

# Praying from the Word

God has been making me think a lot about prayer lately. Our Sunday adult Bible class is covering the Psalms right now, and my confirmation students are wrapping up our current unit on the Lord's Prayer, so prayer itself has naturally been on my mind more than usual. A few nights ago, I was looking through some prayer-related notes from college in search of things I could bring up in these classes when I stumbled across a quote from one of my professors that I had jotted down: "Don't pray from your heart—pray from God's Word." I can still remember the day he said this, not because that sentence blew my mind, but because it discouraged and frustrated me. *But, doesn't God want to hear from my heart?* I thought to myself. *I want to have a relationship with Him...isn't praying from my heart the right thing to be doing?*

Yes, we are certainly free and welcome to pray to God from our hearts; He has promised to listen to whatever we have to say. But over time, I have begun to appreciate the wisdom behind this statement more and more. My heart can be a cold, frail, and empty place sometimes. What if I have a lousy day, but someone asks me to pray for a difficult situation, and I, caught off guard, have no earthly idea what to say? What if I'm expected to pray before a Bible class, but my heart feels like it's being held together by toothpicks and scotch tape? What if I am so flustered and overwhelmed with emotion that I can't even string together any words for God to hear? My heart, I have learned, is not actually that reliable or consistent as a source of prayer.

On the other hand, God's Word is never cold, frail, and empty. It is always rich, full, and able to speak into our lives in shockingly accurate and beautiful ways. I have come to rely quite heavily on beginning most of my prayers by quoting some part of Scripture,

*Pray from God's Word*



because the truth is I often do not know what to say or how to say it. So I just borrow God's words, which are so much better than mine anyway! For example, if I've had a rough day, I might pray something like, *Lord Jesus, you have promised that you are the light of the world (John 8:12). Well, my life feels pretty dark right now. Please shine in my life to get me through this.* Or if it's time for me to pray at the start of a meeting, I might say, *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1) Thank you, Lord, for calling us to belong to your flock. Thank you for knowing us, your sheep, and for giving us everything that we need. See what I mean? When we start our prayers by repeating God's words back to Him, we actually find a lot more meaningful things to say.*

I may not have liked it at the time, but I now value what my professor once told me: "Don't pray from your heart—pray from God's Word." It takes time and practice to learn how to do this, and it's not something any of us can master. But our hearts will often fail us...yet God's Word never will. Give it a try in your own prayer life sometime!

~Pastor Jason

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**  
PRESCHOOL ROOMS 4-5, 7, 11-12  
ARE PEANUT- & NUT-FREE 24/7  
DUE TO A SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

**Registration for the 2026-2027 school year**  
**opens to the public on February 1.** Children must be 3 or 4 years old before August 1, 2026.

**Preschool** Our core curriculum is taught during the following times by teachers with degrees in Education. Classes are from 8:30AM – 11:30AM, and 12:30PM – 3:30 PM. Three-year-old Preschool classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday. Four-year-old Preschool classes meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Full Day Program** School is available from 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday. Students attend Preschool for the core curriculum and spend the rest of the day participating in activities to reinforce and enhance the curriculum including computer time, more extensive science experiments, art projects suited to a smaller group setting, games, extra gym and outside time, and rest time in the afternoon. The day is divided into segments, so you only pay for the time needed.

Before School Care	8AM to 8:30AM
Morning Program	8:30AM to 11:30AM
Afternoon Program	11:30AM to 3:30PM
After School Care	3:30PM to 5PM

New brochures are available in the Preschool display boards located on the Preschool Cubbies, in the Welcome Center, as well as in the Church office. All information is also on the website (hcross.com) then click on the Preschool tab. Contact Preschool Director Dani Richardson at (636) 272-4505 for more information and to schedule a personal tour.

#### **Preschool Butter Braids Fundraiser Coming Soon!**

The Preschool will be offering products from Show Me Dough, including the original Butter Braids, frozen pizza, and frozen cookie dough in individual servings. Preschool Board members will be at a table in the Welcome Center to hand out and collect order forms each Saturday and Sunday February 28 – March 15. Watch the News and Notes for the link to order online. All church orders are due by Friday, March 20. Items will be available for contactless pick up from 3:00 – 5pm on Monday, March 30— just in time for Easter! Funds raised will be used for playground improvements.

During January the Preschoolers studied aspects of winter, used their 5 senses, practiced healthy habits, and learned about bears. The three-year-olds began creating their own number book. The four-year-old classes have completed through letter N in their alphabet books.

During Jesus time, we followed how baby Jesus grew as a boy and how God gives us messages. We saw how He loved to go to church to worship and talk about His Father. We discovered that Jesus chooses each of us to follow Him and to tell others about Him just like He chose His 12 disciples. We learned that Jesus forgives us like the father forgave his prodigal son.



# Monthly Music Minute

A series in which the music director shares some thoughts  
about the music coming up in church this month

In the church year, February brings juxtaposing seasons. The month begins with Epiphany, in which we share the light of Christ with the world. Once Epiphany ends in the middle of the month, though, we turn to Lent, a season in which we reflect on our sinful nature and shortcomings that nailed Christ to the cross. It is, in many ways, a season of darkness.

This seasonal juxtaposition is highlighted more poignantly in the church holidays that end Epiphany and begin Lent. Epiphany ends with Transfiguration Sunday, a day where we don't just talk about the light of Christ in general terms, but where we actually witness Christ on the top of the mountain in the fullness of all his glory, shimmering with the brightness of heaven. We celebrate with the altar and pulpit clothed in white, singing our Alleluias for the last time. Three days later, on Ash Wednesday, that glory is set aside, our "Alleluia" replaced with "Lord, have mercy," and, as the paraments turn over from a glimmering white to a muted violet, our heads are marked with ashes in the shape of the cross, the very instrument which killed the transfigured Jesus.

That week when Epiphany turns over to Lent is so striking in its contrasts. I think the contrasting tones are appropriate, though, since Jesus is a person of contrasts. When we think about his nature, we acknowledge him as fully God and fully man. That doesn't make sense! We think of him exalted, but also humbled. How can that be?

On Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 15, the choir will sing a poem that leans into these and other juxtapositions. Entitled "Christus Paradox," by Sylvia Dunstan, the poem goes like this:

## Hey, Did You Know? Holy Cross was on KFUO

From November 30 through December 6, Holy Cross was featured as the Church of the Week on KFUO Radio, 92.7 FM. An on-air interview with Pastor Kohm and DCE Charity Smith can be accessed at [www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org) by opening the Practical Talk drop-down menu, then finding The Coffee Hour for December 1.

## Christus Paradox

By Sylvia Dunstan

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.  
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and swordbringer  
Of the way you took and gave.  
You the everlasting instant;  
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
Stripped of might upon the cross,  
Shining in eternal glory,  
Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,  
Sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
Have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.  
Worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our death and life.

It is perhaps that last contradiction, that last contrast, that really captures what Lent is all about, for in His death we have life. - David Gilson

## ORGAN COMMITTEE FORMED

After the frequent recent mechanical failures of the organ, the Church Council has authorized a committee to begin pursuing a replacement of the organ. The committee includes David Gilson, Wes Dafler, and Karen Belter, with Andy Goodman serving as an advisory member. The process is still in its early stages. Feel free to reach out to David with any questions you may have.



## Candy & Nut Sales Benefit Concordia Seminary Adopt-A-Student Program



Pictured from left to right are Kathy Luther, and Ladies Guild members: Doris Hewkin, Joyce McEntire, Norma Helms, Elma Jane Kramer, Christel Hundt, and Sue Williams.

Ladies Guild welcomed Kathy Luther from Concordia Seminary as a guest speaker at their January meeting. A check in the amount of \$2,556.50 was presented to Kathy to benefit the Adopt A Student program at the seminary. This check represented the proceeds from the fall Ladies Guild Candy & Nut sale. Items for the Seminary food bank were also collected and presented to Kathy. Thank you to everyone who supported the Candy & Nut Sale.

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild served the Advent Dinner on Wed., Dec. 10. About 70 people enjoyed chili dogs, sides, and desserts. Donations toward the meal benefited the LWML. Special thanks to Kathy Weseman, chairperson of the event.

From left: Judie Woelfer, Linda Jackson, Brenda Fore, Dawn Kahler, Joyce McEntire, Mary Sampl, Karen Dusheke, Judy Koprowski, Kathy Weseman, Denise Lackey, Sue Bastian, Emily Kahler.

All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend the meetings of either or both Guilds.

Join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.

Holy Cross has two LWML groups:

Grace Evening Guild meets Tues., Feb. 10, 6PM.

Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets Fri., Feb. 13, 10AM.

### Grace Evening Guild Solidifies New Format

At its January meeting, Grace Guild members voted to keep its 6PM start as a social time among its members with the business meeting starting at 6:30PM. Refreshments will be served before the meeting. Committees can meet at that time as well and give some members a chance to fight traffic to get to the 6:30pm meeting.

**Grace Guild Activities:** Grace Guild plans to host a Lenten meal, create Resurrection Eggs for preschool students, assemble spring baskets for Holy Cross shut-ins, hold its Rose Sale on Mother's Day, and collect personal items for Concordia Seminary later in the spring.

### FLOWER AND PLANT SALE IS COMING

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild will hold its annual flower and plant sale this spring!

Please watch the News&Notes and Koinonia for more information.



# “Sleep in Heavenly Peace”

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild's Annual Christmas Party was held Fri., Dec. 12. This year's theme was "Sleep in Heavenly Peace."

Members and guests wore Christmas pajamas and enjoyed refreshments, theme-based activities, and beautiful decorations.

The Holy Cross Preschool students, also dressed in pajamas, provided the entertainment by sharing Christmas songs.

It was a wonderful event!



Above: Emily Kahler led the group as she signed (ALS) *Silent Night* as Pastor Kohm played his guitar.

Top right: Pastor & Laura Gimbel have their photo taken in front of the photo op.

Right Center: Norma Helms's table all wore matching pajamas: Norma, Sue Williams, Christel Hundt, Judy Koprowski, Elma Jane Kramer, Loretta Ezell.

Below: Preschool students entertain with Christmas songs.

Near Right: Sara Shroth plays piano during caroling.



**Meet Our Newest Members:** On Sunday, November 16, the following new members were our honored guests and introduced at our New Member Luncheon. Learn a little more about each of them and welcome them to our Holy Cross family the next time you see them at worship.



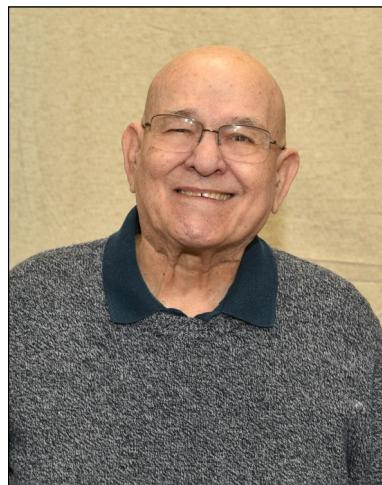
**Roger and Sadie Liefer** are both retired and live on Knaust Road. Roger grew up in Campbell Hill, IL, and Sadie grew up in North St. Louis. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. They both enjoy gardening. They decided to join Holy Cross because they like the pastors and enjoy the traditional service with which they grew up.



**Michael and Beverly Wade** are both retired and live in St. Peters. They were both born in St. Louis, but Mike grew up in Jefferson County and Bev in Riverview Gardens. They have two sons, four granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren. Mike, who is very active with a

veteran's group, helps with military funerals, while Bev stays busy with the great-grandchildren. They thank Larry Williams for inviting them to Holy Cross, and they truly enjoy the congregation.

**Steve Mabry** recently moved to the area to be closer to his children. He lives in Avalon Park Independent Living in Cottleville. He has three



grown children and two grandchildren. Steve is retired now, but he had worked as a credit union manager, a mailing business owner, and a private investigator. He enjoys card games, dominoes, and computers.



**Drake Nagle** recently completed the Basics class, and joined our Lutheran faith. He is single and has an apartment at O'Fallon Lakes. He was born in St. Louis, grew up in St. Charles County, and recently graduated from SIUE in Edwardsville. Drake teaches both private and group violin lessons. He performs

with the Landolfi String Quartet, Edwardsville Symphony, and is Concertmaster for the Town and Country Orchestra. Drake enjoys that Holy Cross is a "cheerful, warm-welcoming, Spirit-filled congregation who truly makes [him] feel at home before, during, and after each service and event."

For the first time, recent youth confirmands were recognized at the New Member Luncheon. Jameson Alton, Chloe Benigno, and Lucas Van Wave were unable to attend but will likewise be invited again in the spring. Learn a little more about the following new confirmands who were present.



**Jacob Hardebeck** was born in St. Charles and presently lives in Lake Saint Louis. He is a freshman at Liberty High School with his favorite classes of cultural geography and culinary arts. He participates in football and wrestling at school and always enjoys being outdoors and fishing.



**Oria Ray** has been a member at Holy Cross since birth and presently lives in O'Fallon. She is a freshman at Lutheran High School, and her favorite subject is art. She enjoys drawing and loves walking and hiking. One of her favorite memories from confirmation instruction was having the opportunity to pick hymns for a service while working with Music Director David Gilson.



**Lacey Sumski** was born in Jefferson County but moved to O'Fallon with her family and has now been at Holy Cross for 11 years. She is a freshman at Fort Zumwalt West, where her favorite subjects are science and math. She enjoys playing the violin and plays on the volleyball team at school. Lacey has a younger sister and two dogs that she enjoys.



## Lutheran Education Tuition Assistance

Holy Cross Lutheran Church supports families who desire a Lutheran Education. Students who, along with parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are members of Holy Cross are eligible for Tuition assistance. Students must be enrolled in grades K-12 at an LCMS Lutheran school in St. Charles County or in a Concordia University System (LCMS) higher education institution.



Applications are in  
the Welcome  
Center and must be  
turned in by  
March 31.

**ALIBIS**  
By Peter Kennedy

**Everyone is Dying to have this much Fun!**

**Saturday, 21 February**  
JOIN US FOR A SILENT AUCTION, DINNER AND A MYSTERY.

**HOLY CROSS YOUTH PRESENTS MYSTERY DINNER**

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## Hope Seeds Packing for February 5

Join the group in the gym at 9am to pack seeds for missions.

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.



**ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18, 2026**

**Holy Communion at 11AM, 7PM**

**Lent Dinner 5:30-6:45PM**

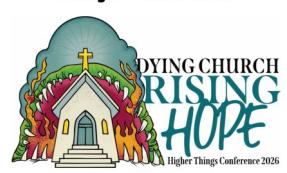
**Host: Ladies Guild**

**Meu: chili Dogs, Veggie Trays, Desserts**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**June 30-July 3, 2026**  
**Rising 9<sup>th</sup> – 2026 Grads**



# FEBRUARY 2026: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>7</b>	
8AM Holy Communion		9:30AM TOPS		9AM Preschool Chapel		9AM Preschool Chapel		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u>		10AM Altar Guild Work Day			
9:30AM Education Hour		11AM Line Dancing		10AM Women's Bible Study		9:30AM Adult Bible Class		9AM HOPE Seeds					
10:45AM Holy Communion		6:30PM Bell Choir		12:30PM Staff Meeting		6PM Beginning Bell Choir		6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class					
Noon: Preschool Open House & Art Show (gym)				3PM Preschool Board		+ Children's Choir							
Noon Mystery Dinner				6PM Bds of Stew. & Missions		+ 30PM Confirmation, + Midweek, LYF							
1:30PM Board of Elders Rehearsal (WC)				6:30PM Altar Guild		6:45PM Adult Choir							
2:30PM Caroling: "Sing Away The Blues"													
<b>8</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>14</b>	
8AM Holy Communion		9:30 AM TOPS		9AM Ladies Guild Quilting		6:30AM Men's Breakfast		Circuit Meeting ( <u>Pastors</u> )		MARCH KOINONIA DEADLINE		11AM TO 3PM: Birthday Party (gym)	
9:30AM Education Hour		11AM Line Dancing		10AM Women's Bible Study		9AM Preschool Chapel		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u>		Preschool 3s Valentine Party <i>In classroom</i>		3PM Holy Communion	
10:45AM Holy Communion		6PM Executive Board		12:30PM Staff Meeting		9:30AM Adult Bible Class		6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class		Valentine Party <i>in Classroom</i>		Church Movie Night	
Noon Mystery/ Dinner Rehearsal				1:30PM Evangelism Bd.		6PM Beginning Bell Choir				10AM Ladies Guild		11:30AM Offsite	
				6:30PM Grace Guild		+ Children's Choir							
				6:30PM Adult Bible Class		6:30PM Confirmation, + Midweek, LYF							
						6:45PM Adult Choir							
<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>President's Day</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Asn Wednesday</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>MYSTERY DINNER</b>
8AM Holy Communion		<b>PRESCHOOL CLOSED</b>		9AM Preschool Chapel		9AM Preschool Chapel		Koinonia Production Circuit Meeting (DCE)		KOINONIA PRODUCTION		11AM: HOLY CROSS YOUTH PRESENTS MYSTERY DINNER: Dinner Prep	
9:30AM Education Hour		9:30 AM TOPS (Rm1-2)		10AM Women's Bible Study		9:30AM Adult Bible Class		8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u>		5 TO 8PM HOLY CROSS YOUTH PRESENTS MYSTERY DINNER: Dinner Prep		3PM HOLY COMMUNION 5:30PM Doors Open for Mystery Dinner	
9:30am Midweek Teacher Training (Sanctuary)		11AM Line Dancing		12:30PM Staff Meetings		11AM Holy Communion		6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class		6PM: Mystery Dinner			
10:45AM Holy Communion		6:30PM Bell Choir		6PM Youth & Education Bds.		5:30PM Lent Dinner							
Noon Mystery/ Dinner Rehearsal						6:15PM Confirmation							
						— Level 100&200 only							
						7PM Holy Communion							
<b>22</b>	<b>LENT I</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>Midweek Lent 2</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>27</b>		<b>28</b>	
<b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b>		<b>KOINONIA MAILING</b>		9AM Preschool Chapel		9AM Preschool Chapel		<b>PRESCHOOL BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER BEGINS</b>					
8AM Holy Communion		9:30 AM TOPS (Rm1-2)		9AM Quilting		9:30AM Adult Bible Class		<b>LADIES GUILD FLOWER SALE BEGINS</b>					
9:30AM Education Hour		11AM Line Dancing		10AM Women's Bible Study		11AM Lenten Service							
10:45AM Holy Communion		6:30PM Bell Choir		12:30PM Staff Meetings		6:15PM Confirmation							
				6:30PM Adult Bible Class		— Level 100&200 only							
						6:15PM Children's Choir							
						6:15PM Beginning Bells							
						7PM Lenten Service							
						8PM Adult Choir							
<b>PRESCHOOL RECESS TIMES</b>		9:30AM—9:50AM		9:10-9:30AM		11-12:20AM		9:10-9:30AM		9:30AM—9:50AM			
		1:30PM—1:50PM		1:30-1:50PM				1:30PM—1:50PM					

# February Celebrations 2026

*The Lord will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

## Happy Birthday! ... and Many More!

<b>1:</b> Steven Cooper, Vickie Glasstetter	<b>13:</b> Darlene Drilling, Karen Dusheke, Evelyn Estes, Wendy Tentschert, Carolyn Tichenor, Julia Tichenor	<b>23:</b> Becky Coomer, Mark Drilling, Loretta Ezell, Alan Kirk
<b>2:</b> Paul Kirby, Cassie Stover, Kyle Walkenhorst	<b>14:</b> Matthew Alton, Barb Smock	<b>24:</b> Courtney Buehne, Jayne Jepsen, Rich Schindler
<b>4:</b> Kathy Weseman, Dale Witte	<b>15:</b> Dennis Gamache, Mollie Linn, Dani Richardson	<b>25:</b> Jill Grabanski, Diane Pierce
<b>5:</b> David Gilson, Kay Hardman	<b>16:</b> Darlene Bradley, Michelle Freand, Megan Goodman	<b>26:</b> Joan Darling, Ron Dawson (90), Jan Kuesel, Idel McCullough, Neal Menscher
<b>6:</b> Richard Green, John Bewig III	<b>17:</b> Susan Halm	<b>27:</b> Frieda Karl
<b>7:</b> Ashton Estill, Ken Fussner, Andrew Gaglio	<b>19:</b> Andrew Darst	<b>28:</b> Bryan Meyer, Sara Thoene, Everett Nielsen
<b>8:</b> Jacob Davison, Shirley Day, Brenda Duncan, Veigh Hogan, Nancy Redfield, Anna Schnoor	<b>20:</b> Scott Bollinger, Vince Ogar	
<b>9:</b> Melissa Kreyling	<b>21:</b> Blake Allsberry, Roy Bumstead, Megan Gaglio, Carter Price, Paul Weber	
<b>12:</b> Bob Grayson (95), Michael Halm, Gus Waltersdorf	<b>22:</b> Lainey Alton, Carolyn DeMent	

## Baptism Anniversaries: God's Blessings to You!

<b>1:</b> Jim Boyd, Lovisa Davison, Sandra Semler	<b>13:</b> Jessica Mincher	<b>Camden Kreyling</b>
<b>2:</b> Kyle Walkenhorst, Carla Wiese	<b>14:</b> Karen Gaglio, Marion Schwentker, Lily Witte	<b>22:</b> Lydia Sumski
<b>3:</b> Marilyn Newby, Valentina Smith	<b>15:</b> Faith Blackwell, Alison Blundell, Dani Richardson, Wayne Wiese	<b>24:</b> Anna Koepke
<b>5:</b> Renea Erickson, Diane Gade	<b>16:</b> Ella Emerick, Jenna Rincand	<b>25:</b> Madelyn Jennings, Samantha Kessels, Kaitlyn Markham
<b>6:</b> Lucas Buehne, Richard Green	<b>17:</b> Maverick Bartlett, Chris Mizel	<b>26:</b> Karen Dusheke, Hailey Fink, Peggy Gallagher, Lacey Sumski, Sara Thoene
<b>7:</b> Maddie Dawdy, Rob Dawdy Jr., Madeline Maull	<b>18:</b> Spencer Dafler, Joshua Strubelt	<b>28:</b> Darlene Drilling, Gary Hardebeck
<b>9:</b> Lincoln Chinnici, Elise Martens, Janine Martens, Payton May	<b>19:</b> Rory Fink	
<b>12:</b> Dorothy Morrison	<b>20:</b> Chris Gaglio	
	<b>21:</b> Madalyn Bartlett, Logan Brown,	

## Wedding Anniversaries!

<b>1:</b> Bill & Shirley Day (57)
<b>7:</b> Mike & Pat Hanna (22)
<b>9:</b> Rick & Carolyn Grayson (27)
<b>11:</b> Doug & Heather Koepke (31)
<b>14:</b> Paul & Cindi Weber (39)
<b>16:</b> Loren & Debra Herr (52)
<b>22:</b> Harry & Carolyn Gasaway (62)
<b>25:</b> Ray & Betty Schroeder (65)
<b>27:</b> Barb & Roger Grosch (41)
<b>27:</b> George & Judith Kirby (65)

Be *kind* to each other, tenderhearted,  
forgiving one another, just as God  
through Christ has *forgiven* you.

EPHESIANS 4:32



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**New Member Orientation (formerly Transfer for Lutherans)**  
*Call the office for next dates.*

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 10AM, RMS 1&2

**Adult Bible Class:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30PM, RMS 1&2

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study:** February 11, 6:30AM

**Adult Bible Class:** Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

**Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)**  
*— see Wednesday night schedule*

**High School** Wednesdays, *see calendar*

**20s & 30s & 40s Bible Study:** Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2