



# The Parish Beacon

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February 2026

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Alleluia! Say it while you can! I know February is not the actual start of Lent, but we are getting close. Before we know it, Ash Wednesday will be upon us and we will put our Alleluias away for the forty days of Lent.

Do you put anything else away for Lent? I have been thinking a lot recently on what fasting looks like for us. The past few years I have fasted all day on Wednesday during Lent and broken my fast at the Wednesday night meal at church. This year I would like to fast again, but with a better understanding to what the whole point is. The season of Lent is supposed point us to the cross. We spend the time focusing on our own sinful condition and our need for a savior. Fasting is a reminder of our need for a savior and our need for God's hand to be continually working in our lives to sustain us. Every good and perfect gift comes from his hand. He is the one who sustains and provides for you. He is the one who puts air in your lungs, clothes on your back and food on your table. Fasting or giving something up for Lent or not saying alleluia for the forty days all remind us of our need and reliance on God our sustainer and our ultimate need for God our redeemer.

Lent is coming. Ash Wednesday is coming. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are coming. From dust are and to dust we shall return.

But Easter is coming. Easter has already come. Christ is crucified and Christ is risen! For you Christ died and for you Christ has risen. You are forgiven. And for all of that we say, "Alleluia! Praise the Lord!" Amen.

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the sick and the dying, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For

**Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume** (*Carol Schuldt's sister*), **Joanne Bowman** (*Rob Bowman's mother*), **April Tutton Clark** (*Sister of Grace Maurer*), **Tom Cowley** (*Aaron Mueller's brother-in-law*), **John Enokian** (*brother of Chuck Enokian*), **Carlene Fullerton** (*Bill Benson's sister*), **Mary Helen Gibson** (*sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian*), **Dennis Huedepohl** (*friend of Bruce Maurer*), **Jeff Hundley** (*grandson of Karen Abernathy*), **Dora Jacobson** (*granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt*), **Todd Jones** (*Barb & Ron Jones' son*), **David Kooker** (*Eric Kooker's father*), **Ruth Langehough, Dot Langholdt** (*friend of Ruth Varney*), **Ben Malcom** (*father of Tiffany Roiseland*), **Jane Marshall** (*mom of Erin Dyson*), **Craig Michel** (*Denise Schwarting's step-dad*), **Laura Miller** (*Linda Bonefeld's mother*), **Norma Miller** (*Twyla Freeman's aunt*), **Jane Mills** (*aunt of Rob Ghabel*), **Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (*Cousin of Ruth Varney*), **Erin Nielsen** (*cousin of Crissy Pence*), **Faith Pederson, Ed Pederson, Beverly Prem, Faith Quinlan, Ben Rollins** (*Lorrie Bailey's cousin*), **Carol Schuldt, George Schuldt, Amy Schulte** (*Crissy Pences's sister*), **Lee Schwarting** (*Art Schwarting's mother*), **Stanley Seese** (*friend of Harold Warner*), **Carol Simpson** (*mother of Kara Hartwig*), **Marlene Thompson, Natalie Ullrich** (*Jeff Kucera's cousin*), **Reece Ullerich, Don Warner** (*Harold Warner's brother*), **Harold Warner, Mark Wilson, and Garry Wilcox** (*Melissa Mullane's dad*), let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the love between husbands and wives and that you instituted holy marriage. Bless **Bruce and Grace Maurer** for their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.**

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 01/25	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am Worship Service 10:30am
Mon 01/26	Chamber Singers 6:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
Tues 01/27	SM-Small Group/Marlene 6:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm LLL Meeting 6:30pm SM-Large Group/Marcia 6:45pm Al-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 01/28	TOPS 8:00am Emerson Point 2:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm Midweek Classes 6:45pm Adult Bible Study 7:00pm
Thurs 01/29	Comfort 9:00am Al-Anon Birthdays 7:30pm
Fri 01/30	Boy Scout Pack 251 Derby Set-up 4:00pm
Sat 01/31	Boy Scout Pinewood Derby 9:00am Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun 02/01	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service 10:30am Super Bowling 11:45am



We have quite a few items in lost and found that are missing their owners. Please pick them up from the table in the narthex by **February**

**8.** Anything left after that will be donated or discarded.

Also, the unclaimed kitchenware from the kitchen have been brought up and placed on the table in the narthex.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**\*\*WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE STREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP\*\***

**Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM  
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM**

**Communion: January 31, February 1, 14, 15**

**Sunday School 9:20am—In Person  
Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM**

**Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st & 3rd  
Wednesday of each month at 11:00am with lunch  
following.**

**Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am**

**Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm**

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—  
Contact Myrl Holida: [myrl-holida@uiowa.edu](mailto:myrl-holida@uiowa.edu) or  
Louise Klopp: [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**



The flowers on the altar for this weekend (January 25) are from Bruce and Grace Maurer who are giving thanks for their 56th wedding anniversary.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

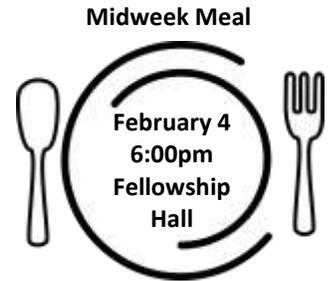
Watch *Reflections* for more details



**Our Redeemer BOWLING Day**  
 Sunday, February 1, 2026  
 1:00 pm at Colonial Lanes



**Bible Class & Lunch Bunch**  
 Wednesday  
 February 4,  
 11:00am  
 Fellowship Hall



**Midweek Meal**

February 4  
 6:00pm  
 Fellowship Hall



**College Care Package Packing**  
 February 4, 6:45pm  
 Fellowship Hall

**Confirmation  
 Winter Retreat**  
 February 6/7  
 Ask Kara for details



**VOTERS MEETING**  
 CAPITOL  
 SUNDAY  
 FEBRUARY 8  
 IMMEDIATELY  
 FOLLOWING LATE  
 SERVICE

**BEST PRACTICES  
 ARIZONA**  
 February 10-14



**TRIVIA CHALLENGE**  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15  
 12:00PM  
 FELLOWSHIP HALL



**ATTENTION:** all the women of Our Redeemer are invited to LWML Bunco night. Please join us for fellowship and fun. LWML Bunco Night will be Monday, February 16 at 7 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**NO ICCSD SCHOOL  
 FEBRUARY 17**



**Bible Class & Lunch Bunch**  
 Wednesday  
 February 18  
 11:00am  
 Fellowship Hall

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
 SERVICES**  
 FEBRUARY 18  
 1:00pm & 7:00pm

**Panama VBS Mission Trip**  
 February 21—March 2



**PANCAKE DAY**  
 Saturday, March 7  
 7:00am-1:00pm  
 Fellowship Hall

## Birthdays

January 25	Cynthia Fruendt, Andrew Huedepohl, Robyn Rasmussen
January 26	Norvin Coblentz, Jane DuVall, Michelle Johnston, Sharon Lake
January 27	Rebecca Bell, Denise Johnson
January 28	Kelly Baker, James Brachtel, Marge Lemke, Julie Piegors
January 29	Brynnley Fetzer, Erica McDowell-Sexton, Miranda Moore, Andrae Naraine, Arlan Thompson, Brodie Woods
January 30	Austin Bell, Katherine Kelly, Jeff Kucera, Frank Ogilvie
January 31	Cade Dyson, Susan Scott, Jeff Segar, Logan Stuart

## Stewardship—January 17/18, 2026

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 1/17 In Person 5:30pm	28	Contributions	\$12,838.00
Sun. 1/18 In Person 8:00am	80	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 1/18 In Person 10:30am	168		
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>276</b>	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	<b>63/46</b>

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<b><u>Membership by Affirmation of Faith</u></b>	
Erin Rochleau	01-12-2026
<b><u>Transferred In</u></b>	
Casey Marven	01-23-2026
<b><u>Deaths</u></b>	
Shirley Losby	01-12-2026



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

For some people, Valentine's Day is a painful reminder of a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, a recent relocation, a chronic illness, or another life challenge. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring Jesus' love (God's ultimate Valentine) back into your life. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your struggle.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with [insert names of Stephen Leaders]. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig 319-338-5626

Bill Benson 517-881-9848

Marcia Hulse 319-541-4026

Kevin Sellers 319-631-8924



**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

The **Human Care Committee** is so grateful for the generosity of Our Redeemer members and friends who blessed us with an **AMAZING** amount of donations for this year's mitten tree! **We were able to contribute a record breaking 160 individual hats, 1 ear warmer/headband, 72 pairs of gloves, 6 sets of mittens, 89 individual scarves, 18 sets hat/glove combos, and matching coat and snowpants!** The endless talent of so many who were able to donate hand knit or crocheted items along with the rainbow of purchased items is an impressive and most colorful sight to see. These items are so well-received by the school administration staff as we transition into Iowa's harsh, cold winter conditions. Knowing so many of our local children are able to be wrapped in a little extra warmth warms our hearts! **Thank you for being such a blessing!**



The Property Committee is looking for additional members to assist with many projects - repairs, keep buildings, grounds, and equipment in working order. Some of our key duties include:

- Working with other committee members focusing on upkeep, repairs and general maintenance of buildings, facilities, and grounds of church properties, ensuring they are safe, functional, and well-maintained.
- Helping fix everything from a leaky faucet to replacing a furnace filter, touch-up paint and more.
- Knowing the tools of the trade, a star member is reliable, collaborative and takes pride in their work and our church.
- Attending monthly meetings. It's our responsibility to keep the lights on —and sometimes that means literally.

If you have any questions you can contact Dave Yansky, Chairman of the Property Committee.

## CAMPERSHIPS TO CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA

The Mission Guild is sponsoring camperships to Camp IO-DIS-E-CA.

Please contact Linda Diggelmann at 319-594-6908 or [diggelfa@gmail.com](mailto:diggelfa@gmail.com) for more information.

Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2026.



## Building Healthy Families:

Our culture encourages us to see the world and our relationships through a lens of individualism, in which we make decisions based on the question: “How will this affect ME?” How would our world be different if we returned to a faith, family, and community-centered lens, in which decisions are instead based on this question: “How will my actions effect my children, my spouse, my parents, my congregational family, my community?” Give it a try this week and see what a difference it makes! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## Mission Trip to Eswatini

May 31 – June 13, 2026

Cost: \$3,900 per person

(1/3 you pay; 1/3 you fundraise; 1/3 church pays)

Contact: Anita Nicholson ([anita-nicholson@uiowa.edu](mailto:anita-nicholson@uiowa.edu))

Deadline to confirm: February 2, 2026

To sign up, submit a \$100 check. Space is limited!

Limit: 14 people (total)



The purpose of this mission trip is to explore and support Christian faith and spirituality as vital components of holistic care for the people of Eswatini.

We will volunteer with rural faith-based nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that integrate spirituality and hope as they provide care to vulnerable communities. The church has supported these organizations through prayer and fundraising efforts.

### Organizations to collaborate:

#### World Vision

<https://www.wvi.org/eswatini>

World Vision works to alleviate extreme poverty through programs that provide clean water, sanitation, health services, HIV prevention, education and agriculture support. We will visit the community where many of our members sponsor children.

#### Faith Community Nursing

Faith Community Nursing promotes holistic health by combining spiritual care with physical and emotional well-being. Nurses provide health education, screenings, and referrals while addressing issues such as HIV, nutrition, and water scarcity. They partner with churches and community groups to improve access to care.

#### Good Shepherd Catholic Hospital & Home-Based Palliative Care

<https://www.gsh.org.sz>

GSCH provides affordable, high-quality healthcare. Its Home-Based Care program delivers follow-up and palliative care to people living in rural communities affected by HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other serious illnesses, emphasizing holistic, family-centered care.

#### Operation Hope Eswatini

<https://www.compelledbylove.org.au>

Operation Hope serves orphans and families facing food insecurity, lack of water, and health challenges. Programs include trauma recovery, education, housing, and livelihood support by promoting community empowerment.

#### Hope Alive 268

<https://www.hopealive268.org>

Hope Alive supports orphaned and vulnerable children through four divisions: Care (meals and safe spaces), Anti-Human Trafficking (education and prevention), Education (scholarships and tutoring), and Crisis Response (food and health campaigns).

#### Hosea's Heart

<https://hoseasheart.org/about-hoseas-heart/>

Hosea's Heart provides safe housing and holistic care for girls impacted by sex trafficking and abuse. Services include counseling, education, and spiritual support to restore dignity and independence.

## Eswatini Travel:

### • **Physical Readiness:**

- Walking Ability: Be prepared to walk distances on uneven dirt roads in rural areas.
- Stamina: Expect hilly terrain and variable weather; moderate physical fitness is recommended.
- Footwear: Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes for rough paths.
- Heat & Hydration: Carry water and stay hydrated; rural areas can be hot and humid.
- Flexibility & Balance: Some areas may require climbing into vehicles or navigating steep slopes.
- Medical Conditions: If you have chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, hypertension), bring sufficient medication.

### • **Health Recommendations:**

- Vaccinations & Preventive Care (make an appointment with a travel clinic)
  - Ensure routine vaccines are up to date (MMR, Tdap, polio, influenza).
  - Recommended vaccines: Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid, and COVID-19.
  - Malaria prophylaxis is essential for rural and lowveld areas—consult your healthcare provider for options (atovaquone-proguanil, doxycycline, or mefloquine).
- Food, Water & Personal Safety
  - Drink bottled, boiled, or filtered water; avoid tap water and ice.
  - Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly; eat cooked foods when possible.
  - Carry oral rehydration salts for dehydration risk.
  - Use sunscreen, sunglasses, hats, and stay hydrated.
- Protection Against Insects
  - Use insect repellent with DEET or picaridin.
  - Wear long sleeves and pants, especially at dawn and dusk.
- HIV/TB Awareness
  - Eswatini has a high HIV prevalence; avoid exposure to blood or body fluids.
  - TB risk exists in crowded settings—limit prolonged exposure.
- Emergency Preparedness
  - Carry a personal medical kit (prescription meds, pain relievers, anti-nausea medications for travel on bumpy rural roads, bandages, antiseptic).
  - Have comprehensive travel insurance covering medical evacuation.

**Plane tickets will be purchased in early February.** Before departure, mission trip participants will attend a series of meetings designed to prepare them for the experience. These sessions will cover essential topics such as cultural awareness, health and safety guidelines, and strategies for promoting and supporting Christian faith as an integral part of care for the people of Eswatini. Participants will also learn about the nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) we will collaborate with, including their missions, community impact, and the roles volunteers will fulfill during the trip. In addition, these meetings will provide practical information on travel logistics, packing recommendations, and approaches for engaging respectfully with local communities. This preparation ensures that all participants are informed, confident, and ready to serve effectively during the mission.

# PANAMA MISSION TRIP

## THANK YOU

The Mission Committee would like to thank all the Mission Trip supporters and participants for helping to provide eye glasses for fellow Christians in Panama.



God Is Great Lutheran Church-Loma Cova



Ships going through the Miraflores Locks



Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church  
Los Andes



Mission Lutheran Church  
La Chorrera

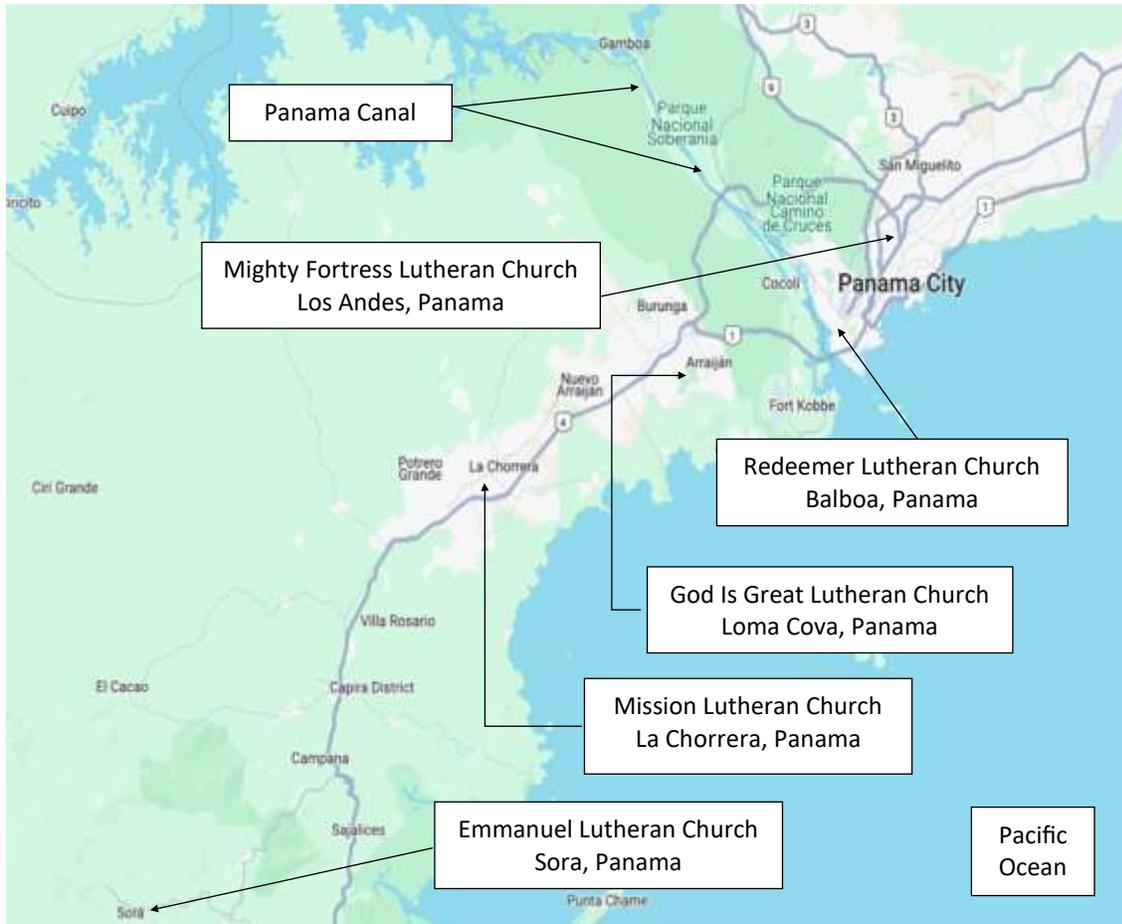
For more information & pictures see Carol Holman's Blog link.  
<https://2025panama.blogspot.com/2025/11/pre-trip.html>



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# LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN PANAMA



Mighty Fortress Luth  
Los Andes



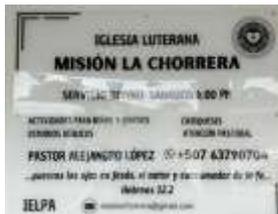
Redeemer Lutheran  
Balboa



God Is Great Lutheran  
Loma Cova



Emmanuel Lutheran  
Sora



Mission Lutheran / La Chorrera

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# Canada & New England Cruise

Still Available  
BOOK NOW



7-DAY CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CIRCLE: NEW BRUNSWICK  
Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2026

SHIP: **Zuiderdam** DEPARTS: **Boston, Massachusetts, US** ARRIVES: **Boston, Massachusetts, US**

Join Pastor and Kara Hartwig on a cruise to Canada's dynamic cities and Maine's alluring ports. Halifax's stunning waterfront, Sydney's giant fiddle, and Portland's eclectic boutiques. The beginning of October should be excellent for the changing colors of the New England leaves and the end of the whale watching season. In addition to experiencing all that Holland America has to offer, we will have private group Bible studies and a worship service. Planning to join us is as simple as 1, 2, 3...

## Explore Staterooms!

Inside cabin from \$1,469 pp.  
Ocean View cabin from \$1,639 pp.  
Verandah cabin from \$2,249 pp.



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Prices include all taxes and fees for the cruise.

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## flights

You can book your own flight, have Pastor help you book, or have Holland America book your flight. Pastor suggests that you arrive in Boston by Thursday, October 1, 2026. The cruise ship will not wait. Pastor is working on a fun excursion for Friday in Boston. Do you want suggestions or help with your hotel before the cruise? Talk to Pastor. The excursion and hotel will be at an extra cost.

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## Have it all.

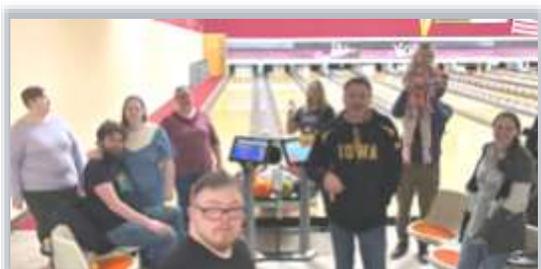
Holland America's "Have It All" is an optional premium package that bundles four key amenities—a Shore Excursion credit, a Signature Beverage Package, Specialty Dining, and Wi-Fi—into the cruise fare for significant savings over buying them separately, offering great value for guests who use all perks, though value varies by cruise length and usage.

Please contact Pastor with any questions – You know he LOVES to talk about travel! (319)855-2521  
If you are ready to book with Holland America, then call Bernice Harris, Holland America Personal Cruise Consultant at 800-355-3017 ext. 28109. Tell her... Group ID: TP6 Group Name: Orlc, Iowa City

# Our Redeemer BOWLING Day Sunday, February 1, 2026 11:45 am



Cost: \$8/person --includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza and drink. This fun event is for all ages of our congregation and friends are welcome to join us! Pizza will start at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will assign lanes and hand out shoe rental cards. After lunch we will meet at Colonial Lanes, Iowa City. There can be 6-8 players on your team. We will be bowling one full game. See you on the lanes!!! Quiz Question: In the game of bowling—What is a turkey?



## It's Kickoff Sunday!!



**No, not Super Bowl!**

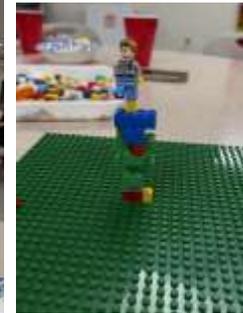
**It is kickoff for our Ministry Expansion Project!**

**Sunday, February 8** is the kickoff Sunday for our ministry expansion campaign. Our **Voters' Meeting** that **follows the 10:30 am worship service** will be devoted to sharing the vision for our upcoming building project and answering questions about the needs, changes, and costs.

A **lunch will be provided** in the Fellowship Hall. Come, share the vision and learn more about the coming renovations to the cross and entrances, as well as what a ministry expansion campaign entails.



# Brick Builders' Event



# The NOT SO Newlywed Game



Many laughs by all!



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January 10, 2026

Women's Retreat

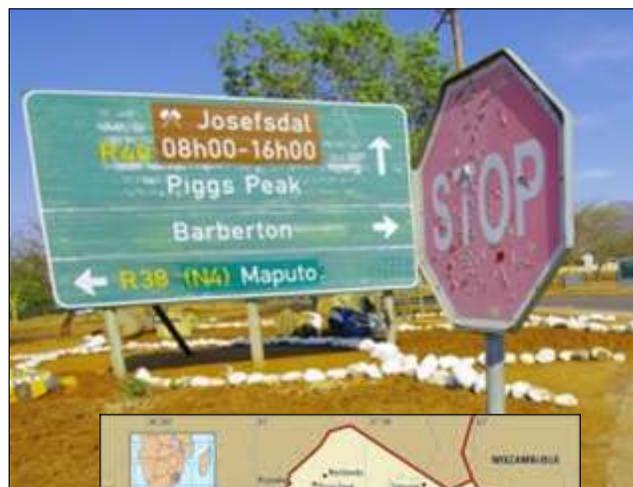
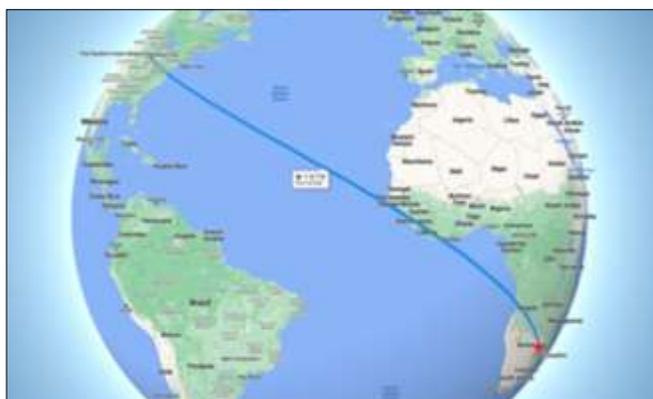
Wendysue Fluegge, musician, and  
Deb Burma, presenter



# ESWATINI (SWAZILAND)



MEDICAL MISSION  
TRIPS TO SOUTHERN  
AFRICA



Watch for information  
about future Short-Term  
Medical Mission Trips to  
Eswatini.



## Mission Committee Members

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Lynn Smith (Chair)

# Preschool Beacon



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
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*Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!*

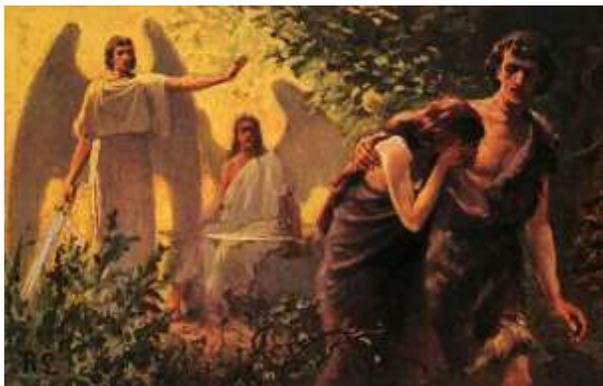


# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

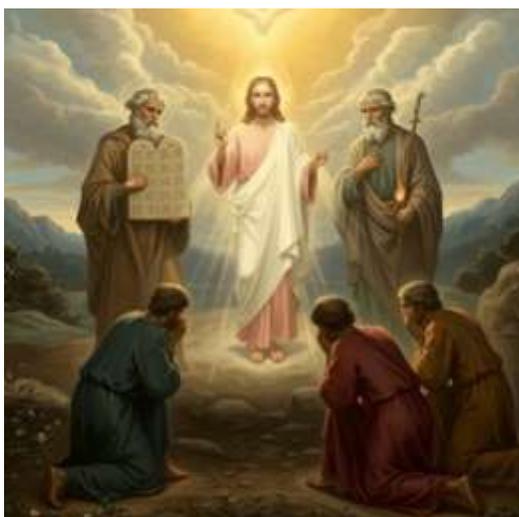


Toddlin' to  
5th Grade  
Sunday,  
January 25  
9:20am



**Lesson:**  
**The Fall and a Promise—**  
**Fall into Sin**  
**Genesis 3**

## KIDS CLUB



**Wednesday, January 6, at 6:45pm**  
**Lesson: Transfiguration**  
**Teachers: Joni & Kaja**

## KIDS CLUB



**Wednesday, February 4, 6:45pm**  
**College Care Packages Packing in**  
**Fellowship Hall with High School Youth**

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

## FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

DATE	EVENT	TIME
2/1	 SUPER BOWLING Pizza Lunch Bowling	11:45am 1:00pm
2/4	 College Care Packages & Midweek/Confirmation Classes Parent Retreat Meeting	6:45pm 8:00pm
2/6-7	Confirmation Retreat	
2/11	Midweek & Confirmation Classes	6:45pm
2/15	 Trivia Challenge	12:00pm
2/18	Ash Wednesday—No Classes Services are 1:00pm & 7:00pm	
2/25	Midweek & Confirmation Classes	6:45pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00pm  
Pizza lunch at 11:45am in Fellowship  
Hall before bowling  
SUPER BOWLING



Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm  
MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION  
CLASSES



ALSO High School Youth are  
doing College Care Packages  
PARENTS Winter/Spring  
Retreat Meeting 8:00pm/Fellowship Hall

Friday/Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
CONFIRMATION RETREAT  
See Kara for details

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm  
MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION  
CLASSES

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
12:00pm  
TRIVIA CHALLENGE



Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm & 7:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICES—No Classes



## High School Midweek

*All high school youth & their friends are welcome*

**College Care Packages "Packing Night"**  
February 4 @ 6:45 pm, Fellowship Hall

*The high school youth will help the Kids Club children pack the boxes, make personalized cards for each of the college students and label the boxes. We'll pray for the college students and hear a story.*

## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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### DEADLINES

**Reflections** (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

**Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar** (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### RADIO

**Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio**—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and KXEL 1540 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).

### VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.

## Knitting a Marriage

Ecclesiastes 4:12

Two needles rub along together,  
sharing and exchanging the thread of life  
between them, weaving nothing but a cord  
Into a fabric of beauty and usefulness.

There are times when the stitches  
may increase, decrease or add another color.

There may be some that cable away  
from the pattern only to return,  
forming a more intricate pattern.

If a stitch is dropped, there needs to be  
a hook to pick it up  
and weave it back in place.

So it is in a marriage, 'rubbing along' together;  
sharing and exchanging views and ideas  
around God's cord of blessings  
which acts to weave a marriage  
into a life, filled with work and love.

Carol Schuldt

