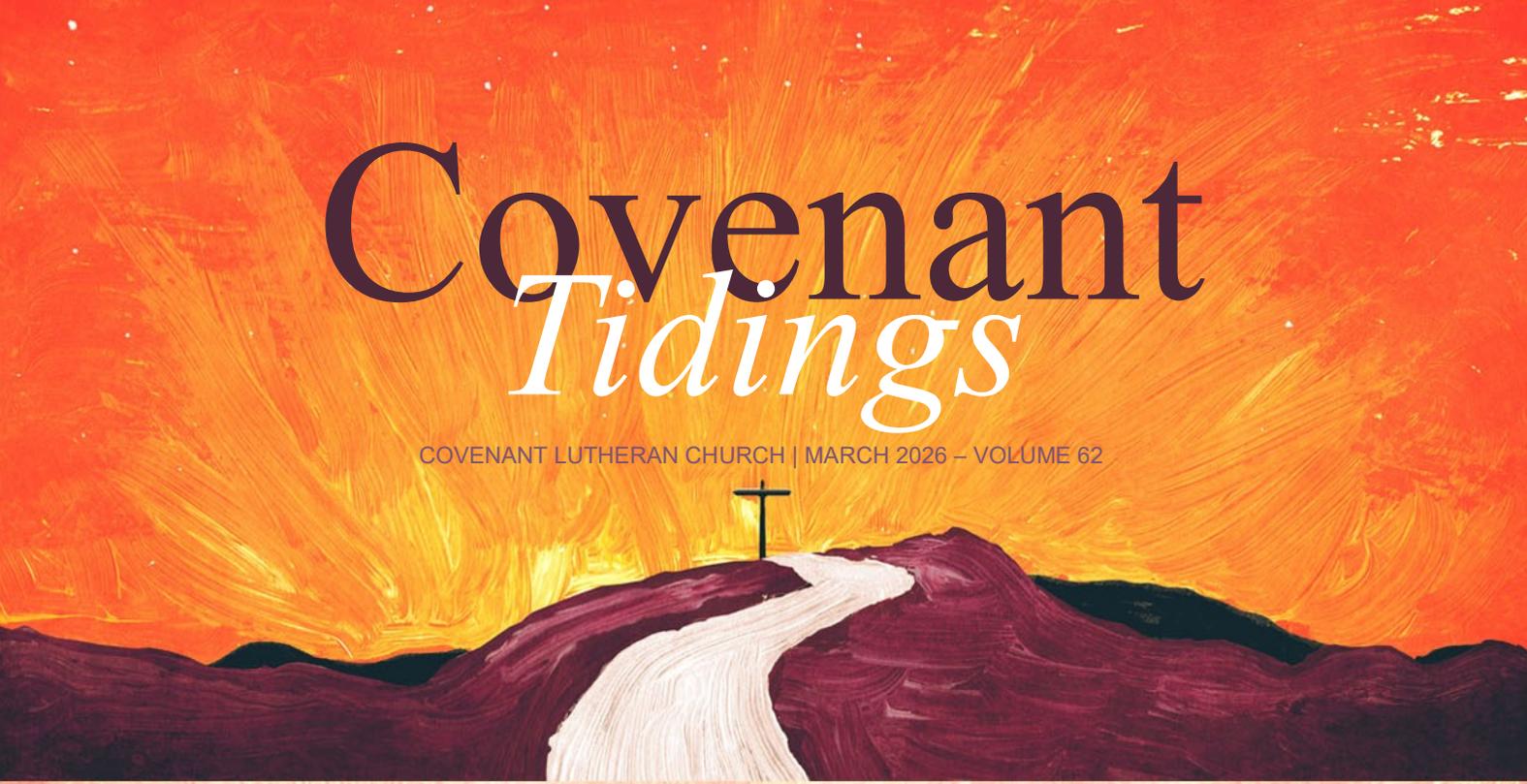


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COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH | MARCH 2026 – VOLUME 62



Jesus tells a parable in Matthew 18 that gets to the heart of the Lenten season. In the “Parable of the Unmerciful Servant” (Matthew 18:21-35), a king is settling accounts with his servants. A man who owed him millions of dollars is brought to him. The king demands payment but because the man is unable to pay, he orders that the man, his wife, and their children be sold to repay the debt. The man falls to his knees and says, “Be patient with me and I will pay back everything.” The king has mercy on the man and cancels the debt. He doesn’t simply give him more time. He doesn’t agree to a partial payment. He doesn’t offer a repayment plan with no interest and no payments until 2027. No, he forgives the debt. The man doesn’t owe a penny! What a relief that must have been!

That same servant then goes out and finds a man who owes him a couple hundred dollars. He grabs the man by the throat and begins to choke him saying, “Pay back what you owe me!” The fellow servant falls to his knees and offers the same plea as the first man. “Be patient with me and I will pay back everything.” But he refuses. He has the man thrown into prison until he can pay the debt.

The point of the parable is very obvious. We are that first man. We owe a tremendous debt to God because of our sin. We are sinners by nature. We sin much in our thoughts, words and actions. It’s a debt so big we can’t possibly pay it. We need help. And not from a loan shark, or the local payday loan place, or from a rich uncle. We need the help that only God can provide. And He did! He sent His Son, Jesus, to take on our debt, to pay for our sin completely and forever at the cross. Through the sacrifice of His own Son, God has canceled our debt. God doesn’t hold our sins against us. He doesn’t demand payment (which we couldn’t provide anyway). Our sin is forgiven in Jesus. What a relief that is!

Now God calls us to follow His example, to be merciful to others, to forgive others as we have been forgiven. God has cancelled the huge debt of our sin through Christ and now we are to forgive the little debts of others. We say it in the Lord’s Prayer. “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”

In this season of Lent, remember God’s mercy and love for you, remember the sacrifice of Jesus at the cross that cancels the debt of your sin, and extend that same love and mercy and forgiveness to others.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve Voigt

Official Acts

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 1

9:30am—Diana Lafford & Pat Holz

March 8

9:30am—Keith & Marcia Rosynek

March 15

9:30am—Brian & Kaye Maletzke

March 22

9:30am—Dale & Leann Meyer

March 29

9:30am—Phil & Traci Murphy

Worship Assistants

March 1

9:30am—Alex Gottsacker & Rick Winn

March 8

9:30am—Mason Jacobs & Dale Meyer

March 15

9:30am—Peter Buck & Jerry Anson

March 22

9:30am—Tom Buck & Alex Gottsacker

March 29

9:30am—Rick Winn & Mason Jacobs

**Volunteers needed for Maundy Thursday, 4/2, and
Easter Sunday, 4/5, at 9:00 & 10:30pm.*

SPECIAL GIFTS

Birthday Fund.....	\$124
DCF Grant.....	\$1,246
Initial Offering.....	\$127
Lutheran Hour Ministries.....	\$247
Portals of Prayer.....	\$130

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Alyssa Gottsacker

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March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Second Sunday In Lent	2 5:00pm 8th Confirmation	3	4 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Comm. & Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	5 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	6 8:00pm AA Meeting	7
8 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Daylight Savings Third Sunday In Lent	9 5:00pm 8th Confirmation	10	11 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	12 10:00am Bible Study	13 8:00pm AA Meeting	14
15 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Fourth Sunday In Lent	16	17	18 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:00pm AA Monthly Mtg.	19 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship 6:30PM Mission & Ministry Council Meeting	20 8:00pm AA Meeting	21
22 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Fifth Sunday In Lent	23 5:00pm 8th Confirmation	24 10:00am Easter Egg Filling Party	25 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	26 10:00am Bible Study	27 8:00pm AA Meeting	28 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 2:00pm Conway/Day Wedding
29 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Palm Sunday	30 10:30am Prayer Team 5:00pm 8th Confirmation	31				

Northwest Spring Break – March 30 to April 3

MISSIONARY NEWS

REV. MATT AND KALI WOOD

Matt and Kali serve with LCMS World Missions in Medan, Indonesia. Matt serves as the LCMS Asia region Area Facilitator with responsibilities in Japan, south Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, and Australia. He works with local church leaders to develop mission strategies and connect local church partners with LCMS congregations. Matt works closely with the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI). He helps train pastors and lay leaders for the GKLI by providing continuing education and resource development. Pray for Matt and Kali and their four children as they serve the Lord in Asia. To make a one-time donation or a recurring gift for their ministry, please go to lcms.org/wood.

REV. DAVID AND VALERIE FEDERWITZ

David is the Director of Partnerships and Scripture Engagement. In this role, he investigates requests for assistance and invitations for new partnership opportunities regularly received by Lutheran Bible Translators. He also nurtures existing partnerships with Bible societies, national church bodies, and local non-profit organizations worldwide. Through intentional dialog with these partners and the workers serving in the language projects, David helps them identify the most impactful ways to make God's Word accessible to more people so they can have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Valerie serves on the member care team, supporting the health and wellbeing of missionaries and office staff through her role as Nutrition and Wellness Advisor.

Please continue to pray for David and Valerie and their family. To support this ministry, visit LBT.org.

For the Lord God will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced;
Therefore I have set My face like a flint,
And I know that I will not be ashamed.
Isaiah 50:7

March 8, 2026



Spring Forward
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Birthdays

March 5

Pamela Buck
Mark Wulz

March 8

Brian Pratt
RyLeigh Rimmel

March 9

Dan Gottsacker
Danny Peterson
Sandra Randazzo

March 10

Megan Dills
Bill Laesch

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

Dylan Johnson

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

2025 Statistical Report

Baptized Members: 221
Infant Baptisms: 4
Adult Baptisms: 0

Confirmed Members: 182
Juniors Confirmed: 1
Adults Confirmed: 2
Funerals: 5
Weddings: 1

Average Weekly Attendance: 85

South Wisconsin District Student Financial Aid

Anyone attending a Concordia University or Seminary, is a member of an LCMS congregation in the SWD and is preparing to be a full-time church worker (pastor, teacher, deaconess, DCE/DCO, DFLM, DPM, lay minister) is encouraged to apply. There are two applications required (District Financial Aid Application and Personal Aid Application). Both are available on the SWD website - www.swd.lcms.org/AID. Applications are due the District Office by May 15.

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
FEBRUARY 24
10:00AM!

**DONATIONS OF
WRAPPED CANDY
ARE NEEDED**



Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday - April 2

1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday - April 3

1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

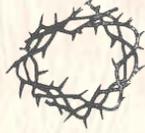
Easter Sunday - April 5

Traditional at 9:00 a.m.

Praise at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast will be served

8:30 to 11:00 a.m.



Covenant Lutheran Church

**Easter Egg
= Hunt =**

Saturday, March 28
at 10:00 a.m.

Ages:
1 year old to
4th grade

No
Cost!

Don't Forget
Your Basket!

Meet in
the Church!

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





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