

**Remember in your Prayers**

**Member Concerns:** Shirley Thomann; Sharon Peterson; Greg Henderson; Wanda Attlesey; Marti Howe; Terry Wagner; Ed Harbeck; Gordon & Lois Riekman; Bonnie Storlie; George Meyer; Merle Houdek; Karen Schlein; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Connie DeLorme, Mike & Sandy Miller

**Those Mourning:** Family & Friends of Jan Vilen

**Non-Member Friends/Family Concerns:** June Duebbert (Jodie Westland's mother); Melissa (cousin of Mary Ann Smith); Tom Harmon (Warren's father); Glenn Riekman (son of Gordon & Lois); Mary Johnson; Chris Wilson (son in law of Everett and Vickie Schulz); Lori (George Meyer's cousin); Magnus Svennungsen (Thoreson family member)

**Military Concerns:** Brooks Rohe; Andrew McCumber; Chris Sikich; Margaret & Catherine Maher; Ryan Nordstrom; Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and all of our veterans who have served.

**Global Ministry:** Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania

**Sunday, March 30**

9am Worship  
10am Fellowship  
10am Worship Art Kids  
5:30pm Confirmation

**Monday, March 31**

P. Ben day off

**Tuesday, April 1**

9am Office open  
P. Ben off

**Wednesday, April 2**

P. Ben off  
Joanne off  
Office Closed  
5:15pm Grace Bells  
5:30pm Lenten Meal  
6:30pm Lenten Worship  
7:15pm Vocal Choir

**Thursday, April 3**

9am Office open  
Joanne off  
9:15am Faithfully Fit  
10:30am Bible Study

**Friday, April 4**

**Saturday, April 5**  
9:30am Women Zumbro Event  
Zion Lutheran Church, Stewartville

**Sunday, April 6**

9am Worship  
10 Am Fellowship  
10am Media That Moves Us  
10am Orchestra Rehearsal  
5pm Funky Bunch

**Monday, April 7**

P. Ben day off  
6:30pm Women's Board

**Tuesday, April 8**

9am office open  
9am P. Ben at Zumbro River Conference  
6pm Leadership Team

**Non-Church Building Use**

M, T, TH—Cello Lessons 2:30pm-8:30pm—Music Room  
March 23—Troop 83—6pm—Fellowship Hall



**March 30, 2025**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**4 Lent**

**All Creation Sings, Setting 12**

**GATHERING SONG** *Restore in Us, O God* ELW 328

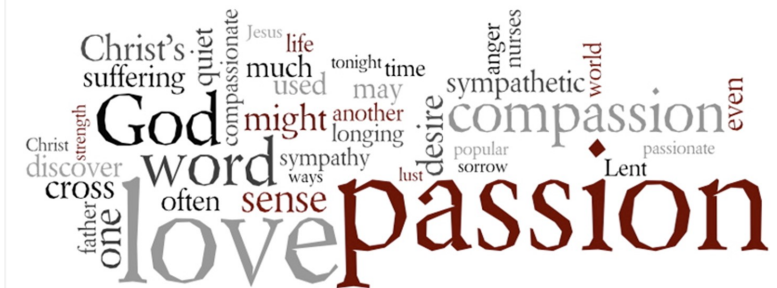
**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
can be found on pg. 2 of Weekly

**SERMON** Pastor Ben Loven

**SONG OF THE DAY** *Our Father, We have Wandered* ELW 606

**COMMUNION SONGS** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* ELW 461  
*This Little Light of Mine* ELW 677

**SENDING SONG** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807



## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

### MEDIA THAT MOVES US

**PODCASTS**  
**THAT SOUNDS FUN**  
WITH ANNIE F. DOWNS  
WINTER  
Episodes 861, 867, and 869, 961, 964  
April 6th discussion after worship.

**BOOK**  
**UNORTHODOX**  
THE SCANDALOUS REJECTION OF MY HASIDIC ROOTS  
DEBORAH FELDMAN  
May 4th discussion after worship

**MOVIE**  
**THE FORGE**  
DVD • DIGITAL  
100%  
June 1st discussion after worship

### Many greetings from Iambi PC DEPARTMENT.

I hope all is well with you all. We are also doing great here at Iambi, and Palliative care activities are doing well also. May our Lord Jesus provide with strength in Jesus name

Thanks, Martina Axwesso  
(Director of the Palliative Care Program)

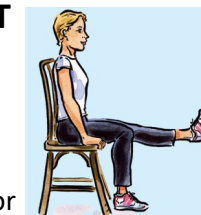
### ORDER EASTER PLANTS

We will be getting a variety of Begonias & Cyclamens. Cost is \$20/plant. Forms are available on the Narthex Counter or in the church office. Please make your check out to OSLC with Easter Plant in the memo. Put your form/money in the offering plate or leave on Joanne's desk in the office. Deadline to order is April 13



### FAITHFULLY FIT

The Thursday morning exercise group meets at 9:15am in the Narthex. Join us for light exercise and joyful conversation. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.



### LENTEN OFFERINGS

The Lenten offering this season will be going to Samaritan Bethany.



**CHURCHILL/HOOVER SCHOOLS** are looking for donations. Listed below are the items they are looking for. Please leave in the blue barrel in the Narthex.

- Snacks
- Granola bars - crackers - mini muffins- cereal - goldfish - GoGo squeeze applesauce etc.
- Sandwich bags for snacks could also be helpful to divide food up if it's in larger boxes or containers instead of individualized bags.
- 4T & 5T Pull ups



**URGENTLY NEEDED—NOT FILLED YET Offering Counter**

It's an 8 week rotation so you only count every 8 weeks. If you can help contact Tim Hornseth at [tjhornseth@charter.net](mailto:tjhornseth@charter.net) or 507-261-4719

**OSLC YOUTH**

I appreciate everyone's patience as we tried to figure out our April 1st movie day with the youth group. Unfortunately, the movie theaters in town didn't update their movie list and times for next week until yesterday, not leaving Colin and I much time to select a movie and time. The even more unfortunate thing is the movie we were hoping to go to was removed and not replaced with a similar movie. We have decided to move movie day to Good Shepherd Church's Fellowship Hall where we are able to stream a movie that is more to our liking. I know this can be a little disappointing to some so we are planning on having pizza, popcorn, and snacks along with the movie to help ease the disappointment of not going to an actual theater.

Youth group movie day 12:00-3:00 Tuesday April 1st at Good Shepherd. Pizza, popcorn and snacks will be provided. Please RSVP so we can know how much food to get and if there are any allergies we need to accommodate for. Cassie

**Martha Circle**

April 9—10:00am  
Hostess: Carol Houdek  
Bible Study: **Group**  
Location: OSLC

**Naomi Circle**

April 14—9:00am  
Hostess: Mary Ann Smith  
Bible Study: Mary Ann Smith

**Priscilla Circle**

April 9—9:30am  
Hostess: Ardie O'Hanlon  
Bible Study: Diana Schroeder  
Kathy Norby

**Sarah Circle**

3rd Tuesday of the month —1:00pm  
Hostess:  
Bible Study:



**We welcome** new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here. You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sorrow, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 3pm

**Office**—289-3021; **Website:** [www.rochesterosl.org](http://www.rochesterosl.org)

**Pastor Ben Loven**—[bloven@rochesterosl.org](mailto:bloven@rochesterosl.org); cell 701-580-1559

My office door is always open for visits/conversations. Please make a call to the church office before visiting if you would like to specifically visit with me to ensure I am in. Pastor Ben

**Joanne Hamilton, Office**—[office@rochesterosl.org](mailto:office@rochesterosl.org)

**Greg Henderson, Director of Music**—[music@rochesterosl.org](mailto:music@rochesterosl.org)

**Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain**—507-254-7894 or [ktzahasky4@gmail.com](mailto:ktzahasky4@gmail.com)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 9:00am Worship**

**Organist:** Greg Henderson, **Pianist:** Jan Matson

**Sound Board Engineer:** Bob Westland

**Offering Counters:** Bill Nicklay, Kevin & Joleen Carlson

**Ushers:** Tim & Mary Kunert

**Communion Assistant/Offering Assistant:** Katie Zahasky

**Altar Guild:** Tammy Olson

**Fellowship:** Ruth Moran



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**Altar Flowers today** are given to the Glory of God from Charles & Diana Schroeder in memory of Lorrie.

April 6—OPEN April 13—OPEN April 20—OPEN April 27—Flynn

**Please consider signing up to give flowers.** Cost is \$40 and they are yours to take home after worship. Please remember to return the vase as our pricing is based on that.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income YTD (as of 02/28/2025): \$63,934.81

Expenses YTD (as of 02/28/2025): \$83,497.75\*

Budgeted Expenses: \$64,038.44

\*Expenses include the remaining \$23,810 for the roof repair completed in '24.



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# Lenten SOUP Suppers

**OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOUP SUPPER** before Lenten worship begins March 12. We'll be serving between 5:30 and 6:15. Below is a listing of soups served each evening. We hope you'll join us!

**Wednesday, April 2**

Tuscan soup  
Cheesy California Blend (gluten free)

**Wednesday, April 9**

Chicken Dumpling  
Tomato (gluten free)

**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

Bean and Ham (gluten free)  
Bacon Corn Chowder

**THANK YOU** so much for your support of the "Youth In the Kitchen" Event for Lent! This is such a fun night for the youth to serve and see the members. The youth were able to raise \$501! This qualified us for the \$500 match to raise \$1001!! Thank you SO much for your support!!! Thank you for your VERY generous monetary donations to our youth!!

Cassie & Youth

## MARCH/APRIL CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTION

### Personal Care Kits


Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self care, critical germ fighting supplies and the chance for our neighbors in need to regain dignity amidst fear and uncertainty.

Each kit includes:

- 1 light weight bath sized towel (dark color recommended)
- 2 bath-size bars of soap (equaling 8 to 9 oz) in original wrapping,
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging 1 study comb
- 1 metal nail clipper.

Please place all items in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you.

## Mark Your Calendar...Samaritan Bethany Events



Please Dine With Us as We Celebrate

54 Years of Partnership

May

Thursday 1 11:30 - 12:30

Samaritan Bethany Chapel  
24 8th St. NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

RSVP:  
wstenberg@samaritanbethay.com



Samaritan Bethany

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