A wooden cross is leaning against a stone wall. The cross is made of dark wood and is positioned diagonally across the frame. The stone wall is composed of large, irregular stones in shades of brown and tan. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere.

THOSE  
WHO  
LOSE  
THEIR  
LIFE FOR  
MY SAKE  
WILL  
SAVE IT

MARK 8:35





+ Second Sunday In Lent +

**February 25, 2024**

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## **AS WE GATHER**

We are met today with a profound reality: that Christ died for the ungodly, and that we were once rightly called the ungodly. It is hard to even fathom the depth of our sinfulness. Yet for all the depth of sin present in us and in the world, Christ's love for us and His forgiveness of us runs deeper still. And now, we have reconciliation and peace with God that passes all understanding.

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### ***Liturgical Color:***

***Purple is the color of humility and repentance.***

*Each week as we head toward Good Friday, a candle is extinguished on the Lenten wreath since darkness comes before the bright dawn of Easter morning.*

*Near the large cross by the pulpit is a basket with slips of paper, pencils, and tacks. Feel free to write down any of your burdens, worries, wrongs, and sins and tack them to the cross at any time during this season of Lent. They will not be read but will be removed on Good Friday and burned in the Easter Vigil fire on Holy Saturday. Our Lord takes our darkness and replaces it with his light!*

***Visitors:** We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit. **A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway, and there's a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time.** Do you have any questions about anything here? Don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders, or talk to the pastor.*

## **Prelude**

## **Pastoral Welcome**

*(Prayer request cards will be collected by an usher passing through the aisle.)*

**Gathering Hymn** ..... *"The God of Abraham Praise", #798 (1-4)*



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a-bove;  
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su-preme com-mand  
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all-suf-fi-cient grace  
 4 He by Him-self has sworn; I on His oath de-pend.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days And God of love.  
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
 Shall guide me all my pil-grim days In all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, To heav'n as-cend.



Je-ho-vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con-fessed;  
 I all on earth for-sake, Its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r,  
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him-self my God.  
 I shall be-hold His face; I shall His pow'r a-dore



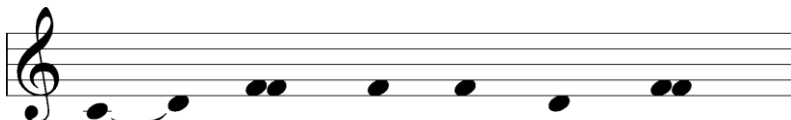
I bow and bless the sa-cred name For-ev-er blest.  
 And Him my on-ly por-tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je-sus' blood.  
 And sing the won-ders of His grace For-ev-er-more.

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*Please rise.*

## Morning Prayer

Opening Verses..... page 235



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**G** and my mouth shall de-clare Your praise.

**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Psalmody

**Antiphon**..... *page 235*

**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
**G** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Venite**..... *page 236*

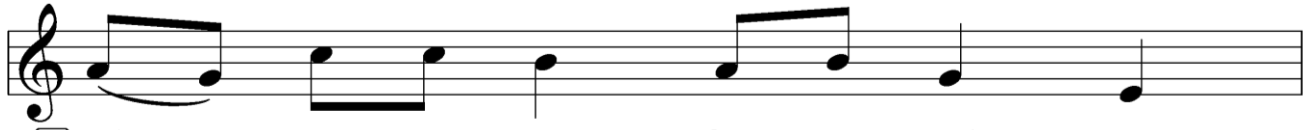
**G** O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
 let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
**I** Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;  
 let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.  
**II** For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.



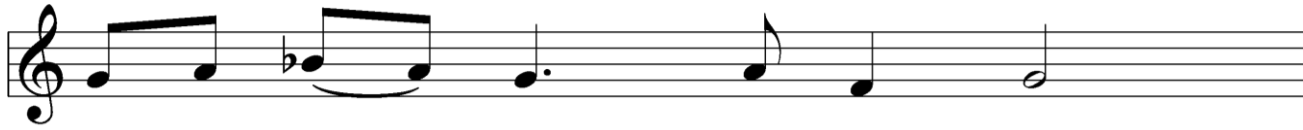
**I** In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the mountains are His also.



**II** The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



**I** O come, let us worship and bow down;



let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.



**II** For He is our God, and we are the people



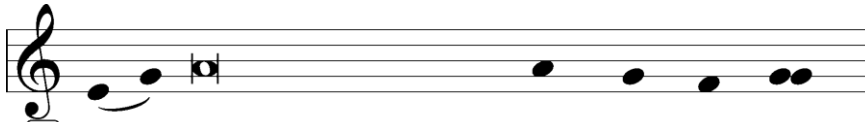
of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.



**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Psalm 22:23-31** ..... (*chanted responsively*)

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glor / ify him,

**and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of / Israel!**

For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his / face from him,

**but has heard, when he / cried to him.**

From you comes my praise in the great congere- / gation;

**my vows I will perform before those who / fear him.**

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall / praise the LORD!

**May your hearts live for- / ever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn / to the LORD,

**and all the families of the nations shall worship be- / fore you.**

For kingship belongs / to the LORD,

**and he rules over the / nations.**

All the prosperous of the earth eat and / worship;

**before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- / self alive.**

Posterity shall / serve him;

**it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- / ation;**

they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people / yet unborn,

**that he has / done it.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Office Hymn**..... "*By All Your Saints in Warfare*", #517 (1, 10, 3)

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For  
 10 Praise for Your great a - pos - tle So  
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And  
 all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
 ea - ger and so bold, Thrice fall - ing, yet re -  
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the  
 Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For  
 pen - tant, Thrice charged to feed Your fold. Lord,  
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till  
 You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the  
 make Your pas - tors faith - ful To guard Your flock from  
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the  
 crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
 harm, And hold them when they wa - ver  
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry  
 Re - flect - ed from Your throne.  
 With Your al - might - y arm.  
 And praise to God a - lone.

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## Readings

### Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you,

and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading .....Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise.*

**Holy Gospel .....Mark 8:27-38**

**P** Oh Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.



And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**P** In many and various ways, God Spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

**Apostles' Creed**.....(*back cover of hymnal*)

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Children's Message

Sermon....."Crossed!"

Lenten Hymn ..... "Hope of the World", #690



1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us  
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,  
From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;  
We would be faith - ful to Thy Gos - pel glo - rious.



Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.  
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.  
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

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## Offering/Offertory

*Please rise, as able.*

# Prayer

**Collect of the Day** ..... *(spoken in unison)*

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving)*

**Collect for Grace** .....page 241

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**.....page 241


**Benedicamus and Benediction**..... page 241-242

**Sending Hymn**..... *"Lift High the Cross", #837*


*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till




all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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## Dismissal ..... (Bethlehem's Mission)

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

## Postlude

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### Next week's readings:

**OT: Exodus 10:1-17; Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Gospel: John 2:13-25**

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**Attendance Last Saturday: 30**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 63**

**Attendance Midweek: 52**

**Total Offering: \$3,075.12**

**Missions: \$0.00**

**Home Use: \$2,632.12**

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## Serving us today:

Elder ..... TBA

Musicians ..... Rich Vanderburgh

Altar Committee..... Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Bambi Burden,  
Julie Crespo, Diana Holland, Georgia Luker

Flower Committee ..... Penny Humphrey (Chair), Lori Sloan

## This Week's Schedule

Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Youth Yard Cleanup
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	5:15 p.m.	Education Board Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	KinderLent



	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at WCS
	1:00 p.m.	Cards and Games Group
	7:00 p.m.	Ephesians Bible Study
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Creation School
	6:00 p.m.	Family Fun Night ( <i>everything Irish</i> )
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

## Thank You

**The Wanda Kreisel Family!** Thank you to our church family for the kindness, support, visits, food, and prayers over the past months during Wanda's illness and death. Thank you to Pastor, for his regular visits, helping us choose Bible passages for her funeral that represented her so well, and the special funeral service and message. Cindy, thank you for coordinating with the funeral home and others, as well as putting together the bulletins and notices for the funeral home, and making copies of the service for our families. Thank you to Mary Martha Guild for providing and serving lunch after the funeral. It was great for us to have time to visit with many family and friends! Also thank you to the Bethlehem Prayer Shawl Ministry for the shawls made for each of us. They are such a kind and generous gift. God's blessings on each of you!

## Prayers

**Prayers for all who grieve the loss of Paula Brewer this past Monday.** While homebound and not known to many in-person, she loved her church family and was especially thankful for those who helped her move into her beloved apartment at Murphy Lake years ago. We give thanks for the eternal life she has in Christ!

**Prayers for Roy and Judy Schache** as they faithfully serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in Papua New Guinea highlands from now until April.

**For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision**—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Charlie Becker, Mel Bockelman, Carrie Brunkhorst (Dorothy's daughter-in-law), Ray & Mary Carstensen, Galen Cobb, Bob & Barbara Compton, Cody, Droege, Marion Droege,

Rev. Tom Fatka (Tommy Fatka's dad), Peggy Forstad, Ana Fonseca (Willie Crespo's grandmother), Wilma Gertz, Winnie & George Goldsmith (Steve's parents), Karen Haase, Juanita Holcomb (Peggy Forstad's mother), Mary Johnson, Lloyd McCarter, Ronnie Moody (Sheree's mother), Maryanna Savery, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

**For Military Members**—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families.

**Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care**—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain, feel free to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

### [Weekly Weekend Worship Services](#)

**Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m.** Sunday Services are live on Facebook, YouTube and the webpage at [blchurch.com](http://blchurch.com).

### [Special Services & Faith Formation](#)

**Lenten Midweek Worship Services**—Gather with us in the sanctuary on Wednesdays this Lent at **7:00 p.m.** as we explore the theme *The Carpenter's Cross: Making, Building, Repairing*. We'll still be reflecting on *A Carpenter's Yoke, A Carpenter's Plow, A Carpenter's Door, & A Carpenter's Stone*—all of those services being the evening prayer service of Compline. Plan to attend, and think of inviting others. Take a block of wood to do something special with yet, since there are plenty left!

**KinderLent is happening at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays through** the Lenten season. Rebecca would like to preview and extend an invitation to the Lenten devotion series she is planning, as a focus on children whose bedtimes line up with the 7:00 services. But all are welcome to join us! She will be using **Gayle Boss's book *Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing***. Pastor used her Advent book several years ago. Her Lenten book is focused on animal species who are in trouble due to hunger, sickness, habitat loss, pollution, and hunting. Through focusing on these species' struggles, we will learn together how to make small sacrifices to protect Creation, increasing our focus on Christ's sacrifice for us.

**Faith Night** happens on the first Wednesday of every month (**March 6<sup>th</sup> this time**) with our Lenten Meal starting at **5:30 to 6:00** (or so), followed by a faith discussion until 6:45 p.m. We will be observing the passage of time as we head through Lent, toward Easter and beyond.

**Spring Mission Festival** will be held the weekend of **March 9-10**. Gary Moreau, the Executive Director of Mobility Worldwide ([mobilityworldwide.org](http://mobilityworldwide.org)) will be here as the guest speaker. We will take him to dinner at a restaurant after the Saturday service, and anyone else is welcome to join us. There will also be a potluck dinner with the congregation after the Sunday service. **Please sign up by the mailboxes for what item you will bring to the potluck.**

### Children & Youth

**Creation School**—Join us on the first Friday of each month from **10-11 am** for our faith-focused version of the trendy forest school. We'll do our best to enjoy Creation in all weather, so be sure to dress appropriately. Please invite any families with young children that you know, as the hope is to welcome all in the community into our green space.

**The District Junior & Senior High Youth Gathering** is planned for **April 5-7** at the Cross Point Retreat Center, Lake Ozark, Missouri. For more information go to ([mo.lcms.org/youth-ministry](http://mo.lcms.org/youth-ministry)) The church has funds available for this gathering. If you are interested, and want to attend, please let Penny or Pr. Joel know ASAP so that the registration can get in before the March deadline.

### Sunday School and Christian Education

**Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings downstairs for ages Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.** We start out with a combined opening with the adults to kick off each Sunday, then we split up at **9:20 or so**. We invite all children to come and be a part of this time growing together in Christ!

**Sunday Proverbs Bible Study**—*Oh, to love wisdom and live wisely!* How many times have you said and thought that? Join us for our Sunday Bible study—*Living (& Loving) Wisdom*—which explores the book of Proverbs through the lens of the Ten Commandments and Christ “the Wisdom of God” (I Cor. 1:24. Pr. Joel is drawing from David Coe’s *Provoking Proverbs*. **We start at 9:15 a.m.** in the conference room. We’re just starting to look at the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment!

**Wednesday Bible Study**—Join us at **10:30 a.m.** in the conference room. We’re looking at the Apocrypha, from the time between the two Testaments. Come and find out what it’s about!

**Thursday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.**—Pastor Bertels is leading a Bible study on the book of Ephesians. It meets in the conference room and is open to all who have the interest and time available. Come and join us!

## Music

**During Lent, the choir will meet on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. or immediately after the service.** We are always looking for new members! Please contact Peggy Forstad with any questions about joining the choir.

## Opportunities to Serve

**Braille in Concordia**—The Braille group is looking for somebody to join the group to go help in Concordia on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. They usually leave around 11:30 a.m. and return about 3:30 p.m. Please talk to Beryleen Dodson if you are interested in joining or if you would like to be a substitute.

**Shine Event 2024**—Plan to attend this year's **Shine** event on **Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.** We will be launching our community garden's season with a lively event filled with giveaways, planting, music and children's activities. Can you contribute to planning work, setup/cleanup, music or planting guidance that day? Please let Rebecca or Pr. Joel know.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars**—Members with 2023 Choice Dollars available need to designate these funds before March 31st or they will expire. You may direct your Choice Dollars to Bethlehem or your choice of another organization on the Thrivent list. Choice dollars may be designated at [Thrivent.com/Thrivent Choice](https://www.thrivent.com/ThriventChoice) or by calling 800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice." This past year Thrivent members provided financial support for VBS food and supplies and the Christmas Store project from the Choice Dollar Account. In addition numerous Thrivent Action Team grants provided Thousands of dollars to support activities and projects at Bethlehem and other area organizations. Please contact Larry Haase if you have questions about any of our Thrivent activities. The April Tidings will indicate our next group meeting date.

**Bulletin Board**—A section of the bulletin board at the North entrance has been dedicated to our congregation members who are home-bound and in nursing homes. Please check it out to see how you can reach out to those who can no longer come to services regularly. Send a card or leave one in the pocket on the board to be delivered during a visit. If you have a picture of a loved one you can share, please send it to Rebecca to have it posted!

**Want to be on the Bethlehem Woods Trail Crew?** Yes, we have our own nature trail at the back end of our property! Two of the bridges are in need of some major attention, so if you'd like to help with that and some of the other occasional maintenance back there, please contact Ron Rode (660.238.1557) and he'll let you know when the work is ready to start. Thanks!



**Think Spring and Another Garden Growing Season!** In order to get our community gardens in readiness for spring planting, plus, make needed improvements and gear-up for an outreach event in April, we'll be having work mornings on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of March (9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)**. Come join in the fun!

### Fellowship

**Weekly Meals**—To increase intergenerational fellowship, we plan to have a meal at **5:30 p.m. each Wednesday of Lent**, immediately following KinderLent. This is open to anyone that doesn't want to cook before the Lenten service. The menu will include soup, sandwiches, spaghetti, tacos, pizza & breakfast for dinner, along with some sides and desserts. Rebecca will be calling on different committees to help serve meals. We plan to cover the cost of meals with an Action Team and will take care of most of the preparation; we just need a few volunteer servers.

**Friday Family Fun Night** will be held on **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. The theme is "Everybody's Irish". Sign up to bring a dish on the bulletin board near the mailboxes. Everyone is welcome to join this fun night of food and fellowship.

**Men's Club Spring Soup and Chili Supper** will be held on **Saturday, March 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** We will need help with preparing items ahead of time on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Please check the sign-up by the mailboxes to help on Friday and/or Saturday. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages (5-12). You can get a ticket from any Men's Club member or at the door.

**Crafternoon**—On the **fourth Friday from 3-5 pm**, let's get together to craft! A project and supplies will be waiting for you in the fellowship hall. We'll make seasonal crafts and cards that can be shared with others and conspire to deliver them with good cheer and a visit.

**Exercise Class** happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women.

**The Games and Card Group** meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Everyone is welcome to come to this fellowship time.

**The Quilting Group** meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills are needed. Bring your own lunch or go out and grab something. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

### This and That

**2024 World Day of Prayer** will be held on **March 1 from 5:30-6:00 p.m.** at the Warrensburg Church of the Brethren (702 E. Hale Lake Road). This community-wide

event will be centered around prayers sung, silent and written. This event is sponsored by the Warrensburg Ministerial Association.

**The Johnson County Resource Center happens every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the basement of First Presbyterian Church (206 N. College)—providing breakfast, a hot lunch, and a place to hang out. Housing assistance and case management are provided, as well as Medicaid signup. **Katy Trail's Mobile Medical Unit will be resuming its services in April!**

**Ongoing thanks** to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support in shining the light of Christ! If you'd ever like to hear some of the stories of how these funds have been used, just ask Pr. Joel.

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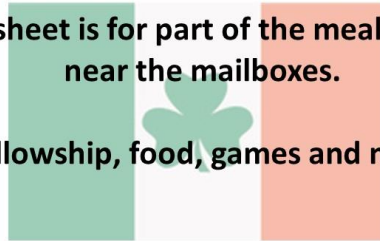
# **FRIDAY FAMILY FUN**



**March 1 at 6:00 p.m.**

Sign up sheet is for part of the meal is located  
near the mailboxes.

Join us for fellowship, food, games and more on Friday.



## Contact Information

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### **Our Mission**

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

### **Our Vision**

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for live streaming on the web, viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.