Welcome !

March 15, 2026

SONGS & PRAYER

GOD'S WORD

Luke 9:21-27, Philippians 3:7-11
United With Christ
"United with Christ's Suffering"

PARTING

Song
God's Blessing

Prayer Pointer

We should go into His presence as a child goes to his father. We do it with reverence and godly fear, of course, but we should go with a childlike confidence and simplicity.

Martin Lloyd-Jones, from The Father's Children: A Sermon on Romans 8:14

Outline

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1. Necessity of Suffering

2. Dying Daily

3. Knowing Christ

Announcements

Council Nominations:
Dear Congregation, the council requests your nominations for the office of elder and deacon. Please prayerfully consider these important roles and give any nominations to any elder, deacon, or Pastor Bryan. The last date to turn in nominations is March 15.

Exploring membership classes begin today, **March 15.** The group will meet in the Ministry Center from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Let Pastor Bryan know if you plan to attend.

Classis will hold a Celebration Event on April 19 at BellOne, If you are able to help out please submit any historical information and photos you might have of LBCRC as soon as possible to statedclerkgla@gmail.com.

Our 2nd offering for March will be on March 22 for the Long Beach Rescue Mission - Easter Dinner

"Here in the Greater Long Beach area, 1 in 6 people are experiencing poverty… and that means many of our neighbors are also going hungry, struggling to afford food as prices rise.

You can provide a meal at the Mission for the low cost of $2.43 – and offer hurting people hope for a better life through blessings like these:

- Safe shelter
- Clean clothing
- Recovery programs & counseling
- God's life-changing love

Please help today – the hope you'll give someone who's experiencing hunger and homelessness is priceless. Thank you, and Happy Easter!"

The **Blood drive** is Sunday, March 22 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Click on 2026 Blood Drive to sign up.

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/4339 to answer the survey questions **by March 31**. (As of this week we have only had 5 people do the survey.

Inviting all singers! **The Grace Notes Community Choir** will soon start rehearsals for their Easter season. The choir will be participating in the Easter sunrise service at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Long Beach - Sunday, April 5, 6:00 AM. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join. Rehearsals will be held on various Mondays and Thursdays throughout March. Please contact Faith Rietveld at frietveld@msn.com for more information.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (Oct 9-19, 2026): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or *weimje@calvinseminary.edu*

Serving This Sunday
(March 15, 2026)

Greeters – Ron & Norma Groot

Ushers – Eric Schoonover, Bruce Hecox

Prayer Leader – Art Broadhurst

Children's Message – Emily Bowman

Nursery – Chloe De Vries
Helper – Hank Grasmeyer

Children's Church – Nicole Cecil
Greeter – Tammi Prestwich

Campus Safety – Bill Bull

Serving Next Sunday
(March 22, 2026)

Greeters – Alice De Bruin, Marilyn Dancey

Ushers – Steven O'Neil, Ken Bansberg, Bruce Hecox

Prayer Leader – Rob Thompson

Children's Message – Pastor Bryan Branderhorst

Nursery – Emily Bowman, Wade Grasmeyer
Helper – Lucille Grasmeyer

Children's Church – Mary LeMonnier
Greeter – Dawn Grasmeyer

Campus Safety – Justin Grasmeyer

Calendar

This Week

Sunday

Sunday Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Classes	10:45 a.m.
New Members Class	10:45 a.m.
KidShine Rehearsal	4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Deacons and Elders Meet	7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Coffee Break	9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Anchor	6:30 p.m.
Compass	6:30 p.m.
Cadets	6:30 p.m.
GEMS	6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Cadet's Derby Race at 1st Artesia CRC	11:00 a.m.

Sunday - Blood Drive

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Upcoming

March 29 – Palm Sunday Service
April 3 – Good Friday Service
April 5 – Easter Sunday Service

You are invited!

Come join

Kidshine 2026

A Musical/Drama under the Direction of Kay VanWeerthuizen

Rehearsals Sundays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

For 1st - 8th grade

Presentations will be May 2 & 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Call 562-421-1721 for more info.