



*The Mission Statement of Our Savior is:
 “SEE CHRIST THROUGH US”
 Our Savior Lutheran Church members, through Christ, preach,
 teach, listen, learn, and live so the world sees Christ through us.*

Dear Members and Friends of Our Savior,

For Advent, we looked at several of the Old Testament promises God gave to his people. Those promises were somewhat shocking and surprising in what God had to say. God chose the people of Israel as his people not because they were the strongest; they were actually the weakest of the nations. You don't see too many teams looking to add the weakest possible players, but God chose the Israelites anyway. When they rebelled against his goodness, God showed himself to be gracious and merciful towards their weakness. Over and over, God's promises were a surprise.

Our Lent series for this year will continue that theme of God's surprising words and actions. After all, plenty of surprises await the Savior's appearing! It's a surprise for the savior of the world to be born in a stable and worshiped by foreigners. It's a surprise that he is born into poverty and is the target of assassination attempts as a child. The very beginning of Jesus' ministry is a surprise, as he heals the demon-possessed to the astonishment of everyone. ***“What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him! (Mark 1:27)”*** Time and time again, we see surprising things happening in the life of our Lord.

What might be even more surprising is how unsurprising these things are. After all, we hear the Gospel accounts week after week in worship. We study what God is doing through his beloved Son, and we might actually forget how surprising some of these things are. Since we know who Jesus is and that all things are possible for him as true God and true Man, his miracles don't come as a surprise. We are unable to hear, think, and experience those works in the same way as the original crowds. So when they are amazed at Jesus' healing, we aren't very surprised. When the disciples wrestle with a difficult teaching and explanation, we've heard it enough times that we might not think much about it. The wonder, amazement, and shock is often lost on us after enough times of hearing what Jesus can do.

We also struggle with these wonders because we miss the surprising and shocking nature of what

Jesus is doing. Since we live in a very different context, with different experience and technologies in the world, the unique nature of what Jesus says doesn't seem surprising. For example, Jesus says, ***“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? (Luke 15:4)”*** Jesus is telling the parable of the lost sheep; if you lose a sheep, you go find it. But think about what he's saying; you leave the ninety-nine in the open country, **where they could wander who knows where** to find the sheep that is lost. No one would put the ninety-nine in danger for the sake of one. Second, he's telling this parable to the Pharisees. You think any of them had sheep that they shepherded? Certainly not, and they would have been shocked at the suggestion! They would have seen that as beneath them. Every step of the way, Jesus adds more and more to his parable that surprises the Pharisees; of course, it's supposed to shock them. They see the world very differently than Jesus; ***“And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” (Luke 15:2)”*** Jesus sees the lost one as important, the Pharisees see it as an occupational hazard.

We are continuing our meditations on the shocking nature of Jesus' ministry for a reason. As we watch the Lord's ministry and road to the cross, we see just how surprising it is that the Lord of creation would offer everything for the sake of his wayward people. It would have been logical for God to cut his losses, wipe out the creation, and start over. Instead, he values you enough to send his beloved son to rescue you. God is not calculating the odds of what makes the most sense or what is fiscally responsible. He's reaching out in love to sinners, and when they repent, the heavens rejoice: ***“For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” And they began to celebrate. (Luke 15:24)”***

The Lord be with you!

Pastor Tessone





SERVANTS OF GOD

I am usually in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted on the church calendar or by the weekly events noted in the weekly bulletin. I encourage you to contact me when:

- **You are going into the hospital;** I'd like to visit and pray with you. Let me know what hospital you will be going to and when you will be there. **Please note:** Unless you contact me, I don't know you are hospitalized. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospitals do not contact me or the church, nor can they disclose any information about your condition.
- You are **facing any challenge** and in need of the fortification of God's powerful Word and you would like me to keep you in my prayers.
- You are wanting to be **baptized or your child.**
- You would like to receive the Lord's Supper.
- You are **planning to get married** (I need to be notified at least six months prior to the wedding date to reserve the church and to set up times to meet for the required pre-marriage Bible study and Service planning).

You can reach us at the numbers listed below.

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Brenda's Cell: 660-619-5741

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Pastor Tessone's Cell: 660-619-2055

Pastor Tessone's Email: prtessoneosl@gmail.com

Website: OurSaviorSedalia.com

Listen to our broadcast each Sunday at 9am on KSIS 1050AM. You can livestream it through your computer at <https://ksisradio.com/listen-live/>

Join us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/oursaviorlutheranchurch/



The following are just some of the opportunities offered for you to be involved in Bible study with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at Our Savior:

- **Adult Bible Class** meets on Sunday morning at 10am in the Fellowship Hall and is studying the book of Leviticus
- **The Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets every Tuesday morning at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. We are studying the readings for the coming Sunday.
- **Men's Evening Bible Study:** This study meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. We are studying Islam.
- **Women's Bible Study:** This group meets every Thursday, at 6 PM. We are studying *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change* by Rev. Chris Kennedy.





Notice! The cost of the Radio Ministry is now \$170.00 per Sunday.

NOTE: If you enjoy the Radio Ministry and would like to contribute toward sponsoring a Sunday in whole or in part (smaller donations less than the full \$170 will be gladly accepted), please leave your donation at the office or on the offering plate. Please write on the check or envelope that you would like it to be **designated to the Radio Ministry** so it can go to the correct fund.

Thanks to those sponsoring the Radio Ministry in February:

Feb 1st – In Memory of Marvin Boehne

Feb 8th – Open

Feb 15th – Open

Feb 22nd – Open



Our Church Elders

Feb 1st

9:00 AM: Bob Wheeler

Feb 8th

9:00 AM: Robert Curtis

Feb 15th

9:00 AM: Chris Nierman

Feb 18th

9:00 AM: Wayne Goosen – Ash Wednesday

Feb 22nd

9:00 AM: Brandon Hurt

Feb 25th

9:00 AM: Bob Wheeler - Lent

Altar Flowers

If you sign up for flowers **AFTER** the newsletter has been printed, please contact the church secretary or call the altar guild ladies directly to inform them of this information and to let them know *****where your flowers are coming from*****. Please sign clearly on the line to let others know when a week is taken. The Altar Guild for the month of February will be Nancy Burkhalter, Beverly Dillon and Rebecca Moss:

Feb 1st – Open

Feb 8th – Open

Feb 15th – Elisabeth and Levi in Celebration of Pastor Tessone's birthday

Feb 22nd– Kevin & Marlis Carl in Honor and Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary



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Feb 1st

9:00 AM: Elijah Gertz and Xzavier Hockaday

Feb 8th

9:00 AM: Faith Burkhalter and Kelsey Case

Feb 15th

9:00 AM: Karson Lamb and Liam Robinson

Feb 22nd

9:00 AM: Drew Moss and Eli Moss



Greeters For FEBRUARY:

- Feb 1st – Open
- Feb 8th – Matt & Emily Close
- Feb 15th – Open
- Feb 22nd – Open



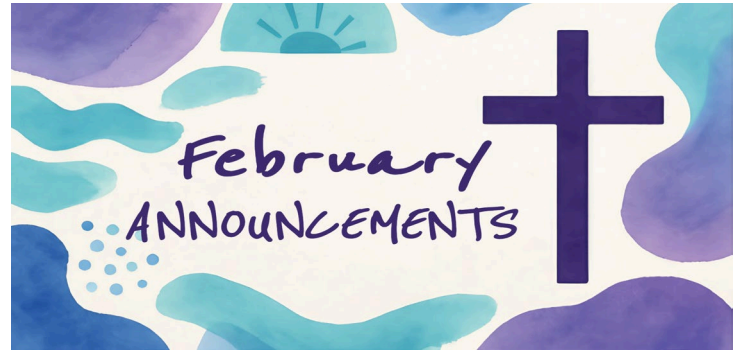
Audio Booth Techs for February:

- Feb 1st – Dennis Estel
- Feb 8th – Dennis Mueller
- Feb 15th – Mel Garrett
- Feb 18th – Mel Garrett
- Feb 22nd – Dennis Estel
- Feb 25th – Dennis Estel



USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb 1st
9:00 AM: (5) Robert Curtis, Mark Abney, Tyler Abney, Lloyd Heisterberg and Kenneth Tatum
- Feb 8th
9:00 AM: (1) Joe Lollis, Gary Coulter, Gene Perkins, Bob Wheeler and Cooper Woolery
- Feb 15th
9:00 AM: (1) Joe Lollis, Gary Coulter, Gene Perkins, Bob Wheeler and Cooper Woolery
- Feb 18th
9:00 AM: (2) Peggy McAloose, Maon Goosen, Jackson Hawkins, Scott Matz, Tom Moss, Corey Owens and Robert Schlender
- Feb 22nd
9:00 AM: (2) Peggy McAloose, Maon Goosen, Jackson Hawkins, Scott Matz, Tom Moss, Corey Owens and Robert Schlender
- Feb 25th
9:00 AM: (3) Paul Curry, Kevin Carl, Matt Close, Parker Curry, Rylon Curry, Braden Jonson and Remington Walter



CHURCH OFFERINGS may be mailed to the church at your discretion.

ENVELOPE NUMBERS: We had a computer glitch that threw off the label numbers put on the offering envelope box. We need to verify what actual envelope number you have to correct in the system if needed. Please use the envelopes with number you were given. Please provide that info to either one of the Elder's or myself. Thank you, Brenda!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE: Please have all announcements in by Wednesday 10am to ensure entry for the following Sunday's bulletin. Any questions or concerns, please contact Brenda.

2026 Officers and Board Members: Thanks to all who serve our congregation this year!

President: Lloyd Heisterberg

Vice-President: David Curtis

Secretary: Heather Hawkins-Hoehne

Elders: Gary Coulter, Robert Curtis, Wayne Goosen, Brandon Hurt, Chris Nierman, Robert Schlender, Bob Wheeler

Education: Terri Brines, Linda Close, Michael Gertz, Brittany Kaiser, Samantha Rieckhoff, Elisabeth Tessone

Trustees: Mel Garrett, David Hockaday, Steve Nichols, Earl Rasa, Carl Tilman, Barry Walter

Finance: Tyler Abney, Jerry Case, Matt Close, Paul Curry, Brenda Heimsoth, Travis Warner

Council Member-at-Large: Arletta Garrett, Lori Hurt

SPLS Association Board Members: Linda Henderson, Mary Walters, Aaron Warner

THRIVENT MEMBERS: Don't forget to allocate your Choice Dollars! They can be allocated to many different charities, including our congregation. For more information, log on to the Thrivent website or call a Thrivent representative for more information.

CHILI AND SOUP COOKOFF: The elders are sponsoring a chili and soup cookoff Sunday, February 22nd after church. Make your favorite recipe to share, and bring your change to vote for your favorite! Proceeds will go towards elevator repairs.

LISTEN OUR LUTHERAN RADIO STATION

KFUO at www.kfu.org for Christian news and music. It is also available on the App Store. You can now listen to the Sunday Morning Service live broadcast of Our Savior Lutheran Church on two FM stations as well as *KSIS 1050 AM*. The two FM stations are *94.7 and FM 96.9*. The cost to sponsor the broadcast will remain the \$170. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday broadcast. It's a nice way of honoring loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or your special occasion.

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO brings you sacred music sung by the world's greatest choirs. You can listen at www.lutheranpublicradio.org, or find it on the App Store.

MO SCHOLARS PROGRAM – TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES:

Did you know your child may qualify for tuition assistance to attend a private school? The Missouri Scholars Program provides scholarships (tuition vouchers) to help families afford quality education options, including Christian schools like Saint Paul Lutheran High School. Students can qualify if are coming from a public school, have an IEP or are in kindergarten or 1st grade. More information can be found at www.splhs.org/admissions/tuition-financial-aid/ and

see how this program could make Christian education possible for your family!

HELPING HANDS “HELP THOSE IN NEED OF A WARM MEAL”:

A basket has been placed in the front lobby by the front door with a sign, *“Help those in need of a warm meal”*. Helping Hands is continuing to assist in this service project and encourages you to grab a baggie with recipe. Purchase the items listed on the recipe, place them into the baggie and return the baggie. Terri Brines and her two grandchildren will take place them in the food box as needed. Many people are fortunate not to have to worry about having warm meal. However, there are many in our community who won't have a warm meal for several days. Thank you for participating and God's Blessing to you and your family.”

HELPING HANDS “SOUPER BOWL QUARTS”:

Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th, is almost here and Helping

Hands is ready to score a touchdown! The Helping Hands group will be having *“SOUPER BOWL QUARTS”*, *Sunday, February 8th, immediately after church in the front lobby*. We will have *chicken noodle soup, potato soup, and chili* available in quart jars and pints for a monetary donation. All donations will go to the elevator mission project.

HELPING HANDS “CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY DINNER”:

Make plans now to attend the annual Church Birthday Party Dinner and Fun on *Sunday, March 15th*. It's a fun time; just ask anyone who has attended in the past! More information to follow soon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE!

We're excited to share that our Sunday School program is growing! We will now offer a class for children ages 18 months–6 years, a class for ages 7 and up, and our adult class, where kids are always welcome too. Miss Cindy and Pastor continue to do an amazing job, and we're thrilled to be adding another class to better serve our families. Join us each Sunday right after church for Sunday School!

TRIVIA NIGHT IS COMING!:

Get ready for a fun-filled evening of laughs, friendly competition, and great fellowship at our Trivia Night on *Saturday, February 7th* in the Annex at Saint Paul Lutheran High School! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. Gather your friends and *reserve a table of 8 for \$80*. Concessions will be available with popcorn, candy, chips, and drinks—but feel free to bring your own! Prizes will be awarded for: Winning table, 2nd-place table, and Best overall table theme/costumes This is a perfect night to show off your trivia skills, get creative with costumes, and enjoy a great evening together. Invite friends, family, and neighboring churches to join in the fun! Register

your table here: <https://forms.gle/j7GeiDpSFZCuG4KN6>. This is a fundraiser for the participants going on the Scandinavia Trip this summer. Thank you for your support!

LSA HS FUNDRAISER: Come support LSA High School of Cole Camp for a chili and soup supper at St Paul's in Stover on February 22nd. Meal will be served after church from about 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. All proceeds will help support LSA HS in its mission to "Equip more disciples for Jesus." More information about the High School, current status, and the future, will be provided. Go to lsaschool.com and click on "LSA HS"



Council Minutes December 1, 2025

Attendance: Pastor Tessone, Linda Close, Joe Close, Melissa Matz, Lloyd Heisterberg, Robert Brines, Earl Rasa, Jerry Case, Heather Hawkins-Hoehne

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Tessone opened with devotion and prayer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Case, seconded by Joe Close, and the motion carried.

Pastor Tessone's Report:

Pastor Tessone is working his way through shut-in visits for the month of December.

Confirmation has started. All students did well on their first test, and they started going through the Apostle's Creed this past Sunday.

Youth Group is planning to meet before Confirmation classes on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Pastor Tessone has arranged and prepared all the Sunday Services through December 7th, along with our Advent series with Pastor Freeman on our surprising Savior. He served the people of Amigos de Cristo on November 23rd.

Sunday morning Bible class has begun going through the books of the Bible. They are currently going through the book of Exodus and studied Moses's call this past Sunday. Men's Bible study continues their study on Islam. Women's Bible study finished their book on following Jesus in the age of confusion, and the morning Bible study has been looking at the readings for the coming Sunday each week.

Chapel at St. Paul's continues each Wednesday.

Pastor Tessone attended the pastor's conference on November 11th at Holy Cross, Cole Camp, the marriage and family conference meeting on November 20th, the installation of Rev. Michael McGinley at Faith, Warsaw on November 22nd, and the association meeting on November 12th.

Report of the Boards:

Board of Elders: Joe Close gave the report. The membership report for November was 371 Baptized and 272 Communicants. The average November 2025 attendance was 95.

The Board of Elders held their regular meeting on Monday, November 17th, at 6:30pm. Pastor Tessone opened the meeting with a devotional and his report.

There were no changes to the duty assignments schedule.

Plans were made for the Advent supper on December 3rd and a New Year's Breakfast for January 4th to be held after services.

Plans were made for the recognition of Debbie Mueller's 60 years of service at Our Savior Lutheran as church organist.

Organizers of a Safety Seminar had sent the church information on a seminar that will we held on January 3rd in Columbia, Missouri. This seminar will cover topics such as how to handle intruders, de-escalation, lock downs, and church safety teams. The cost is \$99 per person. The Board of Elders will decide in December if they want to participate.

The next Board of Elders meeting will be Monday, December 15th at 6:30pm.

Board of Education: Linda Close gave the report. Youth Group had their first pre-confirmation meeting, only 2 showed up though. They played Cranium and ate pizza. They will try again next month. Their winter lock-in will be in January.

Sunday School children are practicing a brief Christmas presentation for December 21st. The Board of Education is preparing treat bags.

St. Paul's enrollment is at 81 students. Their Christmas program will be December 18th at 6pm. Their first basketball game is December 4th. Their "Dad's and Donuts" was a success with 39 families participating. The school has received a check from the MO Scholars program.

Board of Trustees: Earl Rasa gave the report. The Board of Trustees has attempted to contact the insurance company in reference to the roof, but they will not give account policy information to anyone not named on the policy. The church roof has a 25-year warranty and it is only on year 18. Restoration Roofing came out and gave a few options for replacement. One bid was \$38,100 for the gym roof for seal and coat with a 10-year warranty. Estimated costs could be between \$160,000 to \$165,000 for all roof updates/replacement. The insurance company, once policy information can be given, will have to give approval for the different updates or replacements to the roof that they would insure.

The Board of Trustees have gone over the elevator replacement bids received. The labor, warranties, and miscellaneous work/equipment are similar, but Masters Elevators had the best bid.

The Board of Education has requested dehumidifiers and air purifiers for the banner room. St. Paul's donated a couple air purifiers. Earl will go to Lowe's to get a dehumidifier for the room.

Board of Finance: Rob Brines gave the report. The total inflow for November was \$19,426.35 with a total outflow of \$19,445.60 leaving a negative cash flow of \$19.25. The total inflow for Budget Year 2025 so far was \$218,144.62 with a total outflow of \$220,707.00 leaving a negative cash flow of \$2,562.38.

Committee Reports:

1. **Bylaw Committee:** Committee has finished the constitution and bylaws, and it

will be voted on at the January Voters' Meeting.

Old Business:

1. **None.**

New Business:

1. **Special Voters' Meeting** – The SPLSA proposed budget has been handed out and a vote will need to be made on the constitution and bylaws. A motion to hold the special voters' meeting was made by Jerry Case, seconded by Heather Hawkins-Hoehne, and the motion carried. The special voters' meeting will be directly after services on Sunday, December 7th.

Other Business:

Door Offerings: 12/7 – Zoe's Home

Fellowship Opportunities: Advent suppers – 12/3, 12/10, & 12/17

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 7th

Pastor closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hawkins-Hoehne, Secretary



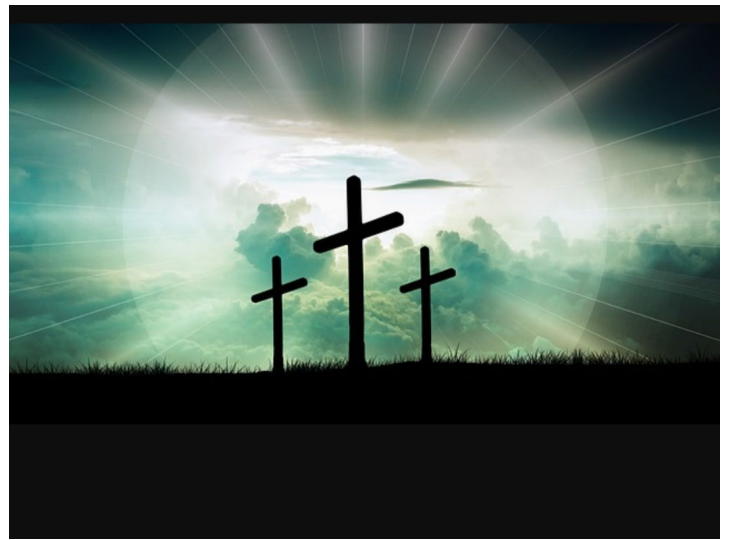
PLEASE PRAY FOR (HIGHLIGHTED names are new additions/changes) Diane Bauer, Sandy Cordes, Nik Geotz, Wilma Gertz, Joshua Harms, Georgiann Harsch, Sharon Heinaman, Alena Hoeffling, Eden Hoeffling, Creed Kueker, Matthew Kurz, Timothy Kurz, Tiffany Camirand, Gabe Russell, Vicki Schafer, Hank & Ruth Theesfield, Carl & Aimee Tilman, Ellis Tilman, Don Wood, Mark Gudde (Richard's Son – Pancreatic Cancer), Bonnie Oaks (Recovering @ Barnes-Jewish for lung transplant), and Bill McClure. **DIAGNOSED/UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR CANCER:** Krista Buford, Beth Burkhardt, Penny Camirand, Kayla Dawson, Rom Fuerste, Sandy Gibson,

Rebecca Heimsoth, Daniel Hoehne, Dorothy Kalthoff, Sally Kropp, Lois Kuhns, Randy Noyes, Nancy Richey, Bill Shurp, Judy Smith, and Mary West

ILLNESS OR HOSPITALIZATION: Lisa Adcock, Jamie Brandt, Rick Dillon, Brenda Dye, Karen Gerken, Harrison Hurt, Allen Kehde, Alice Lee, Joan Mansfield, Emilia Nance, Ervene Nothwehr, Bruce Tieman, Helen Walter, CJ Warner, Irma Wood, Bill McClure and Betty Goldsmith.

IN NURSING FACILITIES: Jane Stuart (Primrose in Sedalia) Ervene Nothwehr (EW Thompson Health & Rehab Center), Sandy Cordes (Primrose), and Richard Gudde (Sylvia Thompson).

MILITARY LIST: Evan Bise, Lauren Blakely (Granddaughter of Jerry Blakely), Lois Christinsen, Nick Fine, Don Griffis, Joshua Longenecker, Justin McCoy, Justin Ryun, Spencer Johnson (grandson to Barry Walter) and Matthew Yokely.





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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>1 <i>9am Communion</i> <i>10am Bible Study</i> <i>6pm Confirmation</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 <i>10am Bible Study</i> <i>6:30pm Men's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>4 <i>10am Announcement Deadline</i> <i>6pm Helping Hands Mtg</i> <i>7pm Board Mtg</i> <i>8am Council Mtg</i></p>	<p>5 <i>6pm Women's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>6 <i>Pastor Tessone Off</i></p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <i>9am Worship</i> <i>10am Bible Study</i> <i>6pm Confirmation</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 <i>NO Bible Study</i> <i>Pastor Conference</i></p>	<p>11 <i>10am Announcement Deadline</i></p>	<p>12 <i>6pm Women's Bible Study</i> <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Pastor Tessone Off</i></p>	<p>14 <i>Valentine's Day</i></p>
<p>15 <i>9am Communion</i> <i>10am Bible Study</i> <i>6pm Confirmation</i></p>	<p>16 <i>6:30pm Elder's Mtg</i> <i>President's Day</i></p>	<p>17 <i>10am Bible Study</i></p>	<p>18 <i>10am Announcement Deadline</i> <i>7pm Ash Wednesday Srvc</i></p>	<p>19 <i>6pm Women's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>20 <i>Pastor Tessone Off</i></p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <i>9am Worship</i> <i>10am Bible Study</i> <i>11:30am Chili and Soup Cookoff</i> <i>6pm Confirmation</i> <i>Washington's Birthday</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>10am Bible Study</i></p>	<p>25 <i>10am Announcement Deadline</i> <i>7pm Lent Srvc</i></p>	<p>26 <i>6pm Women's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>27 <i>Pastor Tessone Off</i></p>	<p>28</p>

February
Birthdays &
Anniversaries

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<i>1</i> <i>Natalie Swartz</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Sheryl Heisterberg</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Allen & Libby Sydow</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Kevin Carl</i> <i>William & Sue McClure</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Mason Goosen</i> <i>Peggy McAloose</i> <i>Lian Robinson</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Michael Walter</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Joe & Rachel Walters</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> <i>Andrew Tessone</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Joellen Doty</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Arlene Meyer</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Elijah Gertz</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Randy Tatum</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Gary Coulter</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Kevin & Marlis Carl</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Katherean Swartz</i>