

February 8, 2026- Volume 6 - Edition 6

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday, February 7, 2026

9:00 AM – Men’s & Women’s Breakfast

Sunday, February 8, 2026

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
 11:05 AM – Gathering Time in the Sanctuary
 11:15 AM – Sunday School
 12:15 AM – Choir Rehearsal
 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
 5:00 PM –Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

10:00 AM – Women’s Ministry Board Meeting
 6:30 PM – Church Board Meeting
 6:30 PM – American Heritage Girls

Music Notes



(See details on page 4)

Saturday, February 14, 2026

9:00 AM – Men Meet at Volcano Coffee

Sunday, February 15, 2026

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
 11:05 AM – Gathering Time in the Sanctuary
 11:15 AM – Sunday School
 12:15 AM – Choir Rehearsal
 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
 5:00 PM –Worship, YouTube

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)

12:00 PM – Chapel Service
 6:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 26, 2026

3:15 PM – Chime Practice
 5:00 PM –Lent Service/Soup Supper/

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Full Lectionary for February 8, 2026;

1st Reading Isaiah 58:1-12
 Psalm Psalm 112:1-10
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
 Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Full Lectionary for February 15, 2026;

1st Reading Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
 2nd Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Parament Color Is **Green**

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Parament Color Is **White**



Happy February Birthday!!

Harmony Lundberg	2/2	Cheryl Hedlund	2/22
Mary Vollmer	2/9	Sharon Johnson	2/23
Lydia Auge	2/10	Ron Johnson	2/26
Valerie Claiborne	2/14		

Happy February Anniversary!!

Daryl & Deena Olson 2/22

BEGINNING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH (second Sunday of each month), the men will meet at **Volcano Coffee at 9:00 a.m.** to begin a conversation and dialogue study through the book: *“Disciplines of a Godly Man”* by R. Kent Hughes. Each month there will be a designated conversation leader. Each chapter of the book is a different character of being a man of God. Please call Pastor Eric with any questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES will be held on Wednesday, February 18th at 12:00 Noon and again at 6:00 pm. Both services are the same with Imposition of Ashes given at both times.

If you are unable to attend one of the services and wish to receive the Imposition of Ashes at your residence, Pastor Eric will be available to visit you between the hours of **1:00 pm and 4:00 pm.** **Please schedule a time by texting or emailing Pastor Eric.**

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SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX, if you are interested in attending a Workshop led by Pastor Eric on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 - Noon. Discussion topics are:

- 1. The brief history of the Bible from when it was written to today’s Canon;***
- 2. The heart and importance of personal study;***
- 3. Word Studies and Topical Studies;***
- 4. Study Resources and how to use them;***
- 5. Small group and personal activities.***

***A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
 He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
 When praying, don’t give God instructions, just report for duty.
 Be sure your church is thoroughly prayer-conditioned.***

LIVING WORD LEANING INTO LENT

LENT

Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026) marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Christians throughout the world collectively observe 40 days (46 minus the Sundays) leading to Easter, reflecting on the suffering, sacrifice, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many Christians use these six weeks for self-examination to either give up something or add a new discipline into their lives. Fasting reminds us that nothing can fill the void in our lives except Jesus. A new discipline does the same, ultimately drawing us nearer to God. So how will you use this season to grow spiritually? Here are a few suggestions:

- Attend weekly Lenten worship services
- Increase ministry involvement at church
- Fellowship with someone you do not know well at Lenten soup suppers
- Add 15 minutes to your daily devotion and prayer time
- Reduce personal spending and increase gifts to ministries
- Join a Bible Study

The Lenten season at Living Word offers several activities to help you savor the sacredness of the season.

LENTEN SERVICES

EVENING SERVICES begin at 5:00 PM on Thursdays followed by SOUP SUPPERS

Soup Supper Host Schedule:

February 26	Worship & Music/Choir
March 5	Finance/Human Resources
March 12	Christian Education/Property Maint./Bldg. Use & Décor
March 19	Men & Women's Ministry
March 26	LWLC Board/Evangelism/Stewardship

You do not have to serve on a ministry team to help with **soup suppers**, in fact, **we encourage it!** To sign up for soup, bread, butter, crackers, or rolls, add your name to the **signup sheet in the Narthex.**

Music Notes



- “Let’s Just Praise the Lord” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HH4s-SkKHWw>
- “Jesus Is Lord of All” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMRbB_Dc1JA
- “In the Name of the Lord” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1QuGQGePeU>
- “I Will Serve Thee” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STptO-tGhvA>
- “Something Beautiful” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0MZBzsHQVY>

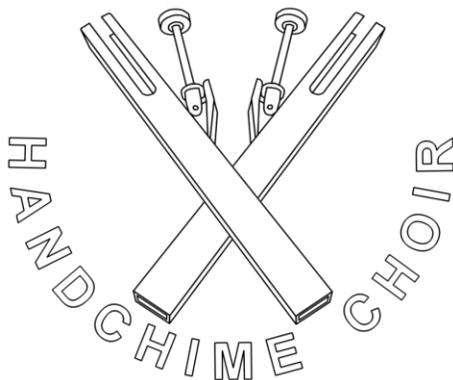
This week we are featuring music from the Gaithers in our worship service.

William (Bill) Gaither formed The Gaither Trio while a student at Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana. The trio consisted of his sister, Mary Ann, his brother, Danny, and himself. Bill graduated with a major in English and a minor in music after which he began working as an English teacher at Alexandria Monroe High School, but the Trio never stopped performing.

Bill met Gloria at the high school, where she was teaching French. She also coincidentally, studied at Anderson University where she earned degrees in English, French, and Sociology. They married in 1962 and began writing music together for fun. Since then, they have written, mostly together, over 700 songs.

Bill decided that he could not do both teaching and music and so began working full-time in the Christian Music industry, where he helped organize the first Dove Awards in 1969. In 1965 Gloria took Mary Ann's place in the Gaither Trio and toured with them steadily for 30 years where they shared their comforting, testimonial, and inspiring music.

They collaborated on many songs that would become popular, and the staples of hymnals with a more contemporary leaning.



Handchime practice will be on Thursday afternoons at 3:15 pm, beginning February 26th for an Easter April 5 performance.

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

PRAYER ROOM

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.”
James 3:18 (ESV)

Watch over those who put themselves in harm’s way to protect us and grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them. We praise you for continuing to protect:

Josh Jepsen, USAF Utah
Elijah Lundberg, USMC Yuma, AZ

Owen Daubenspeck, USAF Spokane (Owen)

Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost loved ones recently:

Lorraine Stargel and the Lawrence family on the passing of her brother, Gene Lawrence

Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way and restore them to good health of body, mind, and spirit. Encourage them and strengthen their caregivers:

Maurice Hedlund
Jeff Brennan
Bill Marsh
Debbi Zavadil
Duane Claiborne
Kitty Jepsen

Darlene Luberts
Carolyn Martin
Yvonne Olson
Wallace Duggan
Lori Schmidt
Lena Duggan

Terry (and caregiver Ron)
Cheryl Hedlund’s aunt, Sue
David Martin (son of Bob and Nancy Martin)
Sue Doll (sister-in-law of Duane & Valerie)
Johnny Beck (son of Sharlene Parker and brother of Toni Sherman)

Carol Brennan
Shana Carlson

Amy Cruver
Roger Lawrence

Tina (daughter of Judy Williams)
Julie Mendoza (Heidi Sturdivant)

Grant discernment, wisdom, and courage to leaders within the church and world. Raise servants to accomplish Your will. May Your will be evident in all decisions and actions.

Living Word Members
Victims of War in Ukraine and Israel/Middle East

Living Word Leaders

Persecuted Christians
Elected Government Officials

Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:

Bonnie Socey

Cheryl Hedlund

Jan Williams (sister in law of Judy Williams)

Thank you, LORD, for hearing and answering our prayers – even when you do so differently than we would prefer. We pray in the holy and mighty name of Jesus, our LORD. Amen

Names in Bold are new additions. Please let the office know if you wish your request to remain on the list. Otherwise, requests are removed after a month.
