



# Clare Congregational Church Newsletter

## February 2026

*Happy Valentines Day*

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10am-2pm Tues.-Wed.-Thur.

### General Information

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Service: 10:30 am

Coffee Hour: Fellowship Hall

(after service)

Potluck: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month

Church Council Meeting for February

February 10, 2026

Women's Meeting:

3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month @ 12:00

Feb.19, 2026



# *Greetings From Pastor Connie*



I love Valentines Day. Memories remind me of Valentines given by my teachers and classmates. My Mom always gave each of my siblings and me, of course, a box of candy. A special dinner with candles and napkins was part of our tradition. Once or twice a boy I likes gave me a heart necklace and a special kiss on Valentine's Day, never to forget.

**February 8th during worship we will celebrate Valentine's Day.**

Everyone, bring a Valentine Card with you and sign it. I will bring extra in case you forget! After the service the cards will be handed out. Everyone will go home with a Valentine.

**This is my Valentine card to you.**

You are my Valentine;  
 I keep you in my heart.  
 Every day I pray for you.  
 So, we're never far apart.  
 I'm so glad God loves me  
 And hears me when I pray.  
 So I know He holds you close  
 Each and everyday.  
 So, my dear Valentine,  
 As sweet as sweet can be,  
 God also has you in His heart.  
 Always near to Thee.

Happy  
 Valentine's  
 Day

I  
 Love  
 You!

God's blessings,

Pastor Connie



## **Vice-Moderator's Report**

Goodbye January! Here we come February!

Our church is marching forward into Winter and anticipating a glorious Spring.

In case you haven't noticed, we now see LuAnne's smiling face sitting in our congregation. She will be playing special music and will be our "on call organist". We look forward to celebrating her retirement and will be hosting a party for her this spring. We now welcome Johannes Durkin and Fletcher Wernholm as they are sharing the organist position.

Thanks to everyone that helped tuck all the Christmas decorations away. We sure had a beautiful season.

I continue to look forward to sharing the moderator position with John Allen as we continue this year. Again, we are very grateful for our beautiful church and church family.

Thanks be to God.

*Karen Jones (Your Vice-Moderator)*



## **A Note From Don and Karen Jones**

We would like to thank our church family congregation, Pastor Connie and everyone for the overwhelming out pour of love and support during this difficult time. You never know how precious every single day is until you experience a loss like this. From the bottom of our heart, we thank each and everyone of you.

Fondly,

Karen and Don

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm there will be an Ash Wednesday service. This service signifies the first day of Lent. The Clare Christ Fellowship congregation will be joining us. Generally the service lasts about 45 minutes.



## Women's Meeting

The Women's meeting for January was cancelled. We will be meeting February 19th. In December we voted to buy new pots and pans for the kitchen. They have arrived and are in the cupboards. I have not had a chance to order the new plastic table covers but we did vote on them and I will get the order in soon.

Pray for better weather and I hope to see everyone at the next meeting. If anyone would like to volunteer to provide a luncheon, please let me know. Otherwise it will be bring your own this month. I will text the ladies before the meeting.

## Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am Adult Sunday School meets in the Parlor. The class is reading from the book, *Traveling Light* by Max Lucado. There are lots of laughs, comments and learning taking place. Come join us.

## Coffee Hour

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside Wand's office for February, March and April.

Please sign up for a Sunday.

The fellowship is always great.



## Bell Choir

Frank is still looking for a couple more bell ringers to play in the bell choir. If possible the choir will play February 8th and Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Practice is Thursdays at 1:30.

Please see Frank if you are able to participate.





## **February Birthdays**

Carmen McKibbin 02/03

Jennifer Helsel 02/09

Alan Reiss 02/09

Teresa Mackie 02/10

Trudy Irwin 02/14

Donna Vance 02/16

Frank Bongard 02/18

Mary Jane Randle 02/19

William Leverage 02/19

Sarah Bongard 02/20

Gwen Tisdale 02/22

Avery Walls 02/23

Richard Larsen 02/24

Terri Nielsen 02/25

John Andrews 02/26

Steve Schumacher 02/28

## **February Anniversaries**

Jim & Bonnie Smith 02/12

## **Facts & Figures: Month of January**

Date	Attendance	Offering
Jan. 4	23	\$ 720.00
11	36	2463.00
18	31	852.00
25	33	1081.06

## **Serving Month of January**

Officiating: Pastor Connie Bongard

Liturgist: Dr. Kurt Keppner

Ushers: Don and Karen Jones

Accompanist: Johanas Durkin

Fletcher Wernholm

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

**Prayer List:** Phyllis Carrigan, Patty (Humphrey) Hazen, Mike Humphrey, Jerry Forsberg, LuAnne Humphrey, Ivah Forsberg, Donald Hemstreet, Nancy Orr., Patty Wiseley and Teresa Mackie



Please help keep the prayer list current; if you know of any changes, or additions, please call the office at 989 386-7582, leave a note for the secretary, or send an email to: [office@clarecongregational.org](mailto:office@clarecongregational.org)