



Covenant *Tidings*

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The season of Lent begins on February 18 with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of repentance, cleansing, turning around and reorienting ourselves casting out idols that have set up shop in our hearts and minds, throwing ourselves on God's mercy and seeking forgiveness for all that has gone wrong within us and all the damage we have visited on those around us.

In this Lenten season, we are reminded that we are buried with Christ into his death so that we might live with him in his resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for him. In our midweek Lenten series, "Dying His Death – Living His Life," we will contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessing of new life in Christ.

February 18: Dying to Sin – Living in Forgiveness

February 25: Dying to Pride – Living for Others

March 4: Dying to Greed – Living for the Treasures of Heaven

March 11: Dying to Doubt – Living by Faith

March 18: Dying to Turmoil – Living in Peace

March 25: Dying to Judgement – Living in Grace

Please join us on these Wednesdays in Lent at 1:30 or 6:30 p.m. Lenten suppers will be served at 5:30 pm. each week. We will also have available daily devotions for Lent for children and adults. Lent is a special time to remember all that Jesus endured to accomplish our salvation and bring us into the kingdom of God. Please take advantage of these opportunities for worship and fellowship.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Steve Voigt*

FINANCE UPDATE

Praise God that we finished the year 2025 with a positive cash balance. God continues to provide for our daily needs and the members of Covenant have always been faithful in sharing their blessings for the work of God's kingdom. Through your generous contributions we were able to give \$12,000 for mission work locally and around the world. We fulfilled our pledge to the Lutheran High School Association (now We Teach Truth) to provide a Christ-centered learning experience to more than 2,000 elementary and high school students. For the year 2026, we have committed \$15,000 to both the SWD and We Teach Truth.

The year-end surplus of funds was due in large part to the \$19,925 in grant money received from the State of Wisconsin for our Covenant Early Childhood Center. We also received \$43,000 of income from our lease agreement between the Northwest Lutheran School Association and LUMIN. The state grant program is expected to continue through July of 2026 and we will continue to receive lease income from LUMIN this year.

Because we had a positive cash balance at the end of 2025, we have given a gift of \$5,000 to A Place of Refuge for their ministry to women in crisis pregnancy situations. The remainder of the surplus cash will be kept in the church account as we anticipate future building and maintenance expenses for this year. For example, the parking lot will need to be resealed this summer and we are hoping it will not need more extensive repair work. Thanks again to all of our members who have been so faithful and generous in giving. Ultimately, we give all thanks and praise to God because He is the Giver of all that we are and have!

Annual A Place of Refuge Ministries Meeting February 22 at 4pm

The annual meeting for *A Place of Refuge Ministries*, our Milwaukee area LCMS ministry to pregnant women in need, is scheduled for **Sunday, February 22, 2026, 4:00pm** at **Covenant Lutheran Church**. The afternoon begins with a **worship service** at 4:00 with Pastor Alfonso Prada as our preacher. This is followed by a short **business meeting** and then a free **catered meal**. We ask everyone to please register, so that we will have enough meals available. All friends of *A Place of Refuge* are invited! Each church may send a pastoral and lay delegate. Registration link:
www.aplaceofrefuge.org/annual-meeting or
call (414) 760.2483 or
follow the QR code.



LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

STARTING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

AT 1:30 & 6:30 P.M.

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED AT 5:30 P.M.

"DYING HIS DEATH, LIVING HIS LIFE"

In Lent, we are reminded that we are buried with Christ in his death so that we might live with him in his resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for him. In word and song in these worship services for the holy season contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School	2 5:00pm 8th grade Confirmation	3	4 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Communion Service & Fellowship 7:30pm Dartball	5 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	6 8:00pm AA Meeting	7
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany						
8 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School	9 5:00pm 8th grade Confirmation	10	11 8:30am NW Chapel 7:30pm Dartball	12 10:00am Bible Study	13 NW—No School 8:00pm AA Meeting	14
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany						
15 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School	16 5:00pm 8th grade Confirmation	17	18 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Lenten Midweek Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Midweek Service 7:00pm AA Monthly Board Meeting	19 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	20 8:00pm AA Meeting	21
Transfiguration Of Our Lord						
22 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 4:00pm Annual APOR Meeting At Covenant	23 10:30am Prayer Team 5:00pm 8th grade Confirmation	24	25 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Lenten Midweek Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Midweek Service	26 10:00am Bible Study 1:30pm Northwest Black History Program	27 NW—No School 8:00pm AA Meeting	28
First Sunday In Lent						

Official Acts

Ushers

9:30 a.m.

Phil Murphy Karen Winefeld
Maria Riley Dave Valdes
Marge Valdes Steve Dasher
Traci Murphy

Altar Guild

Suzanne Dettmann
Jane Buck
Angela Nummerdor

Greeters

February 1

9:30am—Jim Williams & Bob Schultz

February 8

9:30am—Len & Mary Ernst

February 15

9:30am—Mike & Julie Pergande

February 22

9:30am—Bob & Sue Patten

SPECIAL GIFTS

Birthday Fund \$40
DCF Grant..... \$1,098
Helping Hands Food Pantry..... \$50
Initial Offering..... \$220
Portals of Prayer..... \$220



LOVE
Never fails.
1 Corinthians 13:8

Want Mail?

Currently we are mailing to people who are unable to make it to church.

We have...

Weekly—Sermon, Bulletin,
& Announcement

Monthly—Newsletter

Quarterly—Portals of Prayer

Specials—Lent/Advent Devotions

If you are interested in any of these mailings, please contact Alyssa in the church office.

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Altar Guild News

Altar Guild is pleased to welcome Chris Dadtka to Altar Guild. Thank you Chris for volunteering your service. Altar Guild is organized into 4 teams, each team serving three months during the year and special services. As members we set-up and clean-up for weekly communion services and other special services throughout the year. Thank you to Lynda Kopp, Lisa Frederick, Leann Meyer, Georgia Cucinello, Suzanne Dettmann, Angela Nummerdor, Nancy Keck, Colleen Gottsacker, Kaye Maletzke, Diana Lafford, Diana Streil, Marcia Rosynek, Judy Weiss, and Jane Buck for being a member of Altar Guild. Thank you to all.

NORTHWEST IS
CELEBRATING
BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH

Thursday, February 26
at 1:30pm
in Covenant's Sanctuary



Holy Communion

God offers much strength and comfort through the precious sacrament of Holy Communion.

Through the body and blood of Christ we receive forgiveness for our sins and the strength to live as the redeemed people of God. Someone has said, "In this eating and drinking, Christians get as close as humanly possible to Jesus this side of heaven."

If you are unable to attend worship services in person because of a health issue, please call

Pastor Voigt to set up a time for individual communion. This can be done at your home, at the church on a one-on-one basis, or as a drive-thru communion. Please take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual strength and assurance.

Birthdays

February 2

Taylor Evans

Justin Kerby

Jaina Riley

February 3

Josh Voigt

February 4

Melody Gonzales

February 9

Mai-Nhia Kruse

Brianna Rivera

February 10

Aniyah Flagg

Mike Pergande

February 15

James Dills

February 16

Gabe Frank

February 17

Mary Miller

June Peters

February 18

Sue Patten

Tyler Wallinger

February 25

Brian Valdes

February 27

Samantha Pratt

Anniversaries

February 4

Ron & Terry Engel

February 12

Brian & Nicole Valdes

February 25

Dale & Leann Meyer

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