



## Weekly Announcements for the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

### Scripture Verses for May 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Acts 17:22-33
- Esther 4:11-17

### Scripture Verses for May 10<sup>th</sup>

- Proverbs 18:4-13
- James 1:19-27

### Message Series: SENT-Everyday Mission

Easter shows us what Jesus has done. Our stories show what He's doing in us. Mission reminds us He's working in the world. So the question now is—  
**what does that look like in your everyday life?**  
 So join us as we grow in understanding where God has placed us, how we listen well, showing God's love in action, and trusting in His will and ways advances the Kingdom of God in our community and the world.



### Spring Clean Up **RESCHEDULED** Day:

Join us to make the LMC grounds beautiful outside at **6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Bring work gloves and a good attitude. All ages and skill levels are welcome. The more the merrier!

### National Day of Prayer: May 7<sup>th</sup>

Please join us at LMC to participate in the **National Day of Prayer on May 7<sup>th</sup>**. LMC will be open during the day (8:00-4:30) for anyone who would like to stop in and spend some time talking to our Lord. We will have resources available for you with prayer ideas and suggestions to grow in talking to God, and help you to spend an hour in prayer, if you would like. If you want to spend 2 minutes in prayer that's great too. If you would like to participate in prayer from home, that's also an option. If you have something specific you'd like prayed over? Send it via this [LINK](#). If you would like the prayer resources at home, please email Monica at [ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org](mailto:ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org). For more info on the National Day of Prayer visit: [Home - National Day of Prayer Task Force](#)



### Baccalaureate 2026

River Falls Souled Out (RF area Youth Ministries) will be hosting Baccalaureate for graduating seniors. The event will take place on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm) at the River Falls High School Auditorium. This hour-long event is filled with worship, Scripture, and blessings for graduates, their families, and community members. Attendees do not need to have a specific connection to a graduate - everyone is welcome. A cake and punch reception will be held in the Commons following the event. We hope to see you there.

## Finals Week Feeding Frenzy:

We have one more big push to serve the UWRF Students before the end of the school year! The LMC Finals Feeding Frenzy is:

- **May 10-May 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **5:00-6:30 PM**

We have several gracious people who signed up for Thrivent Action Team cards for each day of the event, so we don't need the main dishes supplied. However, we need help with side dishes, salads, and desserts. If you feel led to support this amazing (and GROWING) ministry to the students across the street, please sign up [HERE](#) or call the LMC office, and Monica will add your name.



**Falcon Links Graduation!** Praise the Lord that seven Falcon Links students will be graduating in May! We are asking for your help in blessing these students. Each student will receive a box of notecards full of prayers, quotes, encouragement and Bible verses from our congregation. In addition, we are collecting cash donations and Amazon and Kwik Trip gift cards for each student. If you have a special book or other gift of encouragement to give each of them, please bring them to the church. We will add a Bible and a prayer shawl to their gift bags.

The notecards and instructions will be on the table in the Fellowship Hall this week. Completed notecards, gifts or donations should be returned on or before Sunday, May 3rd. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support. Please contact Anne Ross if you have any questions.

## YOUTHerans Headed to Vespers

LMC Youtherans (6th - 12th grade) are attending Vespers - a high energy youth led worship night at Peace Church in Baldwin on **May 6th**. We will meet at LMC at **5:45 PM** and carpool from there. Students can expect to be back at LMC by 8pm. Interested students can sign up [here](#). Sign up by **Friday, May 1st**.



**Softball 2026!** Are you interested in playing softball this Summer with the LMC team? Dave Woltman will be the manager this year since Landin Masanz is moving on to softball commissioner. We want to thank both of them for their service! [Sign up online](#) or in person at LMC.



## Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> blood drive:

Blood drive hours are 9am – 3pm

- Here's the donor promotion/giveaway: Get *summer ready!* Come to give blood May 18-31 for an exclusive new Red Cross beach towel.

Help prepare for summer blood lows! Please join our Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Luther Memorial Church Blood Drive from 9am – 3pm & help up to 3 lives with 1 donation. 1 hour of your time can ensure readily available blood resources for patients in need in the coming weeks! All donors will get a new Red Cross beach towel as a "Thank You!" in preparation for summer fun - [Click here to sign-up today!](#)

## VBS Decorating 2026

VBS Work days on the horizon!

- **April 29<sup>th</sup>** 1:00-5:00 PM
- **April 30<sup>th</sup>** 10:30-3:00 PM
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>** 1:00-5:00 PM
- **May 5<sup>th</sup>** 10:30-3:00 PM
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>** 1:00-5:00 PM

This is a call out to anyone who would like to be a part of the team that **TRANSFORMS** LMC into a **RAINFOREST JUNGLE** for VBS. All ages are welcome to join in the fun! We have had kids and our mature folks work alongside each other to create beautiful things! This really does make the space feel magical for the kids who come for VBS and creates an environment for learning something NEW about God.

[SIGN UP HERE](#) or in the fellowship hall at LMC.



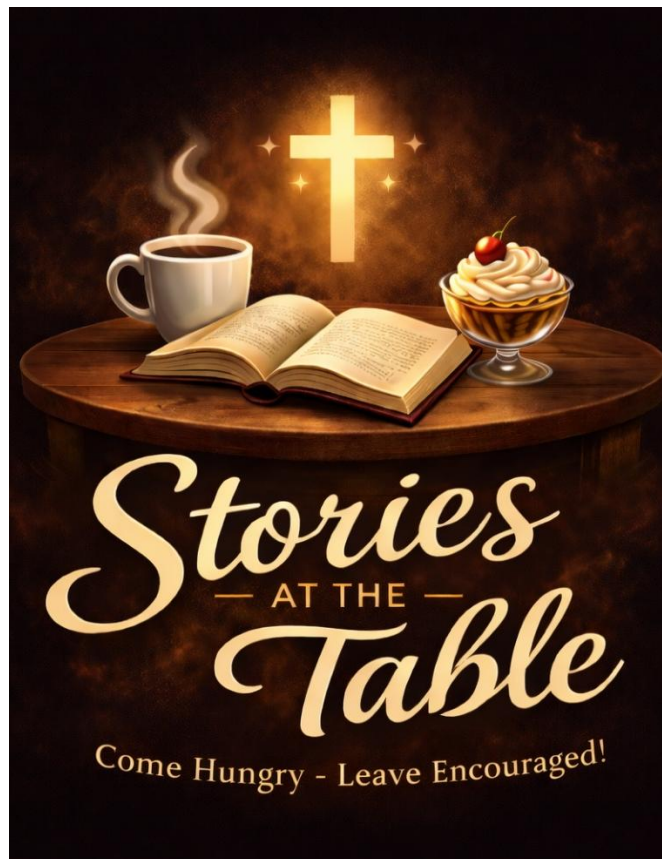
## IRON 27:17 Men's Group

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.

**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!"



**Stories at the Table** is a relaxed evening of desserts and meaningful conversation centered on where God is at work in everyday life. Gather around the table with others from our church family to enjoy sweet treats, listen to personal faith stories, and share your own experiences of God at work. Whether you come to speak or simply to listen, all are welcome to be encouraged, strengthened, and connected through the stories God is writing in our lives. **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**



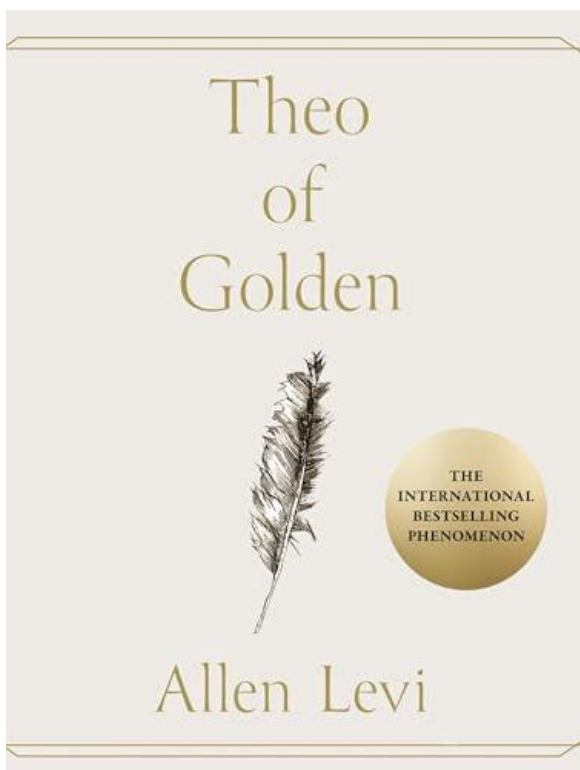
## Summer Women's Book Club!

Summer is a great time to join a book club! We will be reading *Theo of Golden* and welcome all women who are interested in joining us. We will be meeting at **9:30 AM on the first and the third Tuesdays of each month** starting on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The book is available for purchase downtown at FoxDen or [online @ Amazon](#). If you are having trouble with that, please let me know.

**THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING PHENOMENON**  
A Katie Couric Book Club Pick • A Jen Hatmaker Book Club Pick

**"[A] word-of-mouth smash hit."** —*The New York Times*  
**"A treasure."** —Hoda Kotb

*One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.*



## LMC VBS Registration OPEN NOW!

Join us for a FREE fun filled week of Vacation Bible School June 14 – 18 (6pm – 8pm). Looking for an awesome free VBS for your child? Join the fun at Luther Memorial Church as we step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath this canopy, kids will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Online registration NOW OPEN. All are welcome. Space is limited. Register early! VBS is for children entering PreK – 6th grade. Younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult. [Register HERE](#) today. For questions, please contact Dir. of Family Ministry – Chad Schuermann.

## 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.

## 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!

## May Music Spotlight

I was introduced to this beautifully simple yet incredibly meaningful song a few years ago. Our upcoming sermon series is called SENT. This song was a breakout hit for the sibling trio CAIN. "[The Commission](#)" is a poignant contemporary Christian ballad that reimagines the final instructions of Jesus to His disciples (and to us). The song is written from the first-person perspective of Jesus as he prepares to ascend to heaven. Drawing directly from the "Great Commission" in **Matthew 28:19–20**, the lyrics serve as a direct mandate to believers: "Go tell the world about me / I was dead but now I live." It balances the sorrow of a "goodbye" with the hopeful promise that his Spirit remains with his followers. As we continue to tell the world about Him, I pray this song is a blessing to you.



**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 5/3
  - 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 5/4
  - 6:00 PM AA Meeting @ LMC
  - 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community
  - 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
- Tuesday 5/5
  - 11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting
  - 5:30 PM Youngish Adults @ Johnstons
  - 6:30 PM Ross Missional Community
- Wed 5/6
  - 6:17 AM IRON 27:17
  - 8:30 AM Mid-Week Connect
  - 7:00 PM Pray C4
- Thursday 5/7
  - National Day of Prayer
  - 9:00 AM Quilting Life Group
  - 7:00 PM College Bible Study
- Sunday 5/10
  - 8:00 AM Worship Service
  - 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time
  - 9:30 AM Education Hour
  - 10:30 AM Worship Service
  - 5:00 PM FREE Finals Feeding Frenzy
  - 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Bible Study



## Birthdays this week at LMC:

|          |             |     |
|----------|-------------|-----|
| Harper   | Kusilek     | 5/3 |
| Lorraine | Peitso      | 5/4 |
| Nolan    | Butterfield | 5/6 |
| Joanne   | Warner      | 5/7 |
| Rebekah  | Fouks       | 5/8 |

## Worship Assistants: May 3rd

| May 3rd            | 8:00 AM  | 10:30 AM         |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| MUSICIANS          | Anita Slate  | Anita Slate      |
| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Chad Schuermann  | Chad Schuermann  |
| USHER              | Ryan Schumacher  | Brian Schultz    |
| GREETER            | Elaine Sorenson  | Turchin Family   |
| CLICKER            | Jeff Meyer   | Cilla Schuermann |
| ALTAR FLOWERS      | In honor of Brian & Ellen's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary |                  |
| READER             | Gavin Lierman  | Lilly Elfe       |
| VIDEOGRAPHER       | Curt Leighty   | NA               |
| RAISE RIGHT        | Marilyn Schultz & Sally Marin                            |                  |
| FOOD SHELF         | Julie Swenson  |                  |
| ALTAR GUILD        | Lana Meyer & Michael Guell                               |                  |
| LAWN MOWING        | Tommy Thompson   |                  |
| SWEET JESUS        | Turchin Family   |                  |

## Worship Assistants: May 10th

| May 10th           | 8:00 AM  | 10:30 AM           |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| MUSICIANS          | Praise Team-Melody                                       | Praise Team-Melody |
| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Chad Schuermann  | Chad Schuermann    |
| USHER              | Carol Olsen  | Nick Turchin       |
| GREETER            | Glenn & Donna Badje                                      | Hannegraf Family   |
| CLICKER            | Curt Leighty   | Stacia Turchin     |
| ALTAR FLOWERS      | In honor of Brian & Ellen's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary |                    |
| READER             | Pat Pierce   | Levi Schuermann    |
| VIDEOGRAPHER       | Ben Wurdell  | NA                 |
| RAISE RIGHT        | Jill Jaeckel & Linda Kirk                                |                    |
| FOOD SHELF         | Julie Swenson  |                    |
| ALTAR GUILD        | Lana Meyer & Michael Guell                               |                    |
| LAWN MOWING        | Terry Ross   |                    |
| SWEET JESUS        | Thompson Family  |                    |



## Our Neighbor's Place UPDATE!

The move from Johnson St building to our temporary location at 103 N Main St is complete. You'll find our Closet Thrift Store and our Day Center at the temporary location. Hours of operation are slightly different:

### Day Center

Mon 1-4pm (by appt only)  
Tue - Fri 10am-4pm

### Closet Thrift Store

Tue & Thu 10am-6pm  
Wed & Fri & Sat 10am-4pm

We have an open house (at 103 N Main St) coming up on Thu, May 14th - please share the attached flier with your congregations - all are welcome! Here is the Facebook event: [Our Neighbors' Day Facebook event](#)

Additionally, we are having a groundbreaking ceremony on Tue, May 12th at 4pm at the 122 W Johnson St location. All are welcome - please share info with your congregations.

Finally, next Tue, April 28 is Give Big - an online day of giving to support the nonprofits in the St Croix Valley. Our Neighbors' Place is taking part to raise dollars for our 5 programs. We have a donor who has committed to donating \$5,000 if we raise \$5,000 - please share with your congregation and consider a donation. [Give Big Valleys website](#)

STOP BY OUR TENT IN VETERANS PARK

# OUR NEIGHBORS' DAY

Our Neighbors' Place

## MAY 14, 2026

- OPEN HOUSE 10 AM-6 PM WITH REFRESHMENTS
- TOURS ALL DAY, LEARN ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS
- FREE ENTRIES TO WIN RAFFLE PRIZES \*MUST BE 18+ TO ENTER
- 50% OFF SALE IN THE CLOSET

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UNITED WAY ST. CROIX AND RED CEDAR VALLEYS

# GIVE BIG VALLEYS

STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS THROUGHOUT THE SIX COUNTY REGION

April 28, 2026 | 12AM-11:59PM at [givebigvalleys.org](http://givebigvalleys.org)

Be part of the 24-hour online giving event and make a lasting impact!  
Support nonprofits across Burnett, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix counties.  
Every gift changes lives, fuels the local economy, and strengthens Western Wisconsin.

Scan the QR code to view participating nonprofits and GIVE BIG!

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