



The Clarion

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Welcome to

CLAIREMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH IGLESIA LUTERANA



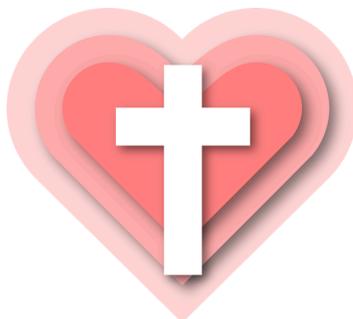
ONE CHURCH, TWO LANGUAGES, ONE HOPE

Dear Church Family,

These days are heavy. We watch the news and see violence, anger, and deep division. Families are split over politics, communities are torn apart by fear and mistrust, and even our own hearts can feel tired, anxious, or numb. As followers of Jesus, we are not immune to these realities — we live in the same polarized and violent world as everyone else, but we are not without hope, and we are not without a calling.

This season of Lent invites us to slow down, to tell the truth about our sin and our brokenness, and to turn again to the God who does not abandon us. Lent is not about pretending the world is better than it is; it is about remembering that Christ stepped into this very world — with all its hatred and hurt — and walked the way of the cross in love.

In a time when it would be easy to withdraw, to harden our hearts, or to return hatred with more hatred, our congregational mission is a powerful reminder of who we are:



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

English – 9:30 am
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April 2026
CLARION DEADLINE
Monday April 20 @ 4 p.m.

“Our mission is to welcome everyone, celebrate God’s grace, and grow together as one church expressed in two languages.”

In a polarized world:

- To welcome everyone means we resist the temptation to sort people into “us” and “them.” We open our doors and our lives to neighbors who don’t think like us, vote like us, or look like us, because Christ has welcomed us first. This is not always comfortable — but it is deeply faithful.
- To celebrate God’s grace means we remember that every person is someone for whom Christ died. Grace is not just a doctrine we affirm; it is a way we live—offering forgiveness, patience, and compassion in a culture that often prefers outrage and revenge.
- To grow together as one church expressed in two languages is a powerful witness in an age of division. Our bilingual, multicultural life together says to the world: the Holy Spirit makes unity possible where the world only expects separation. When we listen across languages, honor different cultures, and worship as one body, we are already living a quiet miracle in Christ.

Lent calls each of us to ask:

- Where is God inviting me to live this mission more fully?
- Whom do I need to welcome?
- Where do I need to extend grace?
- How can I lean into our shared life as one church, rather than standing at a distance?



In these difficult days, I want to encourage you: do not underestimate the power of small, faithful acts. A kind word in a tense moment, a prayer for an enemy, a shared meal across difference, a commitment to show up in worship and community—these are not small things. They are signs of the Kingdom of God breaking into a hurting world.

As we walk through Lent together, may we fix our eyes on Jesus, who faced the worst our world could offer and answered it with self-giving love. And may our congregation, grounded in our mission, become a living sign of that love—welcoming everyone, celebrating God’s grace, and growing together as one church, in two languages, under one Lord.

With love in Christ,

P. Manuel Borbon [Senior Pastor at Clairemont Lutheran Church]

How Iceland Changed Me

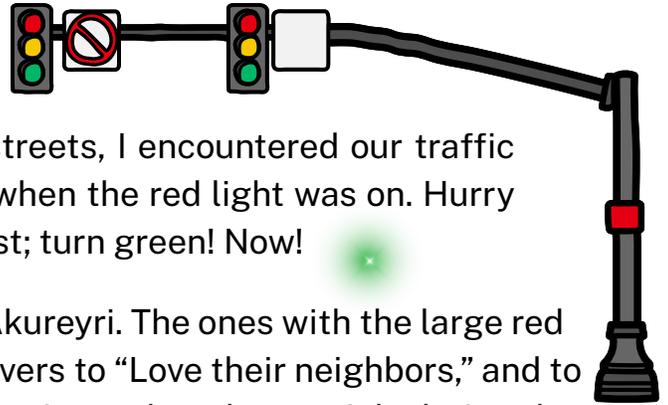
Harriet Carmona as told to Bill Fredericks

Several years ago, I was on a tour of Iceland. Our guide took us to multiple locations, and we saw many sights; varied landscapes, most of them green, not icy. We saw Iceland's five-gaited horses and ate in local restaurants that served delicious meals, made with vegetables grown in their own gardens. The salads often included homegrown, edible flowers. It was exciting, and I was having a great time.

What changed me was something that others might consider mundane: a traffic light. One day, as we rode the tour bus through the town of Akureyri, the guide pointed out that the red lamp on the traffic light was not circular, as ours are, but in the shape of a heart. A big, bright red heart. ❤️

We were not told why it was so. It intrigued me. Why in the world would the red lamp on a traffic light be in the shape of a heart? As I thought about it, I decided that the red heart lamp was there to encourage those who saw it to "Love their neighbors" and to be kind. It struck my heart.

The Change



When I returned home and drove on San Diego's streets, I encountered our traffic lights. I fell into my old habit of being impatient when the red light was on. Hurry up! Why does it take so long? I need to get there fast; turn green! Now!

Then I remembered the traffic lights that I saw in Akureyri. The ones with the large red hearts. The ones that I had decided encouraged drivers to "Love their neighbors," and to be kind. So, I began to wonder; instead of being impatient, what else can I do during the few minutes when I'm trapped at the red traffic light?

Then I remembered the prayer list that I always carry in my car; "I can pray." 🙏 (With my eyes open, of course.) So now when I'm stopped, instead of sowing my impatience, I use the time to share God's loving presence and kindness with my neighbors. Just like they do in Akureyri.

P.S. Everyone has a story. Harriet bravely stepped forward and allowed her story to be shared. If you have a story to tell, the Clarion is a place to share it. If you want help writing your story, I can help. Prayerfully, Bill

Spring 2026: "The Promise of God's Name"
by The Rev. Dr. Hannah Hawkinson

Session One - Bread, vine and light: Abiding with us (John 6, 8 and 15)

We begin this session by rooting and grounding ourselves in the story of Moses at the Burning Bush, learning about God's holy name, I AM - a name that holds all of time and space, all that was and all that is and all that will be, past, present, and future. From there, we will explore three of Jesus's "I AM" statements: "I am the bread of life," "I am the true vine," and "I am the light of the world." Each of these brings to the fore the ways that our God, whose name is "I AM," abides with God's people, providing, nurturing, and sustaining us in day-to-day life.



ALL are invited to attend the Gather Bible Study.

Patience Bible Study: Monday, March 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

COMING UP IN 2026



- **March 7, 2026 - Pacifica Women of the ELCA Spring Event** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, La Mesa

THEME: "Spreading God's Love":

VERSE: And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Mark 16:15

LOVE GIFTS: T.A.C.O - White Men's Underwear, T-Shirts and Socks

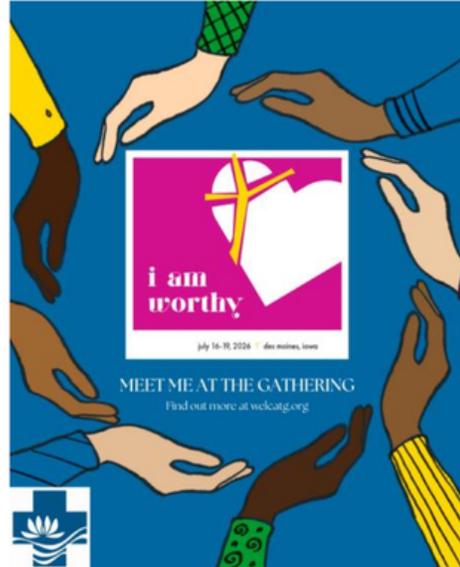


- July 16-19, 2026 – Triennial Gathering – Des Moines, Iowa



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

For more information, see
Harriet Morris



Welca's "Piece and Sew Group"

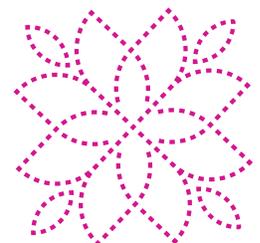
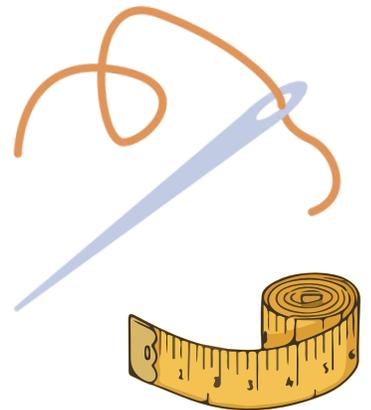
The group gathers on the **first Wednesday of the month in room 4 at 10 a.m.**, followed by a social lunch at a local restaurant around 12:30.

They make various items throughout the year. Some examples are: baby quilts, potato bags, crocheted dish cloths, toddler pajamas, and fidget art activity lap quilts.

In the Fall, the homemade items are offered at a fundraiser, with the majority of the proceeds donated to various causes.

All are welcome! If you want additional information, please contact **June Anderson**.

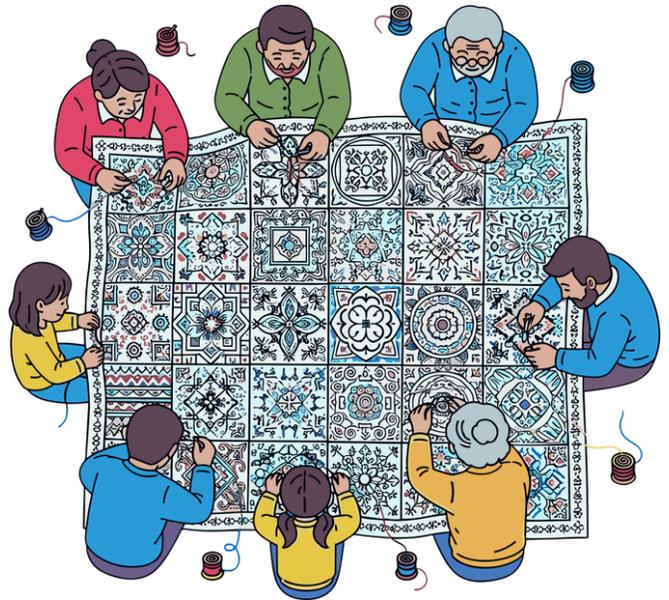
Hope to see you at our next gathering on Wednesday, March 4th.



March 21, 2026 - National Quilting Day

For more than 80 years, passionate people have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts – over 28 MILLION QUILTS! These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a little bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster, and conflict.

The Mission Quilters at Clairemont have completed over 1900 quilts as part of that total number. Now that we quilt in Room 4 of Luther Hall, the door is always open. Stop by and check out what we are all about.



Calling all Bunco players!

When: 2nd Friday of every month.

Where: Narthex

Time: 1:00 p.m.

\$5.00 Donation for charity and prizes.

March 13 at 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome



CLC/ILC MEN'S GROUPS



Meet once a month for fellowship, usually breakfast, and collaboration on various church projects.

All men ages 15 and up are welcome!

If you are interested in joining, please contact James Acosta or leave a message in the front office.

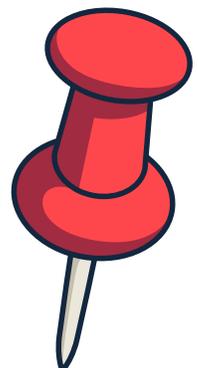
Share Your Stories with The Clarion!

Have photos, event highlights, ministry updates, or personal reflections?

We'd love to include them in The Clarion! Help us tell the story of our church community.

✉ Send submissions to: clarion.editor@clairemontlc.org

📅 **Monthly deadline: the 20th**



Clairemont Lutheran Church Youth Choir Fundraiser
**Free Luncheon and Opportunity Drawing
for Easter Baskets!!**

Sunday, March 29th 2026 Drawing will be held at 1:00pm
You do not need to be present to win!



Suggested donation \$1 per ticket

Write name and phone number on one half and keep the other half

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4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd San Diego, CA 92117

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San Diego Choristers Guild Presents:

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL!

SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026 1:00PM-4:30PM

CONCERT AT 5:00PM, FOLLOWED BY DINNER

CLAIREMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH

4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego, 92117



Featuring Childrens' Director **Jenny Tisi**,
and Grammy-award-winning Youth Choir Director
Kent Knappenberger



This is a **FREE** event, with a goodwill offering gratefully accepted
Singers do not need to be members of a choir, and directors do not need to be a member of Choristers Guild to participate
Preparation is optional, but encouraged
Choir directors or individuals should RSVP with approximate numbers for planning purposes

To obtain music and/or further details contact Katy Lundeen
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www.choristersguildsandiego.org

A dose of humor...

**HOW DO ANGELS
GREET EACH OTHER?
THEY SAY HALO..**



Get ready to cheer on the San Diego Padres as we kick off an exciting new season!




Clairemont Lutheran Church



FELLOWSHIP, FUN & HOME RUNS

Hang out and enjoy the company of the CLC community

**FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (858) 273-7423
MUST RSVP 30 DAYS PRIOR TO GAME DAY**

2026 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

- ✓ 4/28 vs. Cubs 6:40PM
- ✓ 5/26 vs. Phillies 6:40PM
- ✓ 6/23 vs. Braves 6:40PM
- ✓ 7/7 vs. Dbacks 6:40PM
- ✓ 8/11 vs. Brewers 6:40PM
- ✓ 9/8 vs. Nationals 6:40PM

Let's come together as a community to cheer for our team and enjoy some fun fellowship!

MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION VISITATION

Our church has several people (team) in this ministry who carry out a celebration of Holy Communion. We visit and take Holy Communion to members who are homebound, in a care facility, or in a hospital.

If you know of anyone who might want a visit, please contact **Kathy Reed** or leave a message with **Tanya in the office**.

Remember that the ministry of caring is at the heart of the church's life.

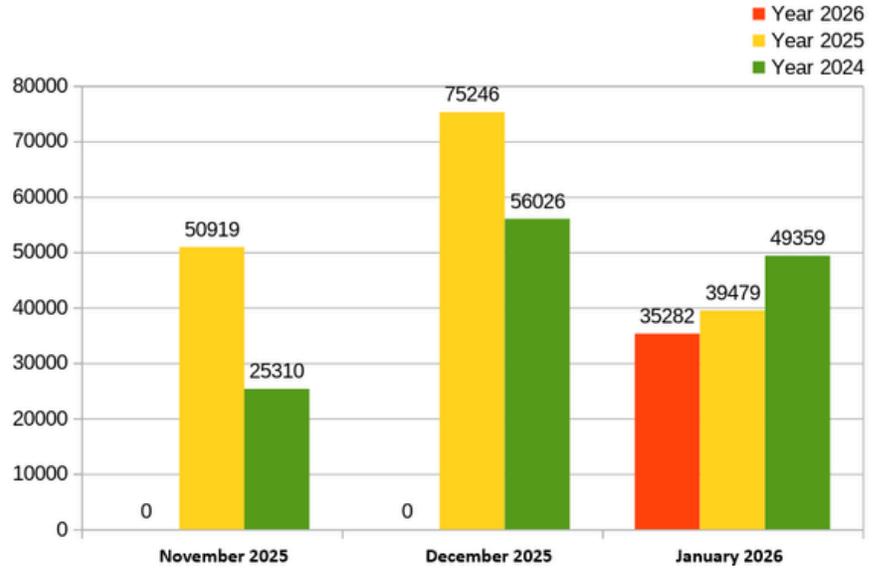


Church Business

November, December, January Comparison of years 2024, 2025, 2026

Total income

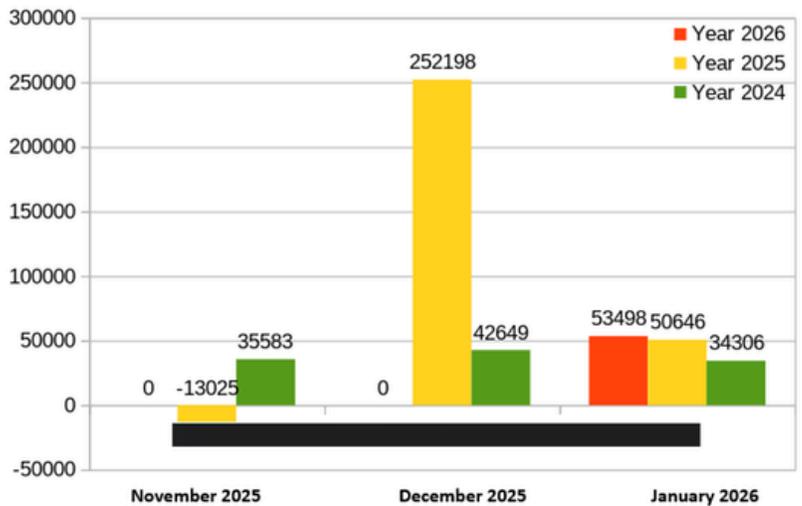
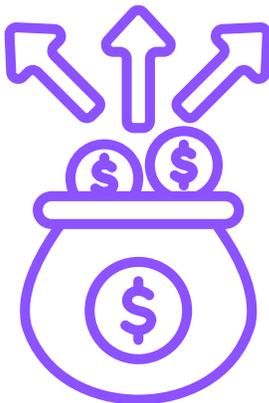
		2026	2025	2024
11	November	0	50919	25310
12	December	0	75246	56026
1	January	35282	39479	49359



Total Expenses

		2026	2025	2024
	November	0	-13025	35583
	December	0	252198	42649
	January	53498	50646	34306

* December of 2025 reflects the cost of the new roof and heat pumps



BEYOND THE PEWS

Living the Word wherever we go.



☀️ Supporting Our Girl Scouts! ☀️

We had a fantastic time welcoming the Girl Scouts as they sold their delicious cookies! 🍪❤️ By enjoying these treats, we're supporting our young leaders in the community.

Thank you for making a difference together!



❤️ Spreading Love on Valentine's Day! ❤️

Our amazing children's ministry created beautiful heart crafts with love messages for our siblings in Christ! ☀️

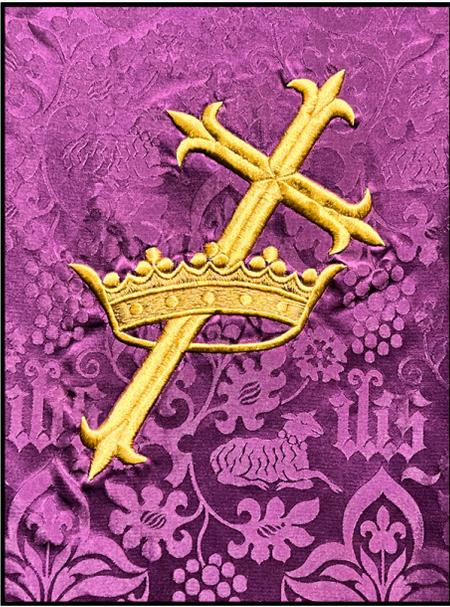
Their joy and creativity truly show the spirit of love in our community.



🌿 Beginning the Lenten Journey 🌿

We've started the Lent season on Ash Wednesday, reflecting on the words: "Dust you are, and to dust you shall return." As we embark on this journey to Easter, let's embrace the opportunity for prayer, reflection, and renewal.

Join us on this meaningful journey! †



† Lent Services

We kicked off our Holden Evening Prayer services on February 25 with soup and reflection.

This Lenten season, we are diving deeper into our mission statement together.

Join us every Wednesday of Lent!



† Lent services...



LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18	12:00 pm	Worship service (English)
	6:00 pm	Worship service (English)
	7:30 pm	Worship service (Spanish)
WEDNESDAYS IN LENT FEBRUARY 25 – March 25	6:00 pm	Potluck soup dinner
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer (English)
	7:00 pm	Worship service (Spanish)
PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29	9:30 am	Worship service (English)
	11:30 am	Worship service (Spanish)
MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2	7:00 pm	Bilingual Worship Service
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3	12:00 pm	Worship service (English)
	5:00 pm	Worship service (Spanish)
	7:00 pm	Worship service (English)
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5	9:30 am	Worship service (English)
	11:30 am	Worship service (Spanish)



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SAVE THE DATE!



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1-1:30pm The messengers 1:30pm Rise & shine	2 Choir Every Monday 1pm AA 5-6pm Glee Choir, 6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir 7:30- 9pm Sanctuary Choir , 6:30pm Scouts 8pm AA Meeting	3 1pm AA 6:30pm Cub scouts 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 7pm Al-Anon	4 10am Piece & Sew 12:-2:30pm southern Care 5:00pm Stephen ministry	5 8am Sandwich Ministry 10am MorningStar 1pm AA Meeting	6 8am – 12pm Food Distribution 10am Jim Brown Memorial 11am southern Care 1pm AA 6pm Al-Anon	7 7am SA 10-1pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
8 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1-1:30pm The messengers 1:30pm Rise & shine <i>Day light saving Spring Forward</i>	9 12:30pm Patience bible 10am southern care 1pm AA 6:30pm Scouts 8pm AA Meeting	10 1pm AA 4:30pm Evangelism team 5-6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 6:30pm Executive Team 6:30pm Cub scouts 7pm Al Anon 7:15pm Council meeting	11 12:-2:30pm southern Care	12 8am Sandwich Ministry 1pm AA Meeting 1:30pm Southern Care	13 8-12pm Food Distribution 1pm Bunco 1pm AA 6pm Al-Anon	14 7am SA
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22 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1-1:30pm The messengers 1:30pm Rise & shine	23 10am southern care 1pm AA 6:30pm Scouts 8pm AA Meeting	24 1pm AA 5-6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Cub scouts 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 7pm Al-Anon	25 12-2:30pm Southern care	26 8am Sandwich Ministry 1pm AA Meeting	27 8-12pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6pm Al-Anon	28 7am SA 2-5pm Emilie Launchmen's birthday celebration.
29 Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1-1:30pm The messengers 1:30pm Rise & shine	30 10am southern care 1pm AA, 6:30pm Scouts 8pm AA Meeting	31 1pm AA 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 7:00pm Al-Anon	WEDNESDAYS IN LENT March 4- 25 6:00pm Potluck soup dinner	7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer service in English 7:00pm Worship service in Spanish		

CLC Volunteer Schedule - March 2026

Lay Readers

- 3/1 Rob Constantine, Janet Wood
- 3/8 Karen Creusere
- 3/15 Lynn Ten Eyck, Emilie Lauchmen
- 3/22 Susan Gjerset
- 3/29 Chelsea Lundeen, Janet Wood



Communion Assistants

- 3/1 Bonita Martinez, Gary Lange, Nancy Groesbeck, Holly Boyle
- 3/8 Harriet Morris, Sarah Groesbeck
- 3/15 Gary Lange, Rita Letherman, Josua & Rohany Purba
- 3/22 Gary & Aida Jaus, Pam Allen
- 3/29 Pam Allen, Sandra Logan

Welcome Team

- 3/1 Pam Allen, Curtis Cline, Thomas Knepple
- 3/8 Gary Lange, Kathy Reed, Emilie Lauchmen
- 3/15 Teresa & Gabriel Munoz, Pam Allen, Emilie Lauchmen
- 3/22 The Purba Family, Sandra Logan, Rita Letherman
- 3/29 Karen Creusere, Curtis Cline, Gary Lange, Harriet Carmona, Renee Shepherd

- Christopher Groesbeck 3/3
- James Anderson 3/4
- Kathy Farrington 3/5
- Erica Robles 3/7
- Tomi Johnson 3/7
- Stephen Fiorina 3/7
- Mary Crane 3/8
- Helen Bradley 3/9
- Susan Gjerset 3/9
- Patricia Fredericks 3/9
- John Gjerset 3/10
- Martha Munevar 3/11
- Davis Engel 3/12
- Harry Walker 3/12
- Charles Stead 3/13
- Jeff TenHulzen 3/15
- Thomas Knepple 3/16
- Lara Engel 3/20
- Michael Wagner 3/20
- Emilie Lauchmen 3/20
- Gabriella Anderson 3/22
- Dylan Thomas 3/23
- Ava Rice 3/23
- Ellen Sauder 3/23
- Harriet Carmona 3/24
- Hanne Vos 3/28
- Curtis Carlsen 3/28



- 3/1 LeRoy Bannach
- 3/8 Teresa Munoz
- 3/15 Gary Lange
- 3/22
- 3/29 Bill Fredericks

Media

- 3/1 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 3/8 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 3/15 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 3/22 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 3/29 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little



Sandra Logan,
Rohany Purba