

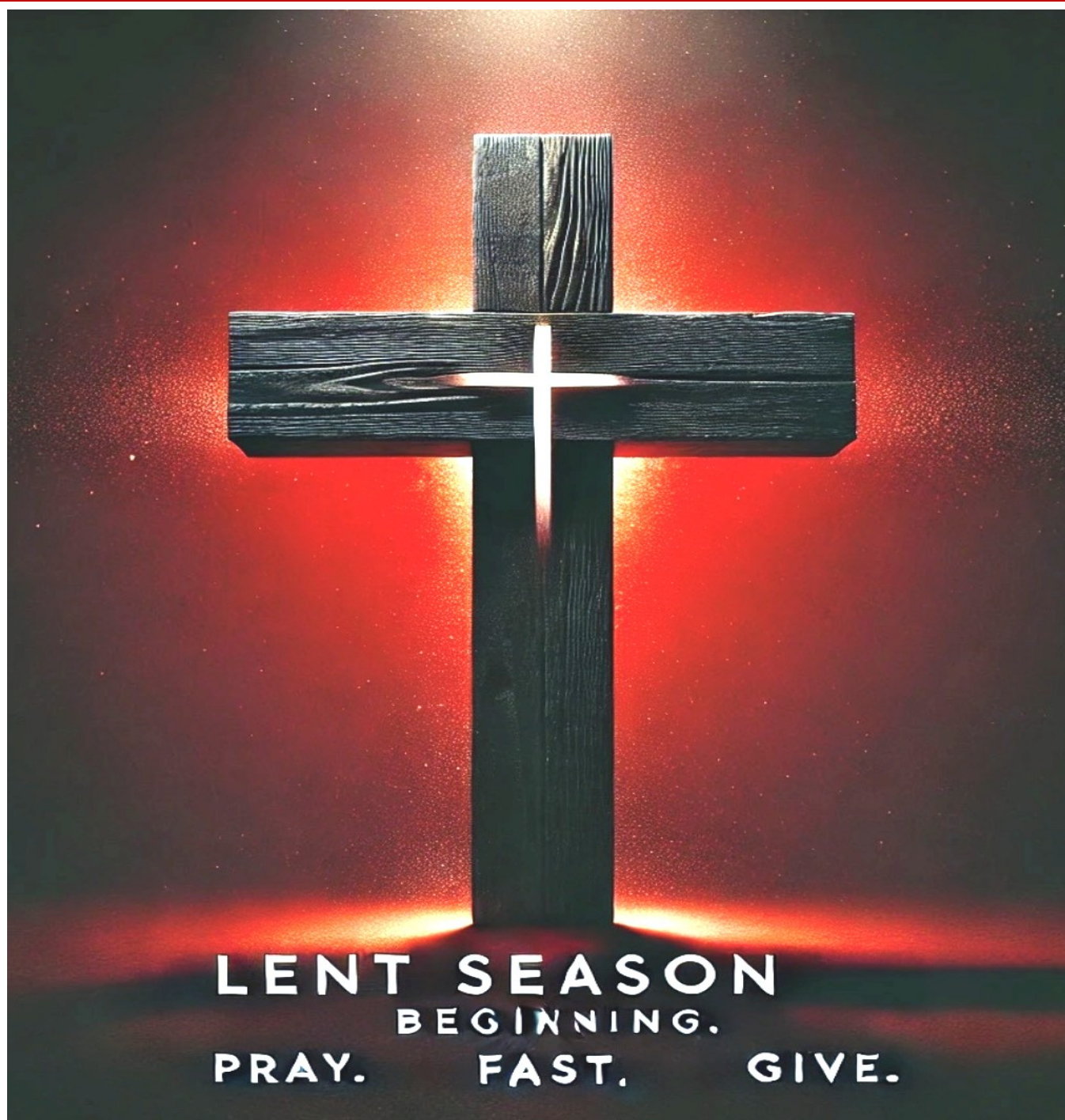


THE CARILLON
ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN
CHURCH

*Our mission is to be...
The living evidence of the
mercies of Christ.*

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LENT SEASON
BEGINNING.

PRAY. FAST. GIVE.

GOING ON NOW

Confirmation Classes

This instructional course on the basic tenants of the Christian faith is made available for any child ages 11-14. If you have a child or know of a child that would like to enter into Confirmation, contact the Pastor.

Classes will start in February.

Praise Team

The Praise Team currently provides most of the instrumental pre-service music for our Sunday services. If you have any questions regarding the Praise Team, please contact Ken Young or Dan Morrison.

Lutherans Women's Mission League (LWML)

We meet **Each Month, dates change per the event.**
Come contribute to Lutheran Missions Worldwide!

All women are welcome!

Altar Guild

Since the morning of Christ's resurrection, as the women approached to prepare the body of Christ for burial, ladies have gathered before the Sunday service to prepare the body of Christ for communion. If you are interested in helping with this sacred task, contact Lillian Holttum.

Free Community Dinner!

Community free dinner served every **Wednesday at 5pm.** If you are interested in joining this ministry contact our Human Care Chairman, Kay Hermann.

Choir

Practices are on **Wednesdays at 6pm.**
Contact Rod Larson or Ken Young, if interested in joining.

New Member's Class

Anyone interested in becoming a new member, please contact Lynn Vernon or the church office.
360-457-4122.

UPCOMING SERVICES

<i>Feb 1st</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Matt. 5:1-12</i>
<i>Feb 8th</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Matt. 5:13-20</i>
<i>Feb 15th</i>	<i>Transfiguration of our Lord Matt. 17:1-9</i>
<i>Feb 18th</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Matt. 6:1-6,16-21</i>
<i>Feb 22nd</i>	<i>First Sunday in Lent Matt. 4:1-11</i>
<i>Feb 25th</i>	<i>First Wed in Lent</i>
<i>Mar 1st</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Lent John 3:1-17</i>
<i>Mar 4th</i>	<i>Second Wed in Lent</i>
<i>Mar 8th</i>	<i>Third Sunday in Lent John 4:5-26</i>
<i>Mar 11th</i>	<i>Third Wed in Lent</i>
<i>Mar 8th</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent John 9:1-7</i>
<i>Mar 18th</i>	<i>Fourth Wed in Lent</i>



**ON PAUSE STILL!
COMING SOON**



**Classes still on pause
through February**

ST MATTHEW BOOK CLUB

**February 2nd
At 1pm**

in Fellowship Hall

Hostess: Lu Meiner

Book being discussed is

**"Ordinary Grace"
by William Kent Krueger**



Family Bible Study & Dinner

Tuesdays at 6pm in Fellowship Hall





... A Prayer Group For Men

No man is meant to walk his faith journey alone. Life brings challenges—in our careers, our families, and our personal walks—that we weren't meant to carry by ourselves. St. Matthew Lutheran Church is hoping to assemble a men's prayer group where gentleman can join in a no-pressure environment to support one another, share what's on our hearts, and mind and lift up our families and community in prayer to our God, Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Times and dates of assembly have yet to be decided. If you feel this opportunity is something you would like to take part in, please provide your name and phone number on the 'I'm Interested' sheet in the Narthex. You will receive a phone call from Carl DeVerter soliciting your thoughts and ideas regarding the effort.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays 10 am - 11:30am

February 20, 2026 - May 22, 2026

St Matthew Lutheran Church

132 E. 13th St., Port Angeles WA 98362

Your contact is: Sondya Rose 360-808-3262



Women's Bible Study to Resume February 3

The **Women's Bible Study (East)** that met at Robin Sonnenberg's home will resume on **Tuesday, February 3, at 10:00 a.m.** at the home of Janis DeVerter. The group will continue using the study book begun in November, picking up with Tamar and Ruth on page 53. All women of the church are warmly invited to attend.

For those who participated in the West Side group last fall, the restart date is still being finalized. In the meantime, anyone is welcome to join the East gathering in Sequim. The location is on the west side of Sequim, near Blue Mountain Road.

For directions or the address, please contact Janis DeVerter or refer to the church directory.

We look forward to welcoming both returning participants and new faces.

Below are details about the workshop where I'll be playing on June 16th. I think I've settled upon playing "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten" ("He who lets only the dear God prevail", BWV 647), the tune of which is in our hymnal at #719 and #750. The hymn tune itself is played in the organ pedals, and was composed by Georg Neumark (1621-1681).



Organ Workshop in Naumburg

Workshop with Prof. Pieter van Dijk (Alkmaar/Amsterdam, NL), Dr. Christine Blanken and Dr. Markus Zepf (Leipzig Bach Archive), Dr. Tomasz Górný (University of Warsaw) and guided tours of the city and of St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral

Workshop for interested laypeople, part-time organists and students

- Active participation: € 110

(additional enrolment at: orgelworkshop@bach-leipzig.de) – 10 people max.

- Passive participation: € 88

Both include transport

Course languages: English

Start: 9.00 am (from St. Thomas, main entrance), return: approx. 6.00 pm

Active participants have 30 minutes on the instrument to work on one piece Pieter van Dijk. Please let us know which piece you have prepared by writing to orgelworkshop@bach-leipzig.de (contact persons: Christine Blanken and Markus Zepf)

About the programme

In 1746, after some three years of building, Zacharias Hildebrandt completed the new three-manual organ of St. Wenzel's Church in Naumburg. It is the largest organ by the »Saxe-Weissenfels Court Organ-builder« and former apprentice to Gottfried Silbermann. In September 1746, the completed instrument was inspected and approved by Silbermann as fellow organ-builder and Johann Sebastian Bach as expert organist and music director of Leipzig.

Although Bach no longer worked as an organist during his time in Leipzig, it was there, from 1723, that some important individual works were composed, including the Preludes and Fugues in B minor, BWV 544, C minor, BWV 546, and E minor, BWV 548, and, later, the works known as the Schübler Chorales, BWV 645–650. The latter are arrangements for organ of arias from the chorale cantatas with a hymn tune as the cantus firmus and which appeared in print in 1747-1748. The highpoint of Bach's organ compositions in Leipzig is his largest collection for organ, Part III of the Clavier-Übung, which appeared in print in 1739. This includes nine organ chorales based on Martin Luther's Kyrie and Gloria hymns (»Kyrie, Gott Vater« and »Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr«) in pedaliter and manualiter versions. Added to these are chorale arrangements of hymns from the Lutheran Catechism. Here, in a plethora of forms and styles, Bach shows just how much compositional potential chorales offer. Framing the 21 organ chorales is the Prelude and Fugue in E flat major, BWV 552.

The workshop is devoted to selected compositions from the above collections, as well as individual works, performed on Zacharias Hildebrandt's Naumburg instrument, which is ideally suited to this repertoire.

Ken Young, St. Matthew Organist

CHURCH COUNCIL



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2025

(Follow-up actions are *italicized*)

Members Present:

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| 1. Pete Pettit | President |
| 2. Kathy Smith | Treasurer |
| 3. Mary Heller | Recording Secretary |
| 4. Bill Hermann | Chair, Board of Elders |
| 5. Carl Deverter | Co-Chair, Evangelism |
| 6. Peggy Romero | Chair, Fellowship |
| 7. Kay Hermann | Chair, Human Care |
| 8. Dan Smith | Chair, Trustees |
| 9. Tim Robertson | Chair, Youth & Education |
| 10. Jan Edmunds | Chair, Preschool |
| 11. Pastor Roger Sonnenberg | |

Members Absent:

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| 1. Leroy Peterson | Vice-President |
| 2. Janis Deverter | Co-Chair, Evangelism |
| 3. Lynn Vernon | Chair, Stewardship |
| 4. Vacant | Chair, Information Technology |
| 5. Vacant | Chair, Finance |

Guests:

Bob Edmunds

Meeting was called to order by President Pete Pettit at 6:10 pm. Pastor Sonnenberg opened with prayer.

Approval of minutes: November 20, 2025 Council Meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with one correction. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Pastor's Report: No report

Council Reports:

President's report (Pete Pettit): No report

Vice-President's report (Leroy Peterson): No report

Board of Elders (Bill Hermann):

- 1) The New Member Sunday for December will be postponed until January.
- 2) A discussion was had at the elders meeting on a suggestion for doing the complete liturgical order of worship, as opposed to our current slightly abbreviated liturgy. Adopting this suggestion would add approximately 5-10 minutes to the length of the service, and would likely be less engaging for newcomers. The current practice of selected liturgical elements has been in use at St Matthew for 10 years or longer, and Pastor Sonnenberg is comfortable with continuing without change.
- 3) The January elder meeting will be held on January 8, and the January council meeting will be held on January 15.
- 4) Pastor will be away from the end of December through the second Sunday in January. Pastor Schultz will fill in.
- 5) Funds have been generously donated for replacement of the gray chairs in the fellowship hall, and they have been ordered and will arrive soon.
- 6) The needed hand rail installation is in progress.
- 7) Pete has spoken with RSI about the needed parking lot work; we are waiting for their estimate.
- 8) The filling of Christmas bags for children at the Christmas pageant and Christmas Eve has been started. Kay has little Jesus figures and candy canes to add to these bags.
- 9) Sausage stuffing will occur on December 15.



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Trustee (Dan Smith):

- 1) The exterior sign replacement is in progress.
- 2) Replacement backlights for the large altar cross are in and will be installed soon.

Youth & Education (Tim Robertson):

- 1) The future of Sunday School is being discussed with Pastor.
- 2) The Tuesday Bible groups continues.

Fellowship (Peggy Romero): Thanks to Kay for recruiting additional hosts for Sunday fellowship hour.

Human Care (Kay Hermann):

- 1) The hamburger for Wednesday dinners has arrived.
- 2) The Wednesday dinners on December 24 and December 31 will be cancelled. A sign will be posted on the door to inform any who might show up.
- 3) There will be a birthday cake for Jesus for the December 21 Christmas pageant

Treasurer (Kathy Smith):

- 1) Kathy handed out graph reports of Income and Expenses, restricted fund balances, and average Sunday attendance and giving. Restricted fund balances and average giving figures were reviewed.
- 2) Kathy noted we are staying within budget, and income is exceeding expenses.
- 3) Preschool financials are doing well with 13 students.

Evangelism (Carl DeVerter): The formation of a men's prayer group is being considered. Pastor strongly supports this and encourages Carl to go forward. *Carl will work on this after the first of the year.*

Stewardship (Kathy for Lynn Vernon):

- 1) The LWML Christmas luncheon was today, with 15 in attendance.
- 2) The most recent New Member dinner was two weeks ago and a great success.

Information Technology (guest Bob Edmunds):

- 1) Live streaming of worship will begin on December 21.
- 2) An inventory of all IT equipment is being undertaken.
- 3) Computers are receiving software updates.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Preschool (Jan Edmunds):

- 1) The preschool Christmas pageant is December 19 at 11 am. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served after the pageant.
- 2) An end of preschool "shindig" is being planned.

Constitution and Bylaws revision (Leroy Peterson): No report

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Unfinished Business:

- A. Scott Adolphson is generously willing to underwrite the remaining amount due for another year of golf sponsorship. The included rounds of golf cannot be rolled into another year, which means the 2025 golf rounds will expire on December 31.
- B. The upcoming quarterly congregational meeting will be on December 28.

New Business: A question has been raised about what church financial information can be shared with non-members, especially non-members who have given donations to the church. We believe we do not have a legal obligation to make financial information public, however, it is acknowledged that the person requesting this information may simply be performing his own due diligence in his charitable giving decisions. A motion was made and seconded to *authorize Kathy to provide a cover sheet of our annual budget with high-level figures* to financial inquiries from non-members, and if further details are requested, the person will be referred to the congregational president for a response. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Future Business: None.

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm with closing prayer by Pastor Sonnenberg

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Heller, Recording Secretary

Recap of follow-up actions:

1. Carl will work on the formation of a men's prayer group after the first of the year.
2. Kathy will prepare a cover sheet of our annual budget with high-level figures for non-member inquiries.

FAITH + FOOD + FELLOWSHIP

MENS BREAKFAST



JOIN US!

TUESDAYS 7AM

CONTACT **TIM STONE** TO GET ON THE EMAIL LIST TO
FIND OUT LOCATION EACH WEEK

Celebrate LENT

Pray



Fast



Give



News from



Do you remember waiting anxiously for **Valentine's Day**, hoping you would get a card from Someone Special? Why not *be* that 'someone special' who gives a card!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall

February 5th

2pm

We're making
Valentine's Cards to brighten someone's day!



Thank you to our church family your thoughtful cards and gifts at Christmas. We are so grateful for each and everyone but even more so for all of YOU! You are blessings to us.

Love, Pastor and Robin

**Coffee
Fellowship**



**Sign up to Host Snacks after worship!
Volunteers needed each month to bring
snacks & help in the kitchen.**

Thanks Peggy, Fellowship

Corrie ten Boom's Life of Faithfulness

**By: John Stonestreet and Hayley Wilson
Colson Center for Breakpoint**

2026 is the 55th anniversary of the publishing of *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom. Anyone in need of another resolution for the New Year would do well to read (or re-read) this biographical account of a Christian family in the Netherlands who were arrested by the Gestapo during World War II for hiding Jews in their home. Corrie and her sister Betsie were eventually taken to Ravensbrück in Northern Germany, one of the most devastating concentration camps. There, the two endured horrific conditions but also met the miraculous hand of God. Page after page portrays faith even in fearful trembling, and how God can turn all things for His glory. It also highlights a deep commitment to thankfulness by the sisters.

For example, Corrie and Betsie immediately noticed something about Barracks 28, where they were placed. Besides the damp, decaying room with backed up plumbing and single beds piled with several women apiece, there were fleas everywhere. At her breaking point, Corrie asked her sister: "Betsie, how can we live in such a place!" Betsie had Corrie pick up her Bible, which had slipped miraculously past the guards' attention on several occasions, and read from I Thessalonians 5: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of Jesus Christ—," Corrie read out loud. "That's it, Corrie! That's His answer... we can start right now for thanking God for every single thing about this barracks!" Betsie convinced an indignant Corrie to thank God for the room assignment, for the Bible in her hand, and even for the "crammed, stuffed, packed, suffocating crowds," because that meant more women would hear the Word of God in their darkest hours.

"Thank You," Betsie went on serenely, "for the fleas..." "For the fleas!" This was too much. "Betsie, there's no way even God can make me grateful for a flea." "Give thanks in all circumstances," she quoted.

"It doesn't say, 'in pleasant circumstances.' Fleas are a part of this place where God has put us."

And so we stood between the piers and bunks and gave thanks for the fleas.

As time passed, the guards became harsher, and the work more inhumane. However, the guards never came into Barracks 28 at night. Because they were left alone, Corrie and Betsie were able to pull out the contraband Bible and read and evangelize to the women. The sisters discovered later why the guards left these women alone in their quarters: *they were scared of the fleas.*

God's command to be grateful is not arbitrary. Thankfulness changes things. The American Brain Foundation put it this way:

When we feel grateful, neurotransmitters trigger activity in the medial prefrontal cortex, the anterior cingulate cortex, the ventral striatum, and the insula. These brain regions are involved in cognitive functions like higher-order thinking, decision-making, emotional awareness, and motivation.

Being thankful effectively rewires the brain by releasing dopamine and serotonin. Studies have found this can lead to positive outcomes on cardiovascular health and for Alzheimer's patients. It increases our ability to build and keep relationships and brings about many more physical and social outcomes.

Another profound story from *A Hiding Place* had to do with the strip searches the sisters were subject to each Friday. Corrie described lining up with the women of the barracks in a cold hallway, all of whom were chilled to the bone, decrying the need to wait in line naked:

But it was one of these mornings . . . in the corridor, that yet another page in the Bible leapt into life for me. He hung on the cross. I leaned toward Betsie, ahead of me in line. Her shoulder blades stood out sharp and thin beneath her blue-mottled skin. 'Betsie, they took His clothes too.' Ahead of me I heard a little gasp. 'Oh Corrie. And I never thanked Him.'

"In everything, give thanks." That's because we have God to thank for everything, and if we ever forget that, we forget who we are and what life is all about.

God has a plan for us, and He is working out the details of our lives to bring about that plan.



The Valleys of Lent series of special services for Lent includes six Biblical sites from which we may derive lessons for the sacred season. Each service looks at a different valley from Scripture that points to something about the suffering Christ endured.

February 18 (Ash Wednesday)

Valley of Dry Bones

"You are dust, and to dust you shall return," the Lord God said to Adam and Eve, in words the church recalls each Ash Wednesday. Ezekiel's Valley of Dry Bones provides a vivid picture of that, along with the hope of the Spirit's gift of new life.

February 25 (week 1~Wed.)

Hebron Valley

Sin begins to show its ugly results in The Hebron Valley, where the sons of Jacob plot to murder their brother Joseph, reminiscent of Cain and Abel

March 4 (week 2~Wed.)

The Jordan Valley

At The Jordan Valley, about to cross the river into the promised land, we have the opportunity, like Moses, to look back at all the Lord has provided us and to look forward to what God has in store.

March 11 (week 3~Wed.)

The "Valley" of the Winepress

Gideon was hiding from the marauding Midianites in The "Valley" of the Winepress, a poor place to be threshing wheat. From there, God called this unlikely hero to valiant victory.

March 18 (week 4~Wed.)

Every Valley Shall Be Lifted Up

"Every Valley Shall Be Lifted Up," says the prophet Isaiah about the coming of the Lord to rescue his people from captivity. Valleys still need to be raised up (and mountains and hills made low) for the Lord's arrival.

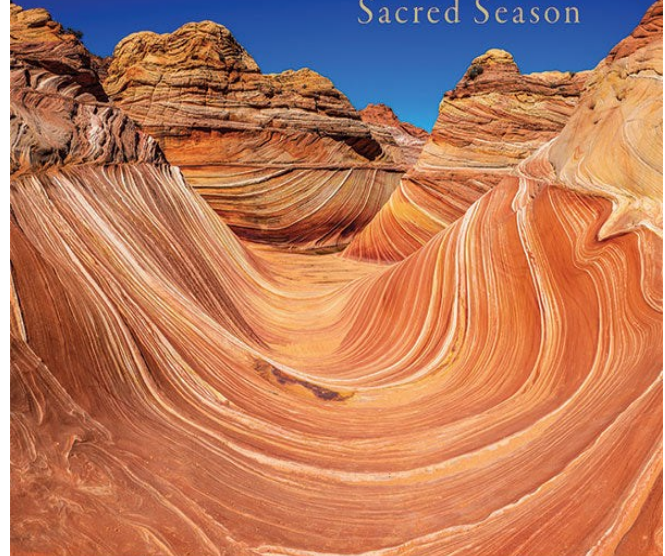
March 25 (week 5~Wed.)

The Valley of Decision

"Choose this day whom you will serve," Joshua said to the Children of Israel before he died. Lent continues to call us to what the prophet Joel calls The Valley of Decision.

VALLEYS *of* LENT

*Worship for the
Sacred Season*



SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE DINNER

**Tuesday, February 17th
5:00 PM**

**Potato Pancakes • Sausage
Fried Apples • Juice**

ALL ARE WELCOME!
donations accepted

RSVP: Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex

PRESCHOOL

Hello Congregation,

Our students are back from Winter break and are settling back into the daily routine. This month our learning units were focused on Community helpers and Safety. This month, one of our students' fathers, who is a police officer, will visit the classroom and talk to the students about his job and what he does for the community. We also discussed fire safety and the importance of smoke detectors. Our students took turns demonstrating how to Stop, Drop, and Roll. We also conducted a Fire drill and walked outside to our safety spot by the big trash cans.

We are excited about our annual library walking field trip coming up later this month. To prepare, we took a winter walk and practiced safe walking habits, such as stopping and checking for cars before crossing the street. During the field trip, we will tour the library, and then we will have story time with our guide, Miss Jennifer.

This Month's Bible Lessons: Christmas Story Review, Epiphany/Wise Men, Jesus at the Temple, and Jesus's Baptism.

Our Memory Verse: "And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son whom I love'" Matthew 3:17

Please continue to pray for our teachers, students, and families.

The Preschool



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45am Bible Study 10am Worship LWML <small>Lutheran Women in Mission</small> SUNDAY 	2 1pm 	3 7am  8:30  10am  6pm FAMILY  BIBLE STUDY	4 8:30  10am Crafttime 5pm  6pm CHOIR	5 8:30  2:00  6pm 	6 8:30 	7
8 8:45am Bible Study 10am Worship 	9 10 am 	10 7am  8:30  10am  6pm FAMILY  BIBLE STUDY	11 8:30  10am Crafttime 5pm  6pm CHOIR	12 8:30  6 pm 	13 8:30 	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15 8:45am Bible Study 10am Worship 	16	17 7am  8:30  9am  5pm 	18 8:30  10am Crafttime Noon/6pm ASH WEDNESDAY 5pm  7pm CHOIR	19 8:30 	20 8:30  9am  10 am 	21
22 8:45am Bible Study 10am Worship 1st SUNDAY in Lent 	23	24 7am  8:30  10am  6pm FAMILY  BIBLE STUDY	25 8:30  10am Crafttime Noon/6pm Lent Worship 5pm  7pm CHOIR	26 8:30 	27 8:30  10 am 	28