

# Covenant *Tidings*

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH | MARCH 2025 – VOLUME 61

The season of Lent begins on March 5 with Ash Wednesday. Lent provides us with a perfect opportunity to explore the extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is truly our Savior, Servant, and Friend. During these weeks we will marvel at the many blessings we received when He laid down his life for us at the cross and then rose victorious from the grave. This year the Lenten midweek services each Wednesday will be offered at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Each Wednesday we will consider another aspect of our greatest Friend and what each characteristic means to us as His followers and friends.

March 5 (Ash Wednesday) – **Forgiver.** Jesus forgives us again and again even though we don't deserve it.

March 12 – **Healer.** Jesus heals us when we are wounded and weakened by sin.

March 19 – **Listener.** Jesus listens to us like no other and answers our questions and concerns.

March 26 – **Encourager.** Jesus encourages us in our faith to live our lives for Him.

April 2 – **Protector.** Jesus protects us from the devil and from spiritual danger and keeps us safe in Him.

April 9 – **Comforter.** Jesus comforts us in our struggles and sorrows so that we might find rest in His promises.

Please join us for these special Lenten worship services. A special Lenten devotional booklet, "Servant, Savior, Friend, Devotions for Lent" will also be available. I pray that you will be blessed as you remember all that our Savior and Friend endured so that we might have eternal life.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Steve Voigt*

# Official Acts

## **Adult Confirmation**

**February 9 — Gabriel Frank & Brianna Rivera**

4900 W Coldspring Rd., Greenfield, WI 53220

Gabe: 414-477-2607

Brianna: 414-940-5329

Welcome to the Covenant Family!

## **Baptism**

**February 9 — Lyla Rose Frank**

Daughter of Gabriel Frank & Brianna Rivera

Sponsors are Daniel Frank & Lindsay Nachreiner

## **Address Update**

**Bill Laesch**

1000 Riverview Dr. SE Apt. 124

Rio Rancho, NM 87124

## **Ushers**

**9:30 a.m.**

Phil Murphy	Jerry Anson
Len Ernst	Joel Johnson
Traci Murphy	Brian Maletzke
Jim Richter	Henry Weiss

## **Altar Guild**

Nancy Keck  
Colleen Gottsacker  
Judy Weiss

## **Greeters**

**March 2**

9:30am—Darlene Peters & Diana Lafford

**March 9**

9:30am—Brian & Kaye Maletzke

**March 16**

9:30am—Keith & Marcia Rosynek

**March 23**

9:30am—Diana Gutknecht & Nancy Keck

**March 30**

9:30am—Sandra Randazzo & Audrey Wilde

## **SPECIAL GIFTS**

Bethesda.....	\$10
Birthday Fund.....	\$50
Boiler Fund.....	\$240
DCF Grant.....	\$1,756
Helping Hands Food Pantry.....	\$40
Initial Offering.....	\$55
Lutheran Hour Ministries.....	\$115
Portals of Prayer .....	\$80

## **MEMORIALS**

Carol Prange Memorial—\$75

## **Church Info & Staff**

**CHURCH OFFICE PHONE:**

414-464-2410

**WEB SITE:** covenantlutheranmke.com

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**FACEBOOK:** Covenant Lutheran Church

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon. - Thurs.; 8:30am - 2:30pm

**PASTOR:** Steven Voigt

[pastorvoigt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorvoigt@sbcglobal.net)

**DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH:**

Karen Winefeld

**CHURCH SECRETARY:**

Alyssa Gottsacker

**FACILITY MANAGERS:**

Steve Dasher & Jim Richter

## **CECC Info**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD PHONE:** 414-438-9712

**E-MAIL:** covenantkids1@sbcglobal.net

**EARLY CHILDHOOD HOURS:**

Mon. - Fri.; 6:30am - 6pm

**Director:** Joely Douyette

# MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>2</b> 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School <b>Transfiguration Of Our Lord</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Comm. & Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	<b>6</b> 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	<b>7</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School <b>First Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	<b>13</b> 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Mission & Ministry Council Mtg.	<b>14</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School <b>Second Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	<b>20</b> 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	<b>21</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School <b>Third Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1:30pm Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	<b>27</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>28</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School <b>Fourth Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>31</b> 1:30pm Prayer Team					

**Northwest Spring Break — March 24 to 30**

# Holy Week Worship



**Maundy Thursday - April 17**

6:30 p.m.



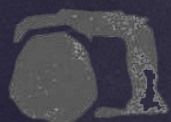
**Good Friday - April 18**

1:30 & 6:30 p.m.



**Easter Sunday - April 20**

Traditional at 9:00 a.m.



Praise at 10:30 a.m.

**Easter Breakfast** will be served

8:30 to 11:00 a.m.



**NORTHWEST IS  
CELEBRATING  
BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

**Friday, February 28**

**at 1:30pm**

**in Covenant's Sanctuary**



## **Church Worker Grant**

The Foundation provides grants for college students pursuing church work careers – pastor, teacher, DCE, etc. If you would like to request a grant from the Foundation for the 2025-2026 school year, please submit your request in a letter to the Foundation. Please include the college or university you are attending and the program that you are enrolled in. Letters must be submitted by May 1.

**EGG FILLING PARTY**  
**SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**FOR DATE & TIME!**



**DONATIONS OF  
WRAPPED CANDY  
ARE NEEDED**

Covenant Lutheran Church

**Easter Egg  
= Hunt =**

**Saturday, April 19**  
**at 10:30 a.m.**

Ages:  
1 year old to  
4th grade

No  
Cost!

Don't Forget  
Your Basket!

Meet in  
the Parking  
Lot!

\*IF RAINING, SNOWING, OR COLD  
THE HUNT WILL BE INDOORS!



## **Godspeed and Farewell**

On Sunday, February 2, Covenant bid farewell to church organist and choir director, Bill Laesch. Bill has now officially retired from his position at Covenant and has moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Bill thoroughly enjoyed working at Covenant and he cherishes the many friendships he made here. It was a difficult decision but he finally made the move to the desert southwest for health and financial reasons.

William (Bill) Laesch graduated from Milwaukee Lutheran High School in 1959. He received his bachelor's degree in music education from Milton College in 1964 and his master's degree from Michigan State University in 1972. Bill's first teaching position was at Menasha Wisconsin High School leading the choirs. Bill then served Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lake Worth, Florida from 1978 to 1988 as organist, choir director and fourth grade teacher in the Christian day school. Bill accepted the call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Haven, Indiana in 1988 and served there until 1991 as organist, choir director and second grade teacher. Bill then went to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to serve as organist and choir director and third grade teacher from 1991-1996. Along the way, Bill continued to further his education. He received his DCE Certification in 1999 and his Lay Ministry Certification from CUW in 2001. Bill served as Music Director and Christian Education Coordinator at Christ Lutheran Church in Albuquerque from 1996-1999. He moved to Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska from 1999-2000. He then served as Minister of Musci at Zion Lutheran Church in New Holstein, Wisconsin from 2001-2007.



Bill began serving at Covenant in the Fall of 2018. We are ever grateful for his work here as choir director and organist. We remember fondly his three organ recitals at Covenant. We give praise and thanks to God for this dedicated church musician. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:23).

Bill Laesch with  
friend, Bill, at the  
75th anniversary.

## **2024 Statistical Report**

Baptized Members: 219  
Infant Baptisms: 1  
Adult Baptisms: 0

Confirmed Members: 185  
Juniors Confirmed: 0  
Adults Confirmed: 0  
Funerals: 6  
Weddings: 3

Average Weekly Attendance: 86

## *Birthdays*

### **March 5**

Pamela Buck  
Mark Wulz

### **March 8**

Brian Pratt  
RyLeigh Rimmel

### **March 9**

Dan Gottsacker  
Danny Peterson  
Sandy Randazzo

### **March 10**

Megan Dills  
Bill Laesch

### **March 16**

Jonathan Buck

### **March 18**

Maverick Dills

### **March 19**

Khloe Rimmel-Watts

### **March 20**

Craig Wangard

### **March 21**

Lauren Krueger  
Juliet Kruse  
Darlene Peters

### **March 23**

Meta Harrington

### **March 24**

Georgia Cucinello

### **March 25**

Daniel Frank

### **March 27**

Jim Newton

### **March 28**

Destiny Newton

### **March 30**

Finleigh Gottsacker

## *Anniversaries*

### **March 17**

Tim & Ashley Wallinger

### **March 19**

Mark & Janice Wulz

### **March 26**

Craig & Dawn Wangard

### **March 29**

Bob & Jacquie Zeman

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