

Thursday Lenten Luncheons for 2026

March 12- Westminster Presbyterian—Rev. Jeremy Hallquist

March 19 – American Lutheran—Rev. Scott Prouty

Services will begin at 12:00 pm and end at 12:30 pm. Each service will feature a different pastor. These services are ecumenical in nature. Please join us and invite a friend!

Silent Auction will be held March 11-25. Donations accepted of homemade items, gifts baskets, tickets, gift cards, etc. If you have any questions, please talk to Brenda R. All proceeds go towards funding the youth summer trips. Help set up the auction on Sunday, March 8 during fellowship time after worship.

Ice Skating fun for Kids! Sunday, March 22 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the JBS Ice Arena. This event is free and friends are welcome. Sponsored by First United Methodist and First Lutheran.



EASTER LILIES will be used at our Easter service on April 5. If you would like to order one in memory or in honor of loved ones, contact the church office. Please indicate if you will be picking them up after the 9:30 am service or if you will leave them here. The cost for a Lily will be \$11. The deadline to have your order in is March 20. There will be **no** orders will be taken after this date so get your order in early.

Food Drive



March is Minnesota Food Share Month. This means our faith community, by registering for the March Campaign, can increase donations to the local Manna Food Pantry. Place donated nonperishable food items in the shopping cart in the lower narthex starting today. Also consider donating cash or grocery gift cards. The food shelf can *stretch* cash donations further because of their access to discount products and programs. Help us feed more local families and end hunger in our community.

Come help us celebrate Leroy Merkel's 90th birthday on Sunday, March 15 at 2:30 pm at the Meadows in the north building.

SAVE THE DATES for our 150th Anniversary Celebration the weekend of June 27-28, 2026.

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March 8, 2026 – Peter's Denial (3rd Sunday in Lent) (* = please stand)

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

*OPENING SONG

W&P 112, "Only By Grace"

*OPENING PRAYER

*PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG

"The Power of Your Love" (Bullock)

PSALM 17:1-7 (Red Bible p.431)

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 4:12-16 (Red Bible p. 972-973)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL: John 18:12-27 (Red Bible p. 880-881)

MESSAGE

Pastor Jeanette

SONG

ELW 697, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

OFFERING/SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Love" (Kendrick)

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Why we sing *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* is because it echoes Peter's failure under pressure in the Gospel of John 18, reminding us how weak even the most devoted disciple can be. We too are weak, living in a world of fear and complication, yet longing to walk closely with the One who is strong. The origins of this gospel song are unknown, but its deep association with Black gospel tradition, especially its enduring role in the New Orleans jazz funeral, grounds it in a faith that tells the truth about sorrow while still clinging to hope. That witness resonates deeply in the season of Lent. Lent is not a time for pretending strength but a season of honest confession and persistent grace. Singing this hymn invites us to admit where we falter, to draw near to Christ who bears our burdens, and to trust that when we are weak, God's grace is still sufficient for the walk ahead.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Cooper Scripture
ACOLYTE: Kinsley Neugebauer
SOUND: Pat Demuth
POWERPOINT: Pam Fleming
MUSICIANS: Contemporary Worship Team
VAN DRIVERS: 3-8 Matt Russell (360-5835)
3-15 Daren Bauman (360-9275)
GREETER: Judy Selberg
LIVESTREAM: Carrie Adams
COFFEE: Debbie & Dale Koob & Jane Benson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 95 Attendance a year ago: 81
Attendance Last Wednesday: 32 Livestream: 403



Members: Laura Christensen, Bob Benson, Linda Towne, Mike Vosburgh, Logan Waldner, Shirley Frisch, Erin Schutte-Wadzinski, Wadzinski Family, Leroy Merkel, Alvin Kuehl, Jean Black, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Summers, Glenda Lais, Val Veen, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen

Members in Nursing Homes: Joan Tofteland

Members in Care Facilities: Karen Lewis, Jean Bender

Family Members & Friends: Avrey Smith (brother of Austin Peters-Smith), Diane (DeWitt) Duitsman, Tiah Colacci (friend of Pastor Jeanette), Aaron & Amy Koob (nephew of Dale & Debbie Koob), Rita Knutson, Wendy Frodermann (family of Eric & Lisa Milbrath), Rachael Felske (granddaughter of Karen Buchman), Darlene Voxland (Aunt of Lisa Waldner), Suzy Wilson (cousin of Gayle Huehn), Ken Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing and Nancy Hellstrom), Vickie Bierman (sister of Lisa Waldner), Darlene Vaala (grandmother of Tiffany Neugebauer), Debbie Schannaw (daughter of Gayle Huehn), Rick Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing & Nancy Hellstrom), Kelly Reeves & family (Friend of Lisa Waldner), Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming, Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son)

Our service men and women and Love INC

FELC SCHEDULE FOR March 9-15, 2026

Monday - 9	9:00AM	BULLETIN DEADLINE
	2:00-3:30PM	GriefShare
	6:00PM	Worship & Music Team (Committee)
Tuesday - 10	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
	6:30PM	Day Care Association Meeting
Wednesday – 11	4:00-5:15PM	Kids for Christ (KFC)
	5:15PM	Lenten Supper – Ham & Turkey Sandwiches
	6:00PM	Lenten Service
	6:45PM	Sanctuary Choir
	6:45PM	Card Ministry
Thursday – 12	12:00-1:00PM	Lent Luncheon @ Westminster
	1:00PM	Meadow's Bible Study
		<u>EVANGEL DEADLINE</u>
Friday – 13		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday – 14		
Sunday – 15	8:00AM	Grace Lutheran Worship
	8:45AM	Sunday School
	9:30AM	Worship/Communion– Jesus & Pilate (4 th Sunday in Lent)

Radio Broadcast Sponsor:

(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)



LENTEN SUPPERS @ FIRST

March 11—Worship & Music Team (Ham & Turkey Sandwiches)
March 18—Evangelism Team (Tater Tot Hotdish)
March 25—Church Council (BBQ's)

The meal will be served from 5:15 to 5:45 pm.