

## STOP, LOOK, & LISTEN

Why should we observe Lent?

We observe Lent because it causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile." Lent says, "Stop doing wrong."

We observe Lent because it tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ with healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.

We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words are important for our safety in travel, but they may also be helpful for our journey through the days of Lent.

## BIBLE QUIZ

The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the selfless, sacrificial love that God shows to humanity?

- A. Eros
- B. Phileo
- C. Agape
- D. Storge

*Answer: C (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

A brief look into ancient religious history is revealing to me. Early in the Bible, God had a rocky relationship with His chosen people. They agreed to worship the One True God, but privately they worshipped Baal and other gods of their neighbors.

The Roman Catholic Church's efforts didn't do much better than the early Hebrews. They put into the belief structure many 'man-made rules'.

Our more recent 'Protestant' Lutheran efforts at REFORMATION made some of the right moves, but more needs to be done.

Religious Reformation, like our Baptism, is more than just a past, one-time event. It is that, but it is more. It is a daily, every moment relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the last 15 years, a new form of Reformation has become available for Faith Lutheran. The NALC presentation on a long banner, speaks of the four Core Values that shape our beliefs. These values put Jesus Christ at the heart of our beliefs.

The mission Jesus Christ gives us is rooted and grounded in all the traditional Scripture. This mission is based in our local Faith Congregation.

Pastor Don Safrit

# CHURCH CALENDAR

- 2/1 10:30am Annual Congregational Meeting
- 2/2 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting in Assembly Room
- 2/7 10:00am-12:00pm CRAFT: Pocket Prayer Quilts in Assembly Room
- 2/8 **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**  
4:00pm Young Adults Meeting in Assembly Room (Make Valentine's Day Cards & Devotionals for Homebound Members)
- 2/9 5:00pm Social Ministry Meeting in Assembly Room
- 2/14 **VALENTINE'S DAY**
- 2/15 4:00pm All Youth Meeting (Thomas Family)
- 2/17 **SHROVE TUESDAY**  
5:30pm-7:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Family Life Center
- 2/18 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship
- 2/21 9:00am-1:30pm Confirmation Class  
11:00am-3:00pm FLC Reserved (Linda Walker)
- 2/22 4:00pm MS/HS Youth Luther League at Union Lutheran (Sheets Family)
- 2/25 6:00pm First Lenten Meal & Bible Study

## WEDNESDAYS – 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25

- 10:00am – Bible Study / Chapel
- 6:30pm – Handbells (Sunday Mornings During Lent)
- 7:30pm – Choir Practice

## SUNDAYS – 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

- 9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship
- 9:30am – Sunday School
- 10:30am – Worship

# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Oaklee Asbury  
Brenda Earnhardt Bowers  
Chloe Thomas
- 6 – Becky Williams
- 7 – Lindsay Kluttz
- 10 – Julie Bruce
- 14 – Jeffery Kluttz
- 18 – Dylan Overcash  
Ethan Overcash  
Kayla Overcash  
Cody Laws
- 20 – Perry McKnight
- 21 – Garrett Ingold  
Reagan Bradshaw
- 24 – Judy Cobb
- 25 – Mallory Parker
- 28 – Ted Peeler  
Trey Hudson  
Donna Ludwig

## ANNIVERSARIES

David & Rhonda Alderman

## CUB SCOUTS

**Dates:** Thursdays – 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26  
**Times:** 7:00pm-8:00pm

## WiFFLe

**Dates:** Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC  
**Times:** 10:00am-11:00am



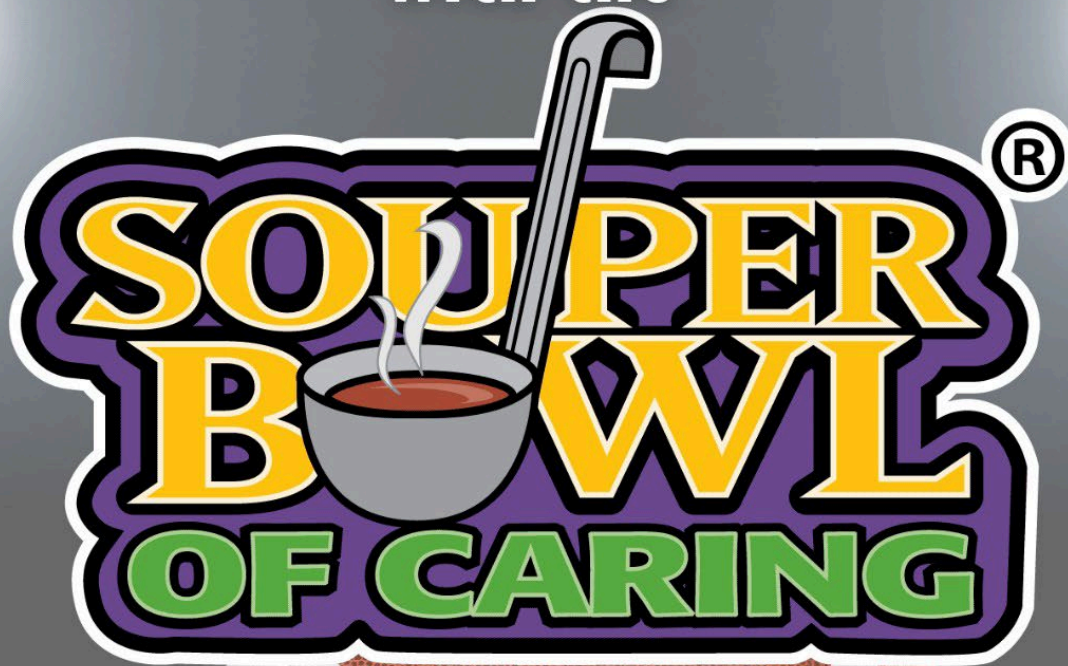
## JOIN US: POCKET PRAYER QUILTING

The Women of Faith invite everyone for a crafting project on Saturday, February 7th from 10:00am to 12:00pm. We will be making Pocket Prayer Quilts (sew a tiny quilt, add a cross, stitch it closed, and attach a printed prayer) as comforting reminders of God's love for Valentine's week. We hope you'll join us as we craft these meaningful prayer gifts!

*\*Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*



# Help us tackle Hunger with the



## February 8, 2026

### How to Give

Donate to Rowan Helping Ministries on or before February 8, 2026,  
designating your gift via cash or check to the Souper Bowl of Caring  
OR online at [www.rowanhelpingministries.org/donate](http://www.rowanhelpingministries.org/donate)



Donate today, be a game changer!





February 17th - April 5th

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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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## SHROVE TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: **February 17th • 5:30PM**

Ash Wednesday Worship + Communion: **February 18th • 7:00PM**

## LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

2026 Lenten Meals & Studies - God's Great Gift Of Grace To Us!

**February 25th + March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th • 6:00PM**

## PALM SUNDAY

Sunday of the Passion Worship: **March 29th • 10:30AM**

Easter Egg Hunt: **March 29th • 3:00PM**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

Maundy Thursday Worship + Communion: **April 2nd • 7:00PM**

Good Friday Worship: **April 3rd • 7:00PM**

## EASTER SUNDAY

Faith Community Easter Sunrise Service: **April 5th • 7:30am at  
Shiloh Reformed Church**

Easter Breakfast + Sunday School: **April 5th • 8:30am**

Easter Worship: **April 5th • 10:30am**

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**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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# LENT 2026: GOD'S GREAT GIFT OF GRACE TO US

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As believers, we possess solid doctrine, based on Holy Scripture. Our 2026 Lenten Studies are a time to refocus... refresh... relook at these beliefs. A time to ask and get answers to questions you've had on Sundays as you participate in worship.

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## **Session 1: Prayer & "Our Lord's Prayer"**

**February 25th • Meal at 6:00PM • Studies at 6:45PM**

Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayer?

What's Wrong With Saying "OMG"?

God, Do You Forgive Me Of My Sins 'As' I Forgive Others?

## **Session 2: Apostles & Nicene Creed**

**March 4th • Meal at 6:00PM • Studies at 6:45PM**

What's This About Jesus Descending Into 'Hell'?

Why Do I Say "I Believe In The Holy Catholic Church"?

What Is The 'Apostolic' Church?

## **Session 3: Incarnation**

**March 11th • Meal at 6:00PM • Studies at 6:45PM**

How Can Jesus Be Both God And Man?

## **Session 4: Salvation**

**March 18th • Meal at 6:00PM • Studies at 6:45PM**

Can You Please Explain These 'Church' Words?

Justification, Sanctification, Atonement, Grace, And Faith

## **Session 5: Confession & Forgiveness**

**March 25th • Meal at 6:00PM • Studies at 6:45PM**

Why do we confess our sins every Sunday?

Why do we have liturgy every Sunday?

"Why Me Lord?"

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God bless us as we meet, study, and pray during this Lenten Season.

**Pastor Don • Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**



# February YOUTH CORNER



## SIGN UP: FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

**Any first/second grade youth that wishes to participate in first communion training** please contact the church office so that we can compile a list for training in the fall.



## YOUTH WILL MEET IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER 4PM TO 5PM:

*No Youth February 1st.*

**February 8th:** K-5 Youth. Peeler/Bost Family

**February 15th:** All Youth. Thomas Family.

**February 22nd:** Luther League (Middle/High School) at Union Lutheran. Sheets Family.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Saturday, February 21st:** 9:00am to 1:30pm. Pizza will be provided.



## CMR YOUTH SPRING RETREAT 2026

**Register by February 22nd.** 6th-12th Grade Youth. April 17-19. Murrells Inlet, SC.

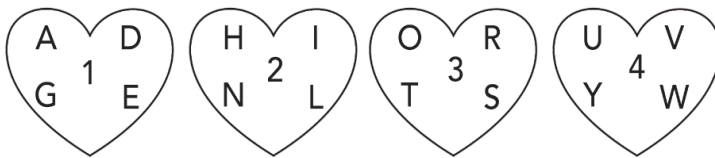


# Puzzle!

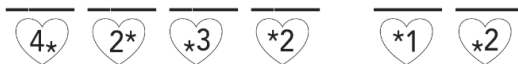
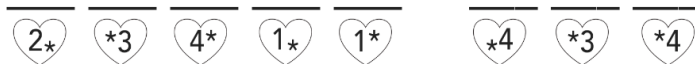
We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

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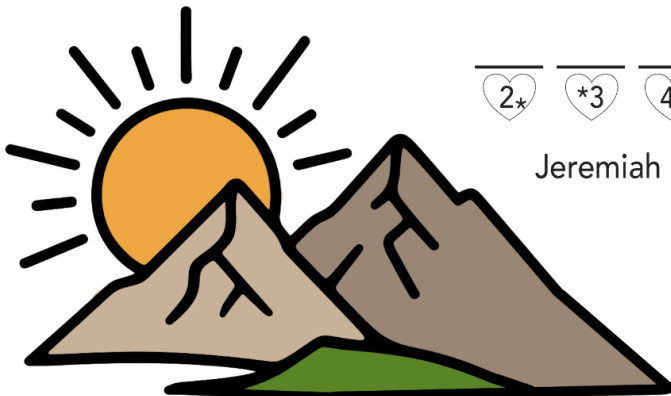
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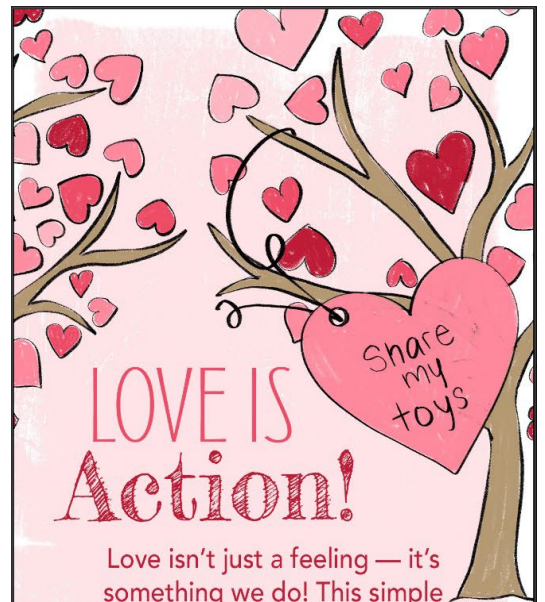
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Jeremiah 31:3



Answer: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."



Love isn't just a feeling — it's something we do! This simple activity reminds us that acts of love, big or small, can grow and bless others.

## What you need:

- Construction paper (brown for the trunk, pinks and reds for hearts)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons



## What you do:

1. Cut a large tree trunk and branches out of brown paper and glue it onto a sheet of paper or poster board.
2. Use colorful paper to cut several hearts — these will be your "leaves."
3. On each heart, write loving actions like "share my toys," "pray for others," or "help clean up."
4. Glue the hearts onto the branches to create a full, love-filled tree.
5. Hang it somewhere visible as a reminder to put love into action every day!



DATE	TOTAL OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
DECEMBER 28	\$13,137.00	38 Sunday School, 68 Worship
JANUARY 4	\$5,737.00	41 Sunday School, 97 Worship
JANUARY 11	\$3,930.70	56 Sunday School, 103 Worship
JANUARY 18	\$4,670.23	37 Sunday School, 59 Worship
JANUARY 25	SERVICE CANCELLED DUE TO WINTER WEATHER	

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH				
	FEB. 1	FEB. 8	FEB. 15	FEB. 22
Acolytes	Reagan Bradshaw, Sailor Shoaf	Adam Short, Caylee Sheets	Mia Spinella, Julianna Sheets	Griffin Alderman, Sydney Alderman
Audio/Broadcast Team	David Alderman, Aaron Smith, Jeff Mills, Jeff Overcash, Caitlin Rimmer			
Children's Church	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Jennifer Alderman	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Julie & Sarah Parker
Children's Message	Pastor Don	Lu Gamewell	Tim Williams	<i>Faith Kids Sing</i>
Church Sign	Meredyth Fisher & Sally Drew			
Communion Prep.	Vicki Fink & Becky Williams			
Fellowship Refreshments	Perry & Robin McKnight	Randy & LeaAnn Buckwell	Kenny & Meredyth Fisher	Chad & Jamie Sheets
Lector	Lisa Painter	Ken Fink	Jayne Lingle	Jeremy Alderman
Nursery	Amanda Meacham, Holly Moody	Carolyn Rogers, Crystal Bradshaw	Stephanie Barkley, Marissa Asbury	Jamie Sheets, Chris Earnhardt
Offering Tellers	Reid Bradshaw, Lisa Painter			
Ushers	Rick Painter, Dwight Bradshaw, Reid Bradshaw, Donnie Gandy			
2026 Council Members	Rhonda Alderman, Dwight Bradshaw, Randy Buckwell, Dallas Cobb ( <i>Vice President</i> ), Chandra Fink, Lisa Laws, Perry McKnight ( <i>President</i> ), Jake Moose, Laura Peeler ( <i>Secretary</i> )			

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