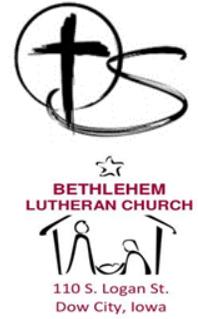


# March 2026

# THE GRAPEVINE

## Our Savior

## Bethlehem



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## BEST PRACTICES 2026

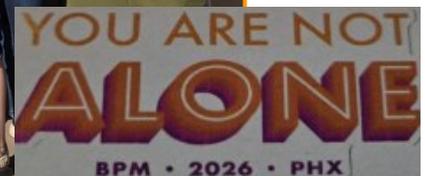
Best Practices in Ministry began 15 years ago when Pastor Jeff Schrank from Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, had a vision to invite church workers to a conference to show them "You Are Not Alone, You are Loved, and You Matter". Over 300 volunteers attend to every possible need. Attendees only need to find a way to Phoenix and a place to stay. The conference sessions, all meals, and more snacks than you can ever imagine are free. Pastor Chad & Brenda, Jarryn & Ben, Stephanie & Tristan Hatterman, Rachel Greene, Sue Bergamo, Darin Johnson and Chuck Downing represented Our Savior this year. The conference began the morning of Thursday, February 12th. Registration, opening session ( we had 5 to choose from and each session had 5 or more speakers), and lunch kicked off the conference. Prior to the conference everyone was given access to an app which allowed them to review and select sessions for each time slot. There were 2 afternoon sessions on Thursday, 4 on Friday and 2 on Saturday. The attendance this year was estimated at 2600. We all looked at the different sessions and tried not to overlap each other. We wanted to get the best training that was offered to take back to Our Savior. Some of the classes that we attended were: Youth & Mental Health, Establish a Culture of Mission and Evangelism, Neighbors on Purpose, AI strategies, Serving Students and More, Making your ministry unstoppable, Question Quest, Taking the BS out of VBS, Reaching & Disciplining Gen Z, Culture of Creativity, Raising them Up, Luther on Contemporary Worship, Raise up Servant Leaders. Discipleship, Social Media, Seize the Day, Object Lessons, Children's Messages, Identity, Parenting, Gen Z, Confirmation, VBS. In addition to the many breakout sessions each day included full group sessions and church services with a variety of guest speakers and pastors from around the country providing powerful, motivating messages, communion, and song. The week wrapped up with a more traditional sending service in the church sanctuary. This conference was a first for some and others have attended in the past. It was a time that allowed our small group to get to know one another better and to have some dedicated time to have thought-provoking conversations about how we can continue to engage more individuals in our Christ Centered Family.

If you have any questions please reach out to one of the members who attended, we would be happy to tell you what we learned.

We all appreciate the opportunity to attend the conference this year and hope that we, as a church, can find a way to involve more people in this annual event in the future.

Also if you wish to go to this conference mark your calendar for Feb 18-20, 2027, and be looking for sign up in October of this year.

Gods' Blessing from the Best Practice 2026 Crew from Our Savior



# YOUTH

**Making Easter Baskets for First Responders**



**Sunday, March 29  
2pm-4 pm**

**Youth Group**  
**Sr. High Connect**  
**Wednesdays @ 6:30**

**Sunday Connect**  
**Sundays @ 4:30**

## Upcoming

**Colorado Servant Event**  
Date: either May 26-29 or 27-30  
Who: 2026 Grads, College Students and young adults

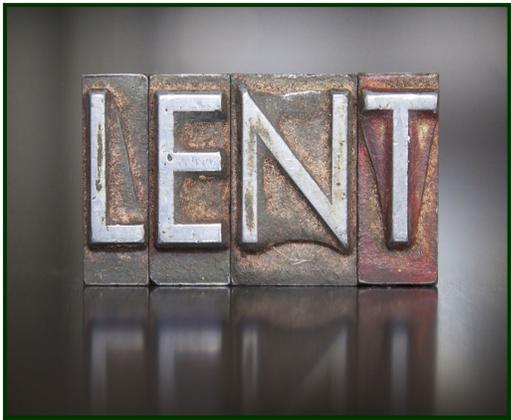


Lutheran Valley Retreat near Divide, Co  
Information coming soon!!

**Save the Date**  
Kayak/Float Trip  
July 8-11  
Valentine, Ne



Information Coming Soon



**Lenten Meal**  
**March 11th**

Sr. High youth and parents we will be hosting the Lenten Meal on March 11th we are doing a Baked Potato Bar we need help with supplies, serving and clean up.

If you are able to provide items please sign up.

For the meal please try to have the youth here by 4:30, if they have after school activities be here as soon as possible.

We do need parents as well to help especially with clean up.

**Check the bulletin for more youth activities.**

# Valentine's Dinner Thank you!!!



This past month we held our third annual Valentine's Dinner! It was a huge success and I want to thank everyone that came out!! A massive thank you to all our youth and parents that helped out and

donated food! We had a great turn out this year with two different settings and we have hopes to have even more people come out next year. We were able to raise about \$2,500 for our Youth programs!!!

If you weren't able to attend this year, the theme was Starlight by the Sea and we served beef tips with au jus sauce, a baked potato, your choice of seasoned green beans or brussels sprouts with general tso seasoning. It also came with rolls, a side salad and your choice of chocolate or poke cake. The youth actually turn into servers for the evening so you can sit and relax with family or friends. It is a great event and we hope you join us next year!!

I want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone that came and everyone that helped out in anyway!! This event is possible because of your support!

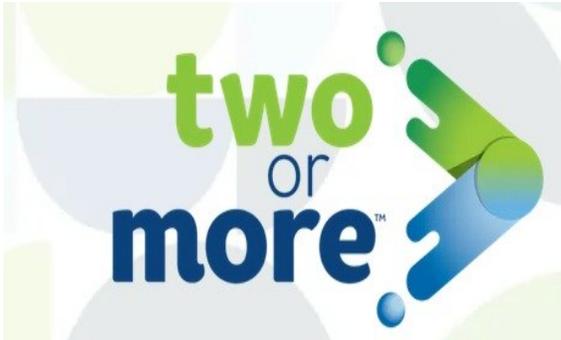
Thank You!!

Jarryn Wiley-Pearce



# Sunday School

Sundays @ 10:15 am



## Elementary

Pre-k—5th Grade Upstairs in the South Classroom

With Two or More we will celebrate how we can help kids to be seen, known, and loved. Just like Jesus taught to a small and large groups, Two or More leads the kids whether it is a small group or large group of kids to share Bible-rich experiences as they grow in faith together.



## Youth

6th—12th Grade Downstairs in the Youth Room  
We will be starting a new Bible Study called “Best Year Ever” If you’re ready to have the BEST YEAR EVER, how you handle your relationships with family and friends will be a huge factor.

Jesus put those people in your life for a reason.



Save the Date



**Our Savior  
(bold & black)**

# March 2026

*Bethlehem  
(blue, bold, italicized)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 OS Worship ✠ After Service: Adult BBS & Sunday School <i>9:15 Beth Adult BBS &amp; Sunday School</i> <i>10:30 Beth Worship ✠</i> 4:30: Jr. High Connect	<b>2</b> 9:00 Coffee Crew 9:00 Quilters  6:00 Cub Scouts (Basement)  7:00 Elders Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4:00: WBS 4 yr. old – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade 4:00: Rock 456 Classes 5:30: Lenten Meal <i>5:30 Lent Service (Beth)</i> 6:00: 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Classes 5:45: Choir 6:30: Sr. High Connect 7:00: Lent Service OS	<b>5</b>      9:45 BBS @ OS	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>      5:30 OS Worship
<b>8</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins (2:00am) 9:00 OS Worship After Service: Adult BBS & Sunday School 11:00 Youth Board Meeting <i>9:15 Beth Adult BBS &amp; Sunday School</i> <i>10:30 Beth Worship</i> 4:30: Jr. High Connect	<b>9</b>   9:00 Coffee Crew   <i>2:00 Women's Guild Meeting</i>	<b>10</b>  Winkel (at OS, Hosted by Christ LC)   7:00 Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 4:00: WBS 4 yr. old – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade 4:00: Rock 456 Classes 5:30: Lenten Meal <i>5:30 Lent Service (Beth)</i> 6:00: 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Classes 5:45: Choir 6:30: Sr. High Connect 7:00: Lent Service (OS)	<b>12</b>      9:45 BBS @ OS	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>9:00 Bethlehem Spring Cleaning</i>   5:30 OS Worship ✠
<b>15</b> 9:00 OS Worship ✠ After Service: Adult BBS & Sunday School <i>9:15 Beth Adult BBS &amp; Sunday School</i> <i>10:30 Beth Worship ✠</i> 2:00 Cub Scouts Derby (Basement) 4:30: Jr. High Connect	<b>16</b> 9:00 Coffee Crew 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Cub Scouts (Basement) <i>7:00 Bethlehem Leadership Meeting</i>  <i>DCE Jarryn on Mission Trip 3/15-3/20</i>	<b>17</b> CCHF @ Presbyterian Church: 1:00 Preparation 3:00 Distribution  	<b>18</b> 4:00: WBS 4 yr. old – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade 4:00: Rock 456 Classes 5:30: Lenten Meal <i>5:30 Lent Service (Beth)</i> 6:00: 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Classes 5:45: Choir 6:30: Sr. High Connect 7:00: Lent Service (OS)	<b>19</b>      9:45 BBS @ OS	<b>20</b>  First day of Spring!	<b>21</b>      5:30 OS Worship
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<b>29</b> PALM SUNDAY 9:00 OS Worship ✠ After Service: Adult BBS & Sunday School <i>9:15 Beth Adult BBS &amp; Sunday School</i> <i>10:30 Beth Worship ✠</i> 2:00 Youth Easter Basket Making	<b>30</b>   9:00 Coffee Crew 6:30 Discipleship Meeting	<b>31</b>			Communion will be served during this service ✠  CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon – Fri, 9:00 – 2:00 712-263-3282  <i>Updated: 2/27/2026</i>	

Please contact the office directly if you have a new event/meeting in the next 7 days. If it is in the future, please put it on the large calendar posted in the office or contact the office directly. To make changes, communicate directly to the office.  
Thank you!

## Our Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2026

Attendees – Steve Frazier, Michael Phipps, Pastor Trunkhill, Terri Martens, Eric Martens, Shari Frazier, Rachel Greene, Sue Bergamo, Landon Burhoop, Lisa Weber, Sue Feller

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM by Council President Steve Frazier

Opening Devotion/Prayer – Michael Phipps and Pastor

Review of minutes from January 13, 2026 Council meeting - approved as read.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Pastor's Report – Pastor Trunkhill**

##### **Worship Attendance**

Worship attendance is up for the month of January, with the most notable on Saturday evenings. Saturday evening when up by about 13 people will an longtime high of 91 on a normal Saturday one week (no baptism or special events). Sunday morning OS grew by about 2 people. Bethlehem grew by 2 as well. Little movements can make a big long-term difference.

##### **Official Acts**

Bob Hamilton (Funeral) Our Savior – January 5, 2026

Sharon Bailey (Funeral) Zion – January 22, 2026

Sharlene Hansen (Funeral) Our Savior – January 30, 2026

Marlene Giermann (Funeral) Our Savior – January 31, 2026

Roger Bailey (Funeral) Zion – February 6, 2026

##### **Confirmation Robes**

New confirmation robes have been ordered and should be here in the next week. We will get them steamed and hung up in the furnace room and the old robes will be moved to the office closet to be used by acolytes. I hope to have this done before Ash Wednesday.

##### **Associate Pastor Call**

Survey was offered to the congregation in written form on Sunday February 1, 2026 at Our Savior. We will have them on February 8, 2026 at Bethlehem. We will be sending them out Tuesday February 3, 2026 for the both congregations through email. I would recommend that we get something on the books for townhall meetings during Lent. The thought was that we would have one on a Saturday Evening, one on Sunday Morning, and one on Wednesday evening at Our Savior. We would have one at Bethlehem. Leaders should plan these and look to lead the meetings.

##### **Cleaning Up The Roles**

Steph and Leslie are cleaning up the roles and it will take longer than what I first thought. Even with both working through Sub Splash, they are only able to do it around other responsibilities. Therefore, my goal is to finish step one before the end of the year. They might get it ready before this but want to give a realistic hard deadline.

##### **Meet with All Committees (repeat)**

I have begun working with our different committees as I met with the Discipleship committee this past month. My goal of this meeting is to look over and evaluate the Ministry Descriptions for each committee. Discuss what is still valid on the list and what has been moved somewhere else. Then look at what we would like to focus on for the next year. Please let me know when I can meet with you (if you are all by yourself) or your group. Each committee should also have an elder assigned to them to assist and walk along side of you. Make sure they are involved as well.

##### **Best Practices – Pheonix, AZ (repeat)**

I am looking forward to attending Best Practices in Arizona again this year. This is a great time to recharge, network, get excited with new ideas to help (re)launch ministry. We have already reserved a vrbo house for us to stay in that should save money overall. We have several people who are interested in going, which is awesome! Pastor Chad and Brenda, Jarryn and Ben, Steph and Tristan (Tristan is coming to help drive and cook when needed), Darin (Confirmation, Missions, Discipleship), Rachel (Church music, Discipleship, Missions), Sue (Missions), Chuck (Confirmation).

##### **Schedule**

February 11-15, 2026 – Best Practices for Ministry – Pheonix, AZ (Pastor Jon)

February 18, 2026 – Ash Wednesday

Bethlehem – 5:30 pm

Our Savior – 7:00 pm

## Our Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Continued

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 – Lent Midweek Services

March 29, 2026 – Palm/ Passion of Our Lord Sunday

April 2, 2026 – Maundy Thursday

April 3, 2026 – Nails of Lent – Good Friday

April 4, 2026 – Easter (Saturday Evening)

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

Bethlehem – 7:00 am

Our Savior – 9:00 am

April 29, 2026 – Confirmation Banquet

May 3, 2026 – Confirmation Sunday

May 16-17, 2026 – Niece High School Graduation

July 18, 2026 – Wedding Request – Carter Wessel (Ames) – Denied due to another wedding)

July 18, 2026 – Branning Wedding (OS)

August 6-17, 2026 – Vacation

August 1, 2026 – Wedding (Manning)

August 22, 2026 – Frazier Wedding (Out of Town)

October 17, 2026 – Carlson Wedding (OS)

November 14, 2026 – Hilty Wedding (Out of Town)

### DCE – Jarryn

### Edu for Feb

### **Sunday School**

We are working through Quarter 2 in the new lesson series for the kids upstairs. The youth downstairs are working through a series called Best Year Ever. The Sunday School teacher list for this quarter is filled so we know who is teaching when.

### **Ground Zero**

Everything is going well downstairs and upstairs. We had an issue with food being carried all over the building, but we got it handle with the teachers and reminding the kids. In Large Group time we will be working through prayer station in a couple of weeks.

### **Upcoming/Other**

Palm Sunday Singing we will start looking at doing that as it will be March 29

Easter Egg Hunt for both age groups again on April 5

Youth for Feb

DCE Report

Youth Group

Jr. & Sr. High Connect are going strong so far this semester.

### **Youth Events**

Jr. High Mini Lock-in – we held a mini lock-in from 6pm to Midnight. We had 41 Jr. High youth and 8 Sr. High youth we Jr. Leaders for the night. Ben and I had over 50 people in the building. It was a great night! It was held on a weird night because they didn't have school that Monday.

I am working on planning an activity for the Sr. High

Youth Led Service – I will be looking at March to do a Youth Led service.

### **Fundraiser**

We will be hosting Lenten meals again this years with the help of other boards and groups.

Feb. 25 - Elders

March 4 - Missions

March 11 - Sr. High

March 18 -

March 25 -

Valentine's Dinner Feb 21

### **Service Projects**

We will be looking forwards to doing something in March around Easter time.

Mexico Mission Trip March 14-20, 2026 – Right now we have one of our graduating seniors joining me for this year.

## Our Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Continued

### **Upcoming**

Best Practices – Feb 11-15  
Valentines Dinner – Feb 21  
Mexico Mission – March 14-20  
Youth Led Service – March ?  
Easter Egg Hunt – April 5th

### **Council Board Reports**

#### **Board of Elders – Head Elder Eric Martens**

Upcoming events for the Elders: February - grilling for the Valentines meal, March - property review of the church interior, Town Hall meetings will be scheduled, May - property review of church exterior and grounds.

**Education/Youth – Julie Burhoop, Brooke Lambert, Brianne Schillerberg – no report**

#### **Discipleship – Rachel Greene –**

At our January meeting we slightly discussed part of the first chapter of the book "Future Church". Also went over a newly worded "Board of Discipleship" list of expectations. Made it easier to understand our roll. Thanks, Kathy, for helping with this. Got Valentine cards ready to send to the shut ins and nursing home members and sent them. Made up 6 more women Joy Bags so there are some available again. Decided we should do an Ash Wednesday handout, figured out what that would be, Tracy and I will put them together, Darin will write a discipleship minute, and Sandy will read it that evening.

Talked about our future monthly projects, we should have one each month up until summer for sure. So will be working on those at our next monthly meetings.

#### **Parish Fellowship – Jackie Suprenant, Lisa Weber, Sue Feller**

On January 30th, we hosted the funeral lunch for Sharlene Hansen. We served 100 guests. We had 8 desserts and 6 workers.

On January 31st, we had Marlene Giermann's funeral coffee and dessert. We served 100 guests. 10 desserts were donated, and 5 volunteers served

#### **Property – Alan Suntken**

Landon reported that the defibrillator pads expired and new ones need to be ordered, he will also get a price for a second defibrillator to have downstairs.

**Stewardship – Becky Jacobsen - no report**

**Treasurer – Terri Martens - no report**

Motion by Sue Feller, seconded by Eric Martens, to approve Staff and Council Board Reports - motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Dishwasher replacement - a cost estimate was received from Strachan Sales, Inc. for a commercial dishwasher and additional items needed for the project. Discussion was held on possible funds available to pay for the dishwasher project. Motion made by Terri, seconded by Sue Feller, to call a special voter's meeting - motion carries.

\*A special voters' meeting will be scheduled on March 22 for approval of the dishwasher from the congregation.

Church directory update - office is working on finalizing the directory

### **New Business**

Associate pastor town hall meeting dates - Tentative dates; March 21, 22, 25

Phil's lawn contract for 2026 - Motion made by Landon, seconded by Michael, to approve the contract - motion carries

Church credit cards discussion - the church can apply for credit cards with LFCU (Lutheran Federal Credit Union)

Motion made by Eric, seconded by Michael, to open an account and apply for credit cards with LFCU – motion carries

Signing of church checks - checks must have two signatures, Council members approved to sign checks are Terri Martens, Steve Frazier, Michael Phipps, and Landon Burhoop. Motion made by Lisa Weber, seconded by Sue Bergamo, to approve check signatures by council members - motion carries

Motion to adjourn by Rachel, seconded by Landon

Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Frazier, Council Secretary

### Our Savior Women's Guild Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026

Our Savior Women's Guild met for our regular monthly meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. There were seven members in attendance. Sandy Johnson acted as president this month, leading the members in the LWML pledge and the common table prayer. We shared and enjoyed treats with fun conversations.

Sandy opened the business meeting with the secretary's report and treasurer's report read by Jan Norgaard. Both were accepted as read.

Jan Jacobsen – Christian Growth: "The forgotten growth" by Matthew Kelly. Some excerpts from the book were "God created the world out of loving kindness." "The future of humanity should be loving kindness" "Be kind to one another" and "Speak with loving kindness".

#### **Reports:**

Gracewell: February 26<sup>th</sup> remembrance ceremony. April 23<sup>rd</sup> volunteers' tea at 2:00pm. March 3<sup>rd</sup>.is bingo.

Quilters: Working on a king-sized quilt that will be available for sale when finished.

Cards: There is Valentines and Easter cards. Check out the many varieties of religious cards, put out by Shirley A.

Altar: Beautiful purple banners. Thank you, Kathy Schneider.

Correspondence: Three notes from seminary students expressing their thanks for the money sent at Christmas.

Hour of Prayer is February 17<sup>th</sup>, at Our Savior. 9:00am is coffee and 10:00am is the service.

District Convention will be June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> at Camp Okoboji. We still need a decision on what two delegates from our Women's Guild will attend.

Mite was passed.

\$5.00 dues can be paid for the year.

No February Birthdays.

The Hymn "Precious Lord, Take my Hand" was discussed and we read the history of why this Hymn was written.

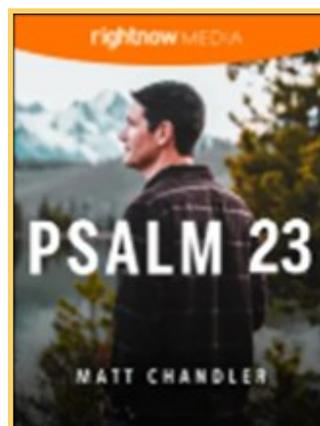
The next meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm. Any Women from the Church are welcome to attend the meetings.

The meeting adjourned by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

-Sharon Schoenfeld, Pro-Tem Secretary

## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

***Everyone is Welcome!***



### **SUNDAYS**

9:15 am Bethlehem Bible Study & Sunday School  
10:15 am Our Savior Bible Study & Sunday School

### **THURSDAYS**

9:45 am Bible Study @ Our Savior

# Prayers & Praise

"Never worry about anything. But in every situation let God know what you need in prayers and requests, while giving thanks." *Philippians 4:6*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THOSE WITH VARIOUS HEALTH ISSUES:**

*Lowell Neumann, Tammy Schurke, Denise Buckholdt, Jerry Blackmore, Gabby Riessen, Doris Neumann, Raven Stone, Pauline Meeves, Norma Berens, Eli Riessen, Cheryl Rath.*

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SHUT INS**

*Ruth Blackmore, Jenell Beam, Adlyn Ohl, Mary Jane Petersen.*

**REMEMBER THOSE SERVING AS MILITARY PERSONNEL**

*Cody Vogt – United States Air Force, Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, son of Mike & Lisa Vogt  
 Tanner Krayneski – United States Marines, Camp Pendleton, Grandson of Byron & Pauline Meeves  
 Rob Garvey – United States Air Force, Fort Mead, Maryland., son in law of Ron & Catherine Lechtenberg  
 Alex Wingert – United States Navy, California, nephew of Larry Gittins  
 Payton Malone – United States Air Force, Grand Fork, North Dakota, Grandson of George & Julie Malone  
 Hanna Alexander – Marine Base, Quantico, Virginia, Granddaughter of Lynn & Clarence Hoffman  
 Kaya Auen – United States Navy, Fort Sam, San Antonio, Daughter of Kristin Kastner  
 Jed Wiley – United States Army, Tacoma, Washington, Brother of Jarryn Wiley-Pearce  
 Chandler Lee – United States Air Force, Missouri, Grandson of Sam Lee, and nephew of Travis & Rondi Wessel*

**REMEMBER THOSE WE SUPPORT SERVING AS MISSIONARIES**

<i>Benjamin and Ella Goehring – Romania</i>	<i>Rev. Jason and Emily Groth and Family – Belize</i>
<i>Rev. Dr. Thomas Park – Taiwan</i>	<i>Ruth Maita - Puerto Rico</i>
<i>Vicar Gavin Johnson – Dominican Republic</i>	<i>Hannah Hester - Asia Region</i>
<i>Rev. Jonathan Anderson – Panama</i>	<i>Pastor Carl &amp; Chenhsi Li Hanson and Family – Korea</i>
<i>Rev. James and Angela Sharp – Puerto Rico</i>	<i>Zachary Turley – Japan</i>
<i>Eddy &amp; Jamie Bynum – Spain</i>	

**Our Savior Prayer Chain Co-Captains**  
 Doris: 402-350-3022, Shelly: 263-4376  
**Bethlehem Prayer Chain Co-Captains**  
 Julie: 269-7715, Sue: 263-9613

**FEBRUARY THY STRONG WORD**

Tune in Monday through Saturday, 6:25 a.m. KDSN (104.9 FM) 3–4-minute devotions sponsored by the local LCMS congregations.

<b>February 2nd—February 7th</b>	<b>Rev. Jeffrey Wade</b>	<b>Zion LC, Denison</b>
<b>February 9th—February 14th</b>	<b>Rev. Merle Mahnken</b>	<b>Immanuel LC, Schleswig</b>
<b>February 16th—February 21st</b>	<b>Rev. Chad Trunkhill</b>	<b>Our Savior &amp; Bethlehem</b>
<b>February 23rd—February 28th</b>	<b>Rev. Richard Merrill</b>	<b>Multi-Point, Charter Oak</b>

To financially support these broadcasts, please send donations to Our Savior and earmark for "Thy Strong Word."

## February 2026 Parish Records

February Official Acts		
<b>Deaths:</b>		
Maxine Garrett	Born: July 6, 1935	Died: February 7, 2026
	Service: February 11, 2026, Bethlehem	Pastor Jeffrey Wade
Karen Thomsen	Born: March 10, 1947	Died: February 18, 2026
	Service: February 25, 2026, Bethlehem	Pastor Chad Trunkhill
<b>Baptisms:</b>		
Rae-Lee Ann Hildebrant	Born: April 15, 1987	Baptized: February 10, 2026
Parents: Raymond Hildebrant & Linda Satterlee		Our Savior

# Happening in March & Beyond

## Join Us for Wednesday Lent Services

Wednesdays, February 25th  
through March 25th

**Bethlehem: 5:30 pm.**

### Our Savior:

Lenten Meals at 5:30,  
Service at 7:00 pm



### Reminders:

**Elders Meeting:** 3/2 @7:00

**Women's Guild Meeting:** 3/9 @2:00

**Council Meeting:** 3/10 @7:00

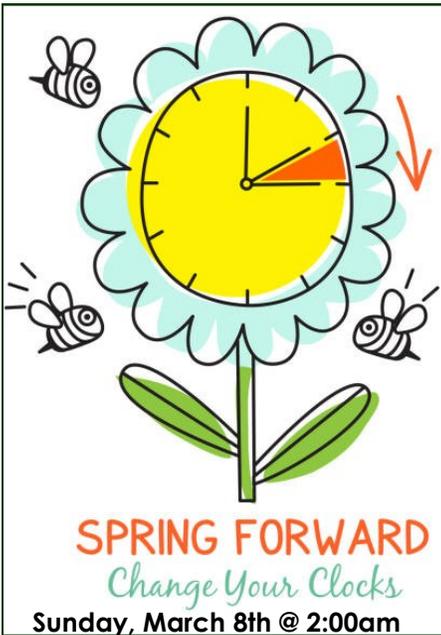
**Bethlehem Leadership Meeting:**  
3/16 @ 7:00

**Discipleship Meeting:** 3/30 @6:30



**Bethlehem  
Spring Cleaning  
March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**



## Holy Week 2026

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Palm Sunday, Passion of Our Lord

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Maundy Thursday, Stripping of the Altar

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Good Friday, Nails of Lent

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Lite, Easter without Fanfare

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Morning & Easter Egg Hunt



# Let's Connect!

## Question of the month...

### What is a Bible verse you return to in times of need?

We want to hear from you! You can email, call, or drop off a note with your answer to the office any time before March 26th. We will share some answers in next months Grapevine, along with a new question.

#### Lutheran Family Services

[www.lfsiowa.org](http://www.lfsiowa.org)

#### Crossroads of Crawford County

[www.crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.com](http://www.crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.com)

3707 Timberline Dr., Denison

712-263-9950

[Director@Crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.org](mailto:Director@Crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.org)

#### FCC (Family Crisis Center)

712-449-7196

[michellej@familycrisiscenters.org](mailto:michellej@familycrisiscenters.org)

#### Additional online resources:

Lutheran Hour Ministries: [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod:

[www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League:

[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

Men's Network: [www.lhmmen.com](http://www.lhmmen.com)

Online Bible: [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)

Concordia Publishing House: [www.CPH.org](http://www.CPH.org)

Rightnow Media: [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org)

#### Our Savior's Website

[www.oursaviordenison.com](http://www.oursaviordenison.com)

#### Facebook

Our Savior Lutheran – Denison, IA

Our Savior Denison-Youth Ministries

#### APP

"The Church App"-Our Savior Lutheran

#### "The Lutheran Hour"

6:30 a.m. Sundays:

KDSN-FM 104.9 Denison

10:30 a.m. Sundays:

KDSN-AM 1530

#### "Thy Strong Word"

Every Mon-Sat. 6:25 a.m.

KDSN-FM 104.9

#### Iowa District West

[www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org)

#### Camp Okoboji

[www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

# NEW!



#### CHURCH MAILBOXES

*Don't forget to check your church mailbox. Located in the gathering area.*

*If you do not currently have a church mailbox and would like one, or if you have any name corrections you need made, please contact Stephanie at the church office, as I plan to re-do name labels on the mailboxes this spring*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, REX!

ON FEBRUARY 19TH THE STAFF GOT TOGETHER AND CELEBRATED REX'S 70TH BIRTHDAY! REX IS SUCH A BLESSING TO OUR STAFF AND CONGREGATION! IF YOU SEE HIM AROUND MAKE SURE YOU WISH HIM A HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!



HAPPY  
*Birthday*

# Notes & Flyers to Share

Our Savior Lutheran

Thank You for supporting our family in the work the Lord has called us to do here in Belize. We are hitting our stride now that we've been one year in the Mission Field! It's been a challenge having a Church plant 2.5 hrs away. Our prayer this year is that we get another pastor in Belize Freeing up one family to move down to

the village of Seine Bight and live within the community. I think this is something we will see when the Lord says its time. It's a challenging Community full of Beautiful people who need Jesus! Just as we all do. So when you think of us pray for Seine Bight Belize!

In Christ - The Groths  
Jason & Emily  
Gideon - Esther - Martha - Joanna

## Bake Sale Thank You

WOW! Our church members raised \$1,079.00 for our Pro-Life bake sale. Thank all those that helped out by either making goods and/or buying goods at the sale. This money will go to support Pro-Life causes. The dark cloud of abortions continues to hang our country, and within that cloud are over 70 million+ abortions. This can't and will not bode well for our future. As Missionary Gary said: "We are spoiled Rotten"! We can't sit back in the comfort of our wealth, and watch America burn. We must all continue to do our part to rid our country of this SCOURGE!

Again, thank everyone who helped out!

Noel Johnson, President Crawford County for life

## CAMP OKOBOJI 2026

### Discipleship Programs

May 29-31	Kid's Kamp
June 4-7	Joy Camp 1
June 14-18	Cub Week 1
June 28-July 3	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Family Retreat
July 5-11	Jr High Week
July 9-12	Joy Camp 2
July 12-18	Cub Week 2
July 19-25	Youth Week
July 26-31	Family Retreat #1
August 2-7	Family Retreat #2

### Other Events

January 23-25...	Family Ice Fishing Retreat
May 1-2...	Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
June 10-13...	Iowa West District LWML Convention
June 20...	Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
June 21-27...	Minneboji Lutheran Camp
May 24-September 6...	Sunday Worship
1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...	Brunch
October 9-10...	Fall Volunteer Work Weekend

For more information and to register, visit [campokoboji.org](http://campokoboji.org)



## Annual Celebration of Life & Fundraising Event

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

At the Stables at Copper Ridge  
2199 Ridge Road, Denison, Iowa

Door open at 5:30  
Program begins at 6:30

Meal provided by Staley's Catering  
(beef & chicken)

Speaker: Hannah M. Hoyt  
Executive Director of LC Clinic

Prepaid tickets before March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
\$50 per ticket/ \$400 for Table of 8  
Sorry, no tickets sold at the door

Proceeds go to direct helping in both CR programs!

Fill a table of 8 to maximize your help!



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2026 UNITY RIDGE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

# Dinner Auction

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH 2026  
DOORS OPEN / SILENT AUCTION @ 5:00  
DINNER & LIVE AUCTION TO FOLLOW

*The Stables*

2199 RIDGE ROAD  
DENISON, IA

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
(712-393-2002) OR FROM ANY URLS STUDENT.



*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." - Isaiah 43:18-19*

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