

GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2026

*WALKING WITH JESUS,
SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE,
SERVING ALL FAITHFULLY.*

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!
 SATURDAYS AT 5:00 PM
 SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM
 SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT
 EDUCATION
 SUNDAYS AT 10:15 AM

<p>NOISY OFFERING WEEKEND JAN 31-FEB 1</p>	<p>PEWAUKEE FOOD PANTRY JAN 31-FEB 1</p>	<p>HEALING PRAYER JAN 31-FEB 1</p>
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PASTOR AMANDA APPLIHANS



The Palm Sunday Path

“Who is this?” That question raced through the streets of Jerusalem as Jesus rode into town. These questions present themselves to us each year as we walk through the season of Lent. Who is this Jesus, and why are we following him? What is it that he intends to do in this world? Why would we put our trust in him? If we do follow Jesus, where will he lead us?

It can be easy for us to forget, as we walk through the world thousands of years later, how provocative Jesus’s message was in his day. The things Jesus said, and the things he did, are the reason he ended up on the cross. It was because of his ministry that Jesus was crucified, not in spite of it. The original Palm Sunday procession was a joyful procession, and it was a dangerous procession. The people of Jesus’s day knew there was danger in following the path Jesus was on – you only need to watch the disciples’ reactions to Jesus’s words and actions to see how dangerous what Jesus was doing truly was (Check out John 11:7-16). But Jesus’s commitment to bringing the Kingdom of God into this world was so great that he was willing to take anything this world had to throw at him. And it is in the contrast between the Kingdom Jesus brings and the powers of this world that we truly see who God is, and who God calls us to be – a people called and formed by love, willing to act in love no matter the cost.

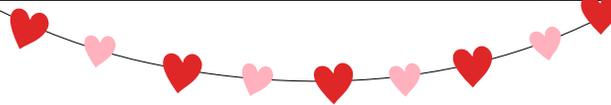
This year we will engage the story of Jesus’s ride into Jerusalem at both the beginning and the end of our Lenten season. We will walk with Jesus through his week in Jerusalem as he moves through the city, through his final week, and ultimately arrives at the cross. As we walk with Jesus through Jerusalem this lent, we will consider this question of who Jesus is, and who Jesus is calling us to be. Then, during our midweek services we will hear about “People of Faith” here at Galilee. We will engage in a service of evening prayer, which will include an interview of a Galilee member. We will walk through a set of questions that will help us to come to more fully know our fellow Galilee members, as we seek to walk together with our God.

We have spent our Epiphany season hearing Jesus’s call to, “Come, follow me,” and now as we walk through the Lent and Easter seasons we will follow in Jesus’s footsteps. We will watch as he moves through the world, we will see the Love of God made manifest for the whole world, and we will seek to follow where Jesus leads. The Palm Sunday Path is not an easy path, but it is the only path that leads to the peace we so yearn for.

Yours in Christ ~ Pastor Amanda



MUSIC AT GALILEE



Dear friends in ministry and music,

Youth musicians from your congregation are invited to [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#), a faith-based national high school music program dedicated to classical and sacred music. **Enrollment is already over 75% full**, with a **March 1 application deadline** approaching.

For over 40 years, young musicians from around the country have gathered at LSM for four weeks of exponential musical growth, while building a community based in using our musical gifts in worship. We invite you to **forward this email to youth and families in your church to invite them to apply**, and if inspired: [nominate students](#) (grades 8-12) who would benefit from this transformative music academy. **All instrument areas are still open, but spots will fill in the coming weeks.** Nominate a student today!

LSM 2026
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
June 21-July 19
Grades 8-12

[Nominate Music Students](#)



LSM students will enjoy living on the beautiful campus of St. Olaf College, which features world-class music facilities that give a taste of the music major experience: separate ensemble rehearsal rooms for band, orchestra, and choir, ample practice rooms (including specialized spaces for organ and percussion), a recital hall for the full community of students, faculty, and guests, and the magnificent Boe Chapel.

Areas of Study

At LSM, students are immersed in an encouraging and challenging-in-a-good-way musical environment, led by nationally recognized faculty who hail from colleges, conservatories, and universities from around the country. All students take part in a core curriculum on a primary instrument and have access to a number of optional offerings, including elective ensembles, classes, and secondary instruments. Many students play multiple instruments, or sing and play!



Brass



Woodwinds



Strings



Percussion



Voice



Piano



Organ



Harp

Application Information

Program Application

LSM 2026 runs from **June 21-July 19** at **St. Olaf College**. Enrollment is open now. Applying for LSM is **free**: no application fee, no payment due until a student accepts placement. Applications involve three components for students to submit:

1. Family contact information
2. Short-answer questions
3. Audition video

Financial Support

The all-inclusive (already subsidized) cost for the four-week academy is **\$2,945**. LSM offers options to ensure that all students can attend without hardship:

1. Fundraising matches & support (many students are supported by home congregations through our [Young Musicians Partnership](#))
2. Need-based scholarships

We are thrilled to welcome students next summer, and hope that you will include LSM in your list of options and recommendations for youth in your congregation. If you have any questions about LSM, or would like to connect about students you'd like to recommend, please reach out! I would be glad to help.

MaryLynn Mennicke
Dean and Director of Admissions

Call: 612-879-9555 ext. 5
Text: 612-879-9555
Schedule Call: calendly.com/mmennicke/30min



Enrollment Deadlines

December 1, 2025	March 1, 2026	May 1, 2026
Priority Enrollment \$50 Discount	Standard Enrollment	Late Enrollment \$50 Late Fee

Nominate Students: LSMacademy.org/nominate

Standard Enrollment is offered through March 1. Most remaining spots will fill in the coming weeks, with final availability and waitlisted instruments posted after March 1.

You can help this process by **nominating students for LSM**. You may also indicate in notes if you'd recommend this student for need-based or merit-based scholarships. Nominated students/families will receive an outreach from LSM Admissions, inviting them to learn more and apply if interested.



Galilee has been selected to be a pilot congregation for the Raising Faithful Kids program through the Vibrant Faith Initiative. Vibrant Faith is a group of researchers and faith formation experts who work to research and develop new processes and resources to help ministry leaders cultivate Christ-centered families. That's a long way of saying this group develops ways that churches can encourage and support families who want to be closer to Christ. And we are very excited to be a part of this stage of the Raising Faithful Kids research project, which is funded by a grant by the Lily Endowment!

Basically, through the year of 2026 (and into future years if we choose to stay involved) Galilee will be a testing ground for the implementation of research that has been done at previous stages of the project. The main research question is how churches can partner with parents to help raise children who know what worship is and value worship enough to continue engaging in worship into adulthood. The research to this point is showing that a relational/spiritual process where kids and parents engage in the "whys" of worship alongside a congregation that engages these "whys" in worship as well.

The process for Galilee will begin with some listening events for parents, where we will seek to hear from parents what will work in their lives and what might not. We will then engage in six sessions (that will be informed by what we hear in the listening sessions) about the "whys" of worship and how families can engage these at home and in worship. We will have parallel experiences during the regular worship services of Galilee to allow the whole congregation to learn what our families are learning, and to experience each "why" of worship together.

You will hear more and more about this process as the year unfolds. Right now we are establishing a leadership group to help lead Galilee through this process. There is some room still on this group if you feel called to help – please talk with Pastor Amanda if you are interested. As we get past Easter and head toward summer you will start to see some of the pieces unfold, and as we head into fall things will really pick up.

I ask that the congregation would seek to engage every element of the project as an experiment – we are trying things out that may or may not work, but that will help parents throughout the nation as they seek to raise Christ-centered families. I ask that you would also pray for this project, and for the families of Galilee as we head into this experiment. I am excited to see where God will take us on this journey of Raising Faithful Kids!



Farmers Market Update!

Even though it's still winter, we're starting to "Think Spring" with Farmers Market season!

The PFM team has been meeting recently to get our local permits renewed, and new dates set for the 2026 season, which is **June 3rd - September 30th**, and a special Fall short season in October.

Want to help? - You can right now!

Claire is in the process of making cards to pass around to local vendors, food trucks, and craft-types to invite them to sign up for our market. If you happen to know of any folks who fit the profile, we encourage you to give them a card and let them know we're soon accepting applications.

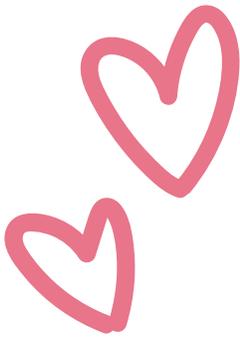


Hoping for a fun and fulfilling market this year!

-The PFM Team



THE BIBLE IN A YEAR!



If you have started reading the Bible with us (or would like to join in) come on **Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:00pm** and meet with others undertaking this reading plan. We will talk about the readings to this point, and discuss ways we might collaborate in our reading and understanding of the text as we move through the year.

If you can't make the meeting, please email me at pastoramanda@galileelc.org and let me know you are reading with the group. I will be putting together a group to help keep us all connected as we read through Scripture this year, and I'd love to have you in it!



February Adult Education Info



February 1st - Jim Olia will discuss 250 years of our country's history. We'll be celebrating that rich history this year, which includes race relations.

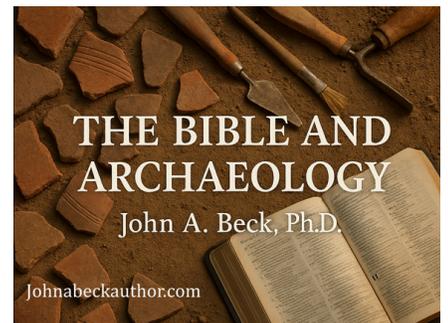
February 8th - February is Black History Month, so adult forums will feature this topic. Our conversations will be about people and events that have been a part of this history, including slavery, the Civil War, emancipation, segregation, and more recent advances (times & gains?) How have relations improved? What obstacles remain?

February 15th - Guest speaker John "Jack" Beck

Archaeological discoveries in the Holy Land can grow our understanding of God's Word. But not all reported "discoveries" are of the same quality. This study will introduce the topic of archaeology in the Holy Land and distinguish discoveries which have merit from those we should treat with greater suspicion. In these sessions, we will offer a definition of archaeology. We will outline the method of investigation which produces the most credible results. We will consider the limitations on what archaeology can do for Bible readers. And we will explore examples of archaeological discoveries that have shaped our understanding of sacred texts.

February 22nd - Guest speaker John "Jack" Beck

For those of us whose view of archaeology was shaped by Indiana Jones movies, we may equate this work with swashbuckling bravado. Archaeology in the Holy Land rarely looks like that. In this study, we will explore the ways in which archaeologists work in this sacred space and weigh how their conclusions may impact our reading of the Bible.



Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday is February 18th!

Two services available - 12:00pm & 6:30pm

Lenten Service Schedule:

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

February 18th through April 1st

All are invited to Lenten Suppers,
Starting Wednesday, February 25th,
which take place at **5:45pm** in the
Fellowship Hall

- Feb 25 - Choir
- March 4 - Galilee Youth
- March 11 - Men's Bible Study
- March 18 - Partnerships
- March 25 - Women's Bible Study

Choir & Bell Rehearsal Schedule:

Vocal Choir - 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Bell Choir - 7:15 p.m. or immediately after
Lenten service



Hope Center Outreach Meal

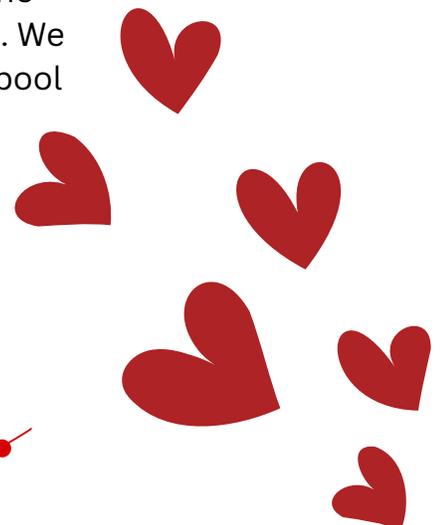
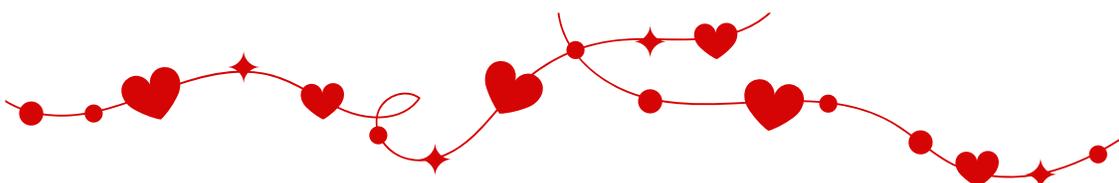
February 20 @ 5:00pm

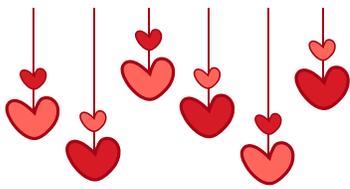
Carpool available from Galilee!

Galileans will be serving the evening Hope Center Outreach Meal for 90-100 guests, including the homeless, those living in rooming houses or shelters, families trying to stretch their budget, and elderly people on fixed income, many of whom are physically and/or mentally impaired.

We are looking for 8-10 volunteers to help serve the hot meal prepared by Hope Center staff, then clean up the tables and sweep the floors after the meal. Galilee provides 10 gallons of milk & dessert for each of the meals. We meet at Hope Center at 5:00 pm and are finished around 7:00pm. A carpool option leaves Galilee's upper parking lot at 4:30pm.

For more info contact Partnerships Coordinator Deb Kohler.
Call/text 262.844.6155 or email: deb.kohler.mke@gmail.com





Galilee Happenings

"NO REGRETS" MEN'S CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 7th

Hosted by the Men's Bible Study Group

The Schedule for the Day

7:30 – 8:00am Gathering / Breakfast Treats

8:00am - Conference opens with Keynote speaker – Kenny Luck -
Ultimate Surrender

9:30am - Breakout session #1 Steve Carter – Dealing With
Adversity

10:15am - Breakout session #2 Steve Carter – Giving and
Receiving Forgiveness

11:00am - Breakout session #3 - Jonathan Misirian – Living Out
Your Faith in Your Community

11:45am - Lunch/Closing Keynote – Chris Brown - Lessons From
The Mountaintop



Galilee will be collecting donations that will be used for Hygiene Packs distributed via Hope Center's clothing closet. Items needed are:

- NEW men's socks (dark colors preferred)
- NEW women's socks (dark colors preferred)
- Chapstick (approx. \$1.70 each)
- Arm & Hammer Deodorant 2.5 or 2.6 ounce stick (approx. \$2.20 each)
- Zest Aqua Bar Soap (approx. \$1.00 each)
- Colgate Toothpaste 6 ounce tube in box (approx. \$1.90 each)
- Toothbrushes individually wrapped

Sock it to Poverty

Now Through Sun, Feb 22

There is a donation box in the Narthex, or feel free to order via Amazon for delivery to the church office.

Knitters & Crocheters Group

Next Gathering: Monday, 2/16/26

@ 1:00pm in the Gathering Place

All Abilities Welcome!

*Come start a project
or continue with another.*



Contact Kathy Taylor
for more information!
htmachine@centurytel.net

Galilee's Go Getters



We're taking a winter break!

*Look for an announcement mid-February
for information on our next gathering.*

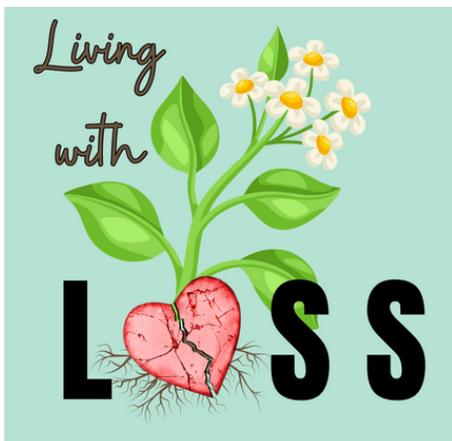
Worship + lunch + games + fellowship

Galilee Sledding Outing!

February 8th from 2:00-4:00pm

At Liberty Park (440 Concord Road Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072)

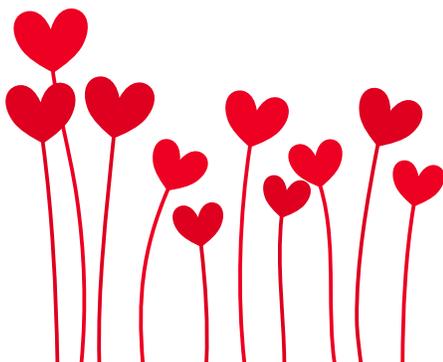
All ages welcome ~ hot cocoa and snacks provided!



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
Contact Barb Barthel at (262) 691-0711.



The Leadership Board and Pastor Amanda would like to invite all Saturday service attendees to a meeting to share feedback on how the recent shift in worship leadership is going at Galilee. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend on Saturday, February 21st for 5:00pm worship, after which we will stay and share thoughts on how the current plan is serving the congregation.



Community Events

2026 Pewaukee Senior Art Showcase



Announcing the first Pewaukee Area Senior Art Showcase to be held at three Senior Pewaukee communities in January and February of 2026 sponsored by the Woman's Club of Pewaukee

Participating communities include

- ❖ Kirkland Crossings
- ❖ The Waters
- ❖ The Westerly

Reception Day
Sunday, February 1, 2026
1:00 - 5:00pm

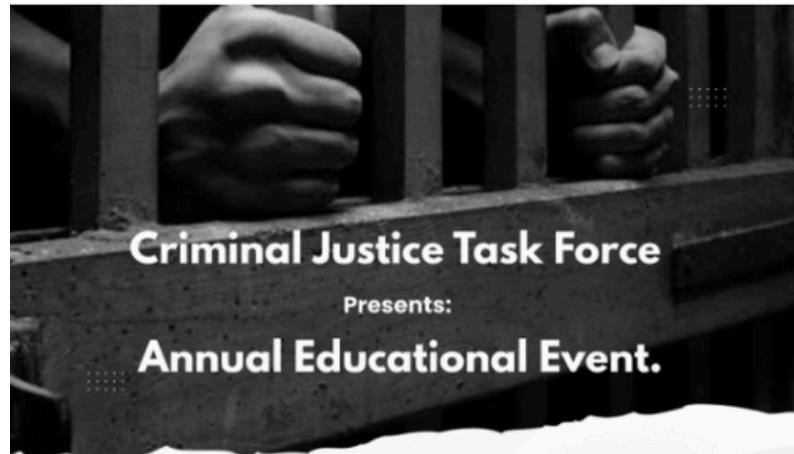
Receptions will be held at all three communities open to the public.

Travel between communities and share fellowship, culinary offerings and beautiful art.



❖ No Art will be for sale

SOPHIA
A Member of WISDOM



Criminal Justice Task Force

Presents:

Annual Educational Event.

Solitary Confinement

Keynote Speaker :

Talik Akbar



Tuesday, February 3rd 2026
6:00 PM

First United Methodist Church of Waukesha
121 Wisconsin Ave. Waukesha, WI 53186

Together in Mission - February 7, 2026

Join us for our synod's annual learning gathering of pastors, deacons and lay leaders from across Southeast Wisconsin! Together we'll worship, celebrate our partnership in the Gospel, and attend workshops on a variety of ministry topics. 2026 will be the year of Collaboration in the synod, focusing on the fourth of our synod's core values. One of the ways we will be exploring this theme is through the design and production of a synod mural. This process will be led by Tia Richardson, who will introduce the design process during the opening presentation at Together in Mission, which will include viewing a documentary film about a similar project she led in Rockford, IL. All Together in Mission participants have the opportunity to register for one of two design workshops that will take place that morning and afternoon. Additional opportunities to help design and produce the mural will be announced on February 7.

New this year! Our worship service will be a Lunch Church service led by Rev. Sarah Stumme and Rev. Jaime Larson McLoone. We've set aside time for you to find your box lunch and then join in this worship service scheduled for 11:30 am. Lunch Church (or Dinner Church) is a table-centered expression of church where community, hospitality, and the story of Jesus come together over a shared meal. Rooted in the practices of Jesus and the early church, it creates sacred space for strangers to become friends, stories to be shared, and lives to be transformed. More than a potluck, Lunch Church reimagines the meal as mission—forming new faith communities around the table, not the stage.



TOGETHER IN MISSION

February 7, 2026

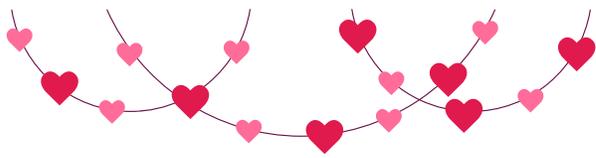
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FEbruary BIRTHDAYS



February 1

Susan Knutson

February 3

Deb Kohler

February 4

Michael Bohlmann

February 5

Mackenzie Sherman

February 7

Robin Hehn

February 8

Janet Praeger

Thomas Barker

Colleen K Larson

February 10

Thomas Pjevach

Ruth Harken

Carol Busser

Matthew Dehler

February 14

Edward Longhini

Kathy Line

William Koehn

February 15

Brian Connolly

February 18

Morgan Alderton

February 19

Caitlyn Higgins

Craig Smith

February 20

Loretta Hagen

Kathleen Taylor

February 21

Joseph Barker

Jennifer Dehler

February 23

Jenna Wille

Glenn Calhoun

February 24

Duane Moore

Donald Schrock

February 25

Linda Koepp

February 28

Heather Evans



PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Ann Dee Austin, Mary Benrud, Mike Bohlmann, Donna Chudada, Pastor Joy McDonald-Coltvet, Isaiah Cramer, Jessica Connelly, Matthew Dehler, Jake Drover, Deloris Evans, Donna Frederick, Dan Heger, Tony Hofstede, Katie Hollister, Bill Koehn, Deb Kohler, Richard Knutson, Margo Krumnow, Britany Lindert + her baby, Kerry MacKay, Ray Mansker, Dan Maske, Laurie McGroarty, Carol Merik, Eliana Metzger, Carol Miller, Marilyn Morgan, Calla Nelson, Dennis Olson, Paul Osmundson, Justin Peare, John Ruf, George Slavsky, Rachel Stephens + her baby, Scott Wille, Nancy Wojcicki, and the families of Penny Williams and Marjory Kloth.



Pray for our
military.



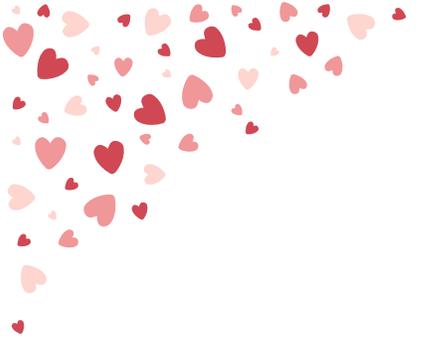
Mike Anderson
Andrew Connolly
Jeremy Fossier
Tim Gilestad
Bill Groth
Morgan Mosher
Andrew Richardson

Are you or someone you know in
need of prayer?
Simply contact the church office at
(262) 691-2380
or
email galilee@galileelc.org
with your prayer requests.

February 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9a Worship Service</p> <p>4p Troop 87G Scouts</p> <p>6p Al-Anon Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8p AA Closed Meeting Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30a Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30a Text Study</p> <p>5p Vocal Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6p Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:15p Troop 87 Scouts</p> <p>8p AA - Room 41</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12p 12 Step Group Room 4</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30a Men's Bible Study</p> <p>5p Worship Service</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9a Worship Service</p> <p>2p Sledding Outing!</p> <p>3p Troop 87G Scouts</p> <p>6p Al-Anon Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8p AA Closed Meeting Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30a Staff Meeting</p> <p>6p Leadership Board Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30a Text Study</p> <p>1:45p Grace Group</p> <p>5p Vocal Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6p Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:15p Troop 87 Scouts</p> <p>8p AA - Room 41</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12p 12 Step Group Room 4</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10a Leadership Board Retire</p> <p>5p Worship Service</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9a Worship Service</p> <p>4p Troop 87G Scouts</p> <p>6p Al-Anon Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1p Knitters & Crocheters</p> <p>8p AA Closed Meeting Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30a Staff Meeting</p> <p>3p Loss & Living Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30a Text Study</p> <p>12p Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>5p Vocal Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30p Ash Wednesday Serv</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:15p Troop 87 Scouts</p> <p>8p AA - Room 41</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12p 12 Step Group Room 4</p> <p>4:30p Hope Center Outreach</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30a Men's Bible Study</p> <p>5p Worship Service</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9a Worship Service</p> <p>11:30a Raising Faithful Kids</p> <p>4p Troop 87G Scouts</p> <p>6p Al-Anon Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8p AA Closed Meeting Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30a Staff Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30a Text Study</p> <p>1:45p Grace Group</p> <p>5p Vocal Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:45p Lenten Supper</p> <p>6:30p Lenten Service</p> <p>7:15p Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:15p Troop 87 Scouts</p> <p>8p AA - Room 41</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12p 12 Step Group Room 4</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5p Worship Service</p>



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