

### **Happy February Birthdays**

3- Sue Long	13- Craig Mason
6- Wendy Christianson	13- Meghan Green
7- Greg Chad	15- Paul Peterson
8- Lana Lee	21- Dwight Day
9- Darlene Hadrava	21- Joan Kaurala
10- Miles Koski	26- Jonathan Day
13- Tom Kesanen	26- Bev Peterson
	28- Shelley Christensen

### **Session Highlights**

- We are still waiting to hear back from DSGW on options for addressing our accessibility challenges.
- Session will review and approve of the 2025 Annual Report at the February meeting.

### **Preaching Schedule**

Feb. 1 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion  
Feb. 8 – Daniel Treistman  
Feb. 15 – Jazz Sunday! Sue Stevens  
Feb. 22 – Stephanie Falkowski  
Mar. 1 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion  
Mar. 8 – Rev. Amy Teske

### **Church Directory**

An updated directory has been printed and is available at the church. If you would like a copy mailed or emailed to you, please contact the church office.

### **2025 Annual Report**

The 2025 Annual Report will be available by mid-February. Copies of the report will be available at the church.

### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

For participation in the Souper Bowl of Caring, Friendship Soup mixes are again available to purchase: \$5 for small, \$8 for large. Proceeds will go towards the Salvation Army Supper Club.

### **Deacon Grant**

Thank you to Kathy Jacklen who applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from Lake Country Power to help stock our Little Free Pantry!

### **Church Forum**

You may remember that Sue Stevens wrote and received a Church Vitality grant from the presbytery to help fund special worship events and forums. The first forum will be a collaboration between our church and Faithful Earth Keepers. The forum will take place on Saturday, February 7 at 1pm in the church basement. The topic will be “Support Wildlife, Biodiversity, and Beauty Where You Live!” We'll watch a video presentation by entomologist, Dr. Doug Tallamy, on how even small efforts can have big impacts for wildlife and pollinator populations. Then we'll hear from Dan Schutte from Shoreview Natives in Two Harbors on the how-to's of creating small or large native plant habitat on your property. Even if you don't own property, you can help with conservation efforts in your community! We hope you will join us on February 7!

### **Jazz Sunday!**

Our fourth annual Jazz Sunday will take place on February 15! The worship service will, once again, feature local musicians playing jazzy music throughout the service. New this year will be a bonus mini-concert at 1pm which will feature a few of the arrangements played during the service as well as a few new, secular jazz favorites. We hope you will join us for either or both of the jazz events! Bring a friend!

### **Ladies Luncheon**

A Ladies Luncheon will take place at 12:00pm on Tuesday, February 17 at BG's restaurant. You may RSVP to Irene Salo.

### **Lenten Services**

Judy Erickson is our church representative for planning an ecumenical Good Friday service. Our church isn't planning an Ash Wednesday service this year or weekly Lenten meals, but we have been invited by Gethsemane Lutheran

to participate in their Lenten services and meals:

- **Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday, February 18—6:30pm in the Sanctuary  
*An evening service with the disposition of ashes but no communion will take place in the sanctuary. This is a solemn service that marks the beginning of our Lenten journey to the cross. We will NOT be having a soup supper that night, but meals will start the following week.*

- **Lenten Soup Suppers and Table Worship Services with Faith Talks:** Wednesdays Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25—Soup Dinner at 6pm, Worship at 6:30pm  
*Join us for a simple meal of soup and bread and a short, informal worship service around tables in the Fellowship Hall. Back by popular*

*demand, we will eat together and then in our short worship service, lay members of the church will share a “Faith Talk” in lieu of a sermon. Join us for just one or all of them, both for dinner and the service or just one or the other as your schedule allows. No need to RSVP, just come!*

### **Organ Concert**

Sue Stevens is planning an organ concert for March 8. There will be more details in the March newsletter.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

December offerings: \$9,953

December expenses: \$8,728





Love & Lent

Christian Education

February 2026

## Elementary Sunday School

### February 1

Matthew 5:1-12(Beatitudes)

Happiness comes from living God's way - being honest and humble, loving, forgiving, and doing what is right.



### February 8

Souper Bowl of Caring

Matthew 5:13-20

We show God's love by the way we live - making the world better and brighter - so we shouldn't be ashamed to live faithfully.

### February 15

Transfiguration/Jazz

Matthew 17:1-9

Special moments with God prepare us for living everyday life faithfully, trusting that Jesus is God's Son and worth listening to.

### February 22

Matthew 4:1-11

Listening to God and the Bible helps us make good choices, and saying "no" to temptation makes us stronger and helps us grow in faith.



God's wants us to love, forgive, be honest and do what is right.

## Souper Bowl of Caring



Super Bowl Sunday this year is **Sunday, February 8**. We are still working to "tackle hunger." The donations, along with funds from the Friendship soup mixes, which will be on sale the last Sunday in January, will go to the Salvation Army Supper Club again.

Please continue to contribute to this cause.

Thank you so much as your help is greatly appreciated. You may mail donations or just drop them off at church. We will have the soup pots out for donations on Sunday the 8th, also.

~ Thank you for your generosity ~



## One Great Hour of Sharing



I will mail the Lenten Fish Banks out soon. Remember to try to fill them a little each day or week. We will be collecting them on

Palm Sunday March 29th.

They may be brought to church, or dropped off at church any time. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th

The first Sunday before Lent is February 15th Transfiguration Sunday which will be a Jazz service.~ Please come and enjoy!~

## The Temptations of Jesus



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After 40 days, Jesus was hungry and the devil tested Him. What did the devil say?

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## Christian Education Calendar

Sunday February 1	Sunday February 8	Saturday February 14	Sunday February 15	Sunday February 22
Matthew 5:1-12 Jesus teaches the Beatitudes	Matthew 5:13-20 Salt and Light of the Earth.	Be Kind & Love One Another Valentine's day 	Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus is transformed on the mountain	Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus is tempted in the desert