA	Sandy Bowen
CLICKER	Monica Bylander	Heidi Riese
ALTAR FLOWERS		
READER	NA	Levi Schuermann
VIDEOGRAPHER	NA	Gabe Wurdell
RAISE RIGHT	NA	
FOOD SHELF	Sandy Bowen	
ALTAR GUILD	NA	
LAWN MOWING	NA	
SWEET JESUS	NA	



Dear Sisters in Christ,

We are excited to invite the women of your church to a very special morning with Pati Kachel, a professional traveling storyteller! Pati has studied and presented the stories of many remarkable women in history.

Please save the date and join us on Saturday, April 11, at 11:00a.m. at First Covenant Church, 1374 N Main St., River Falls.

We have asked Pati to share the story of
"Katharina von Bora Luther"

Katharina was the wife of Protestant Reformer Martin Luther. Her life was a shining reflection of the virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31. In this costumed characterization, listeners will be introduced to her interesting life as a supportive wife, godly mother and happy homemaker. An extensive tabletop display of portraits, books, and artifacts help her listeners step back into medieval Germany with Katie.



All of Pati's storytelling performances are produced by the Christian educational nonprofit called The Parable Fund. Their mission is to educate, encourage, enrich, and entertain listening audiences through excellent faith-based storytelling. A free will offering will be taken which will be given to the Parable Fund.

Our time together will conclude with a salad luncheon immediately following Pati's presentation. Save the date, invite a friend, and we hope to see you on April 11!

It would be helpful to have you rsvp so we can plan our lunch. Please contact our church office at 715-425-2640, or by e-mailing Abby@rccov.org by Wednesday, April 8.

Visit www.theparablefund.org for more information about Pati's programs.

Joyfully In Christ,

Women's Ministry Team at First Covenant Church – River Falls.