March/April 2026

Campus Sojourner

Family & Friends of Elmer Joseph Koenig celebrate as he was Baptized into the Family of Christ on March 15, 2026.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday
8:30 am First Service
9:45 am Education Hour
11:00 am Second Service

Monday
3:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm QuarterLife
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday
10:00 am Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm Friends in Faith

Wednesday
10:00 am Sonshine Ladies Bible Study
3:00 pm Monthly Mid-Week Communion Service (2nd Wednesday)
5:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
8:00 pm Shared Ministry Prayer Group - Zoom Meeting
8:30 pm The Gathering

Thursday
7:00 am Early Thursday Morning Bible Study:2nd & 4th Thursdays (In-person & Zoom Meeting)

Friday
Pastor Kent's Day Off
10:00 am American English for You

The Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, April 4th from 9:30 am - 10:30 am.** Egg Hunt, Crafts, Cookie Decorating.
Please use the link below to register and share with friends and family!
https://campus.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/202/responses/new

Please consider giving candy and small toy treats for the egg hunt. Candy and treats can be left in the CONNECT Room by the TV and **needs to be delivered by Palm Sunday, March 29th**. We can use help during Holy Week to stuff the plastic eggs. Questions — contact Beth beth.greimann@campusluthrean.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

3rd Annual Red Cross Blood Drive
Our third annual Red Cross blood drive will be **Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 10 AM to 3 PM** in the Community Life Center. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CLC to schedule an appointment or scan the QR Code.

Questions, call Sarah Pellis at 573-819-7002. sarahjpellis@gmail.com

Living and Sharing the Transforming Love of Christ

Pastor's Corner

Dear friends in Christ,

As we enter this Easter season, we rejoice in the good news that changes everything: Jesus is risen. But Easter is not only a day we celebrate; it is a life we are invited to live.

In the weeks ahead, we will journey together through a new series, "Raised to Life: Worship, Serve, Grow." Drawing from the apostle Peter's first letter, we will explore what it means to live as resurrection people who are shaped daily by God's grace and grounded in the living hope we have in Christ.

Peter writes to believers who knew uncertainty, hardship, and pressure from the world around them. And yet, his message is not one of fear, but of confidence. Because Jesus lives, they, and we, are given a new identity, a secure hope, and a calling to live differently.

Over these six weeks, we will reflect on how resurrection life takes shape in us:

- as we worship God with joy and reverence,
- as we serve others with humility and sacrificial love,
- and as we grow together in faith and community.

This series is an invitation. An invitation to let the power of the resurrection reach into every corner of our lives, not just on Sundays, but in our homes, our workplaces, our relationships, and our challenges.

My prayer is that, together, we would be equipped and encouraged to live as God's holy people—confident in His promises, rooted in His grace, and active in His mission.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In His joy and peace,

Pastor Kent

Pastor Kent Pierce

Weekly Worship and Study Themes

Resurrected to Hope – 1 Peter 1:3-9 (APRIL 12)
Worship: Rejoicing in the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection, even amid trials.

Set Apart in Love – 1 Peter 1:17-25 (APRIL 19)
Serve: Living holy lives of reverent obedience, reflecting God's eternal love in our actions.

Following Christ's Example – 1 Peter 2:19-25 (APRIL 26)
Serve & Connect: Embracing suffering and injustice with humility, mirroring Christ's patience and sacrifice.

Holy Community – 1 Peter 2:2-10 (MAY 3)
Connect: Growing as God's chosen people, called to love, witness, and proclaim His goodness together.

Faith in Action – 1 Peter 3:13-22 (MAY 10)
Worship & Serve: Standing firm in faith, letting our hope and actions reflect Christ to a watching world.

Faithful Endurance in Christ – 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 (MAY 17)
Connect & Worship: Living courageously in trials, humbling ourselves, resisting the enemy, and trusting God's sustaining power, confident that His grace is sufficient for every season.

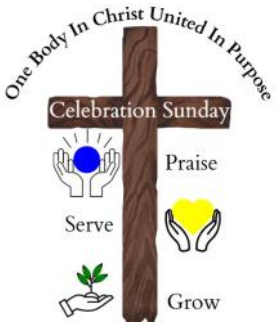
Free study resources are available for download for individuals and small groups.

campuslutheran.org/easter-study

NEWS AND NOTES—Announcements of Interest

Flowering of the Cross & Hymn Sing – Easter Sunday, April 5 at 7:45 a.m. Please bring flowers which we will attach to the "old rugged cross" as a symbol of Jesus' resurrection and the new life He has won for us by His victory over death. As we flower the cross, we will also sing some of your favorite Easter hymns.

Easter Brunch – We will have an Easter Brunch between services from 9:45 am-10:45 am on Easter Sunday, April 5. Anyone interested in contributing to the brunch: please bring breakfast breads (muffins, coffee cake, nut breads, bagels, etc.), juice or fruit. There will be a free-will offering for the Lutheran Family and Children's Services.



Celebration Sunday - Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 19, 2026** and plan to join us for the annual Celebration Sunday event at Campus Lutheran Church. There will be a congregational meeting and a tea party for the Grace Road children at 9:30 AM. **One worship service at 10:00 AM** followed by a special event with fellowship and a selection of catered food items for everyone to enjoy. As a congregation, we will celebrate together one body in Christ united in purpose to praise, serve, and grow. The theme and text for the day is Set Apart in Love from 1 Peter 1:17-25. Due to the parking situation, we are having a sign-up sheet to reserve close parking in our lot for those with accessibility or handicap needs or that just need to be close to the vicinity to better accommodate those persons. More information to come soon on parking. Any questions? Ask the Celebration Planning Committee - Rachel Skrabal, Deb Linneman, Katie Brown, Cindy Craig, Lugine Hein, Deanna Leimbach, and Hope Kane.

Sign Up! The annual For Columbia event is happening on **Saturday, April 25**. Information can be found in the Connect Room. Registration is now open at ForColumbia.com or scan the QR Code. Contact Sarah Pellis at 573.819.7002 or sarahjpellis@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Are You Graduating This Spring?

If you are graduating from College, Grad School or High School this spring, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

VBS Save the Date Rainforest Falls a look at the Psalms! Wow! God! **Friday June 24th Taco dinner starts at 5 pm**
Saturday 25th starts at 9:30 am-3:00pm, Sunday 9:45 am to 10:45am closing service 11 am lunch to follow.

Please save Paper Towel tubes for rain stick art project! We need around 100! Please save brown paper packing from delivery boxes! Check with Joy and Hannah about decorating projects!

The Gathering

Galantines is always a blast! Lauren and I planned the event and found lots of crafts & snacks! The gals had a blast painting candles, snacking, making valentine cards, and hearing a devotion about God's love for us!

The Gathering has partook in the yearly Souper Bowl of Caring – Tackle the Hunger canned food drive. This year was one of the most successful drive. Our college ministry collected over 500 cans!! Words can not express how proud I am of this group! The love that we receive from the Lord does not stop at us, it overflows from us in so many ways, just like events like this.

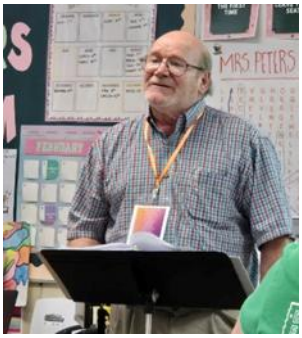
This year for the Go Leadership Retreat we had Pamela Dickerson as our speaker. It was such a blessing to have her speak about how *Living Authentically and Leading Intentionally*.

We received so much positive feedback on the retreat itself and our speaker.

The men in our group also have started up a Men's Life Group which has been so fruitful for our guys. They meet weekly and discuss the bible and sometimes they do a grill out! Can go wrong with the Word of God or some good BBQ!

Best Practices

A large group headed to Phoenix February 11th to attend Best Practices in Ministry hosted by Christ Church Lutheran. This conference began 15 years ago by Pastor Jeff Schrank, the senior pastor, to encourage pastors and other church workers in their ministries. It has grown to include lay leaders or anyone who would like to attend. It is such an uplifting and inspiring experience for all attendees! The theme each year is You Are Not Alone. This year Pastors Kent Pierce and James Lanning attended, along with Beth and Ken Greimann, Judy Alexander, Deb Linneman, Deanna Leimbach, Lugine Hein, Cindy Craig, and two of our college students Emma Roeglin and Brennen Pierce. We were joined by Pastor Dave and Jan Benson, and Christina Gronefeld, our former summer worker who just graduated from Concordia Nebraska's DCE program and is currently serving at a large church in the Houston area. We always come back energized and excited about new ideas to share God's Kingdom with others!



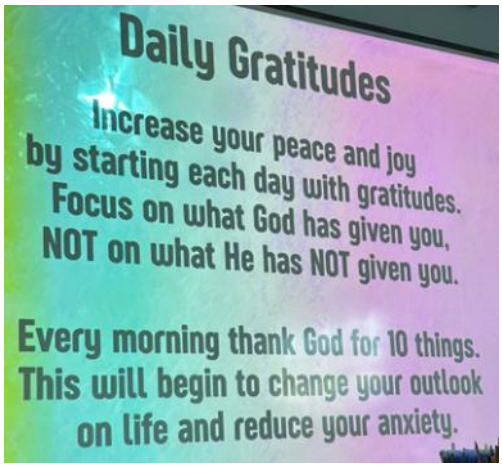
The conference lasts three days, with worship the first evening and closing worship on Saturday afternoon. There are large group plenary speakers, as well as over a hundred breakout sessions to attend. It is difficult to decide which direction to go! We each attended sessions that spoke to where we serve – synod updates, women's ministry, youth/family ministry, international ministry, congregational care, campus ministry, music, congregational mission, evangelism. Ken presented his new book at a session on grief (available on Amazon or at church!)

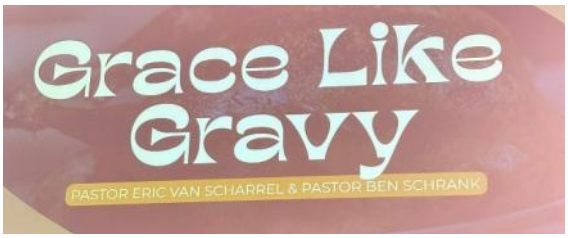
Christ Church fundraises each year to provide this conference, and over 300 volunteers work very hard to make it happen. All meals during the conference are provided, along with live music at lunch each day. Pastor Schrank seems to be everywhere at once, wearing a different costume each time!

The outdoor courtyard is lined with different organizations sharing information about their ministries – it's amazing how many charitable agencies are affiliated with the LCMS! The Rose Parade Pedal Pusher table last year inspired Lugine and Ron Hein to go to Pasadena this past December to work on the Rose Parade float Team Jesus – the only Christian float in the parade. There are so many different ways to serve His kingdom! One member is inspired to serve one day soon with Hearts & Hands for Uganda. It's fun to make new connections and visit with old friends/family!

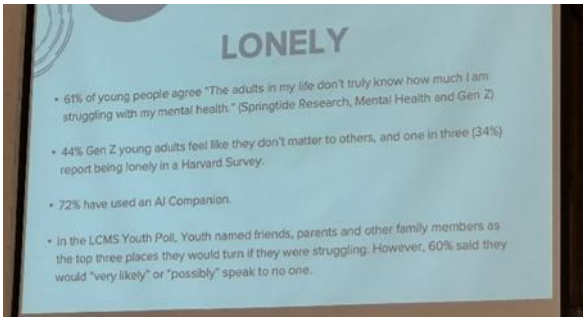
We reconnected with Deb Burma, our Women's Retreat speaker last year, visited with Donna Snow, our speaker this year, and Zach Zehnder, the author of our current church-wide study Giving Challenge.

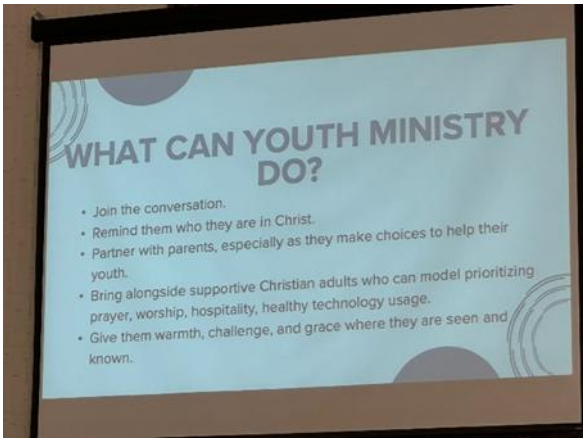
Some memorable takeaways:



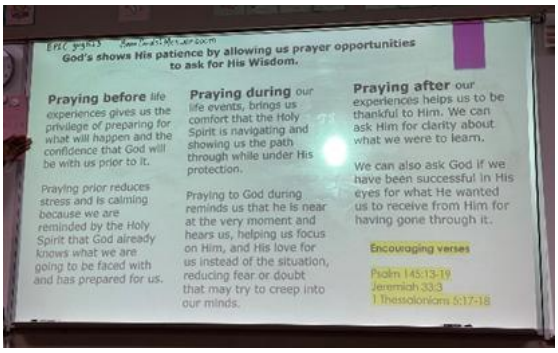


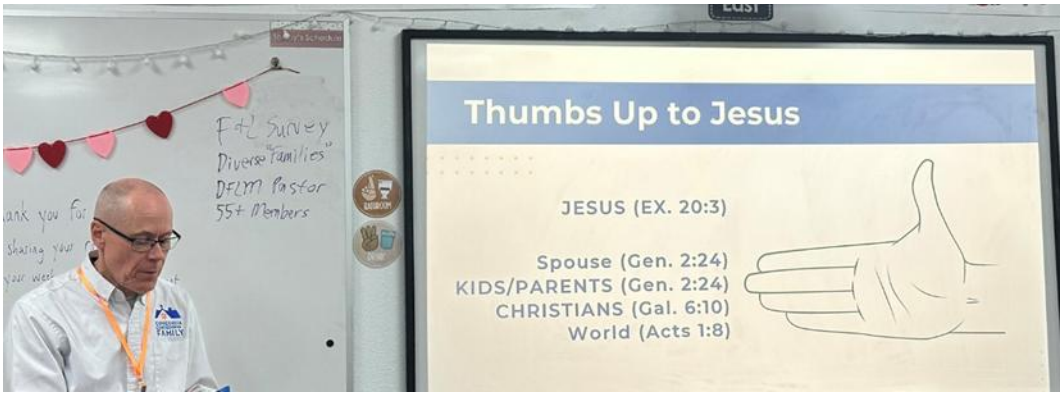
Pour out grace on others as God poured out his grace on us!





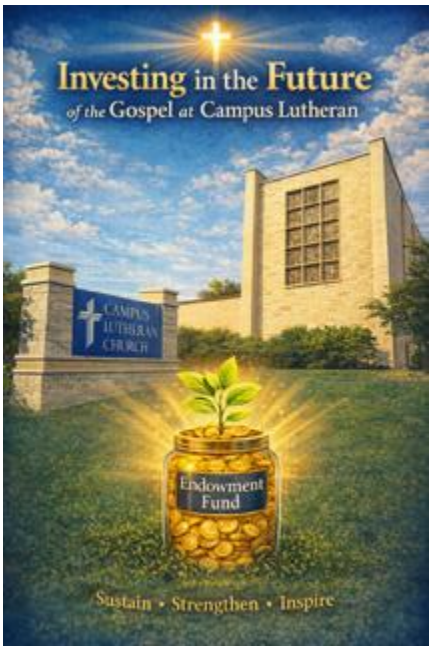
"Love Shows Up" by DCE Program Director Shelly Schwaim Concordia St. Paul





Consider attending next February 18-20 if you feel called. There are scholarships available if needed to help with flight/hotel.

Endowment Fund



Investing in the Future of the Gospel at Campus Lutheran Church
Campus Lutheran Church stands at a critical intersection. In the heart of Columbia, Missouri, we are uniquely positioned to bring the unchanging truth of Jesus Christ to a generation in flux. Every year, scores of students—both local and international—pass through our doors, searching for meaning, community, and the promise of the Gospel.

The Campus Lutheran Endowment is our commitment to ensure this mission remains vibrant, sustained, and bold for decades to come.

Why an Endowment?
A church endowment is more than a financial fund; it is a legacy of faith. While our annual offerings cover the day-to-day operations and ministry needs, the endowment functions as a foundation for our future. By growing a permanent fund where only the earnings are utilized for ministry, we create a stable bedrock that protects our mission from the volatility of economic cycles and shifting cultural tides.
When you contribute to the endowment, you are not merely giving to a budget. You are investing in:

- **Continuous Outreach:** Ensuring that the next wave of students—and the international scholars who may be hearing the name of Jesus for the first time—always have a place to worship, study, and find fellowship.
- **Theological Fidelity:** Strengthening our ability to remain a faithful Missouri Synod congregation that unapologetically preaches Christ crucified, regardless of external pressures.
- **Generational Impact:** Empowering future members of Campus Lutheran to expand our reach, improve our facilities, and train the next generation of Christian leaders.

A Legacy for the Next Generation
The work we do here is eternal. We are laboring in the field of the Lord, planting seeds in hearts that will return to their homes, their workplaces, and their future families armed with the Gospel.

Whether you are an alumnus who found a home at Campus Lutheran during your college years or a current member dedicated to seeing the mission thrive, your gift to the endowment is a testament to the belief that the Church is God's primary institution for the transformation of souls.

How to Participate
Building a permanent endowment requires the foresight and generosity of faithful stewards. We invite you to consider how you might contribute to this lasting legacy:

- **Planned Giving:** Include Campus Lutheran in your estate plans or will.
- **Direct Contributions:** Designate a gift specifically for the Endowment Fund.
- **Memorial Gifts:** Honor a loved one by contributing to a fund that will sustain the ministry they cherished.

To discuss how your gift can serve the mission of Campus Lutheran Church or to receive information on the technical aspects of endowment giving, please contact the church office.

"Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children." **Psalm 90:16**

Join us in securing the mission. Invest in the future of Campus Lutheran today.

Dorcas Guild - Linda Moat

Dorcas Guild is busy this year and we started it off with the Prayer Service. Ladies from Campus, Trinity, and Zion Lone Elm came together to worship and sing praise. The service was based on the acronym P.R.A.Y.E.R - **P**raise, **R**emember, **A**sk, **Y**ield, **E**xcitement, **R**ejoice.

Mark your calendars for March 28th when we gather for the Spring Tea. This year we will be learning about chai, enjoying several flavors and light snacks. We hope you can join us.

June brings the Missouri District Lutheran Women in Mission biennial convention. This year it will be in Cape Girardeau June 12-14, 2026, and the theme is Rooted based on Colossians 2:7. We will get to hear from some of the Mission Grant recipients who your mite donations support. So keep dropping those donations off in the large mite box found in the Connect Room.

Keep your eyes on the announcement screens, bulletins and church updates for future events. If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share, feel free to contact one of our board members. Linda Moat-President (lindamoat@yahoo.com), Vicki Hartwig-Vice President, Bayliee Kulesa-Secretary, Karen Nowicki-Treasurer.

Ministry Clarity

Ministry Clarity Update

We have now moved to the next phase of the Ministry Clarity process. The Ministry Planning Team has been formed with 8 new members and has five meetings scheduled on the calendar from February through April. The team's goal is to create a ministry plan and identify 1-2 long range goals for each of our four Mission Pillars. Our current activity has been to create and discuss details for the Ministry Map where we break down all areas of ministry support by the categories of Worship, Community, and Other. Once we complete this Ministry Map, our team will then interview ministry leaders to get feedback in their ministry areas. These are important conversations for the building of the ministry plan as the team seeks to discover their needs and ways to better support them. Please continue to pray for our church as we walk through our Ministry Clarity program.

Friends in Faith

Seminarian Kevin Curry

The Tuesday night Bible study group Friends in Faith had a fun evening on Zoom with seminary student Kevin Curry and his wife Alexis. Kevin is starting his last semester at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and we heard updates about his classes, the anticipated Call Day on April 28 along with his graduation in May. Alexis gave an update on her teaching position at Lutheran High School South. They ask that our congregation keep them in our prayers during this exciting time of transition. Kevin and Alexis will be visiting us on Sunday, April 12 where Kevin will assist with the church service and be a part of our Adult Education hour. We hope you can come meet Kevin and Alexis and hear about Kevin's journey at Concordia Seminary.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AND MORE

Commissioning the Ysleta Mission Team

Wonder House Sunday School Class

Children's Message

Women's Ministry

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JOHN 19:25

Women's Ministry

SERVING AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Saturday March 14th was our third annual Women's Ministry Mini Retreat. Donna Snow, speaker and author with Artesian Ministries, presented her study on Strong and Courageous, Studying God's Promises in Joshua. The community life room was filled with over 70 women studying the Word and enjoying fellowship. We hosted many outside guests and had quite a few first-time attendees. Each participant received a copy of Donna's latest book, which was awarded The Christian Market Bible Study Book of the Year last summer. Donna has written more than 30 Bible studies and books, and teaches wherever the Lord leads her. Her books are published through Concordia Publishing House. If you missed our retreat, you can catch her on a Bible study Caribbean cruise in February; some of our ladies are looking into going. She is also hosting a trip to the Holy Land in March; her website has the details. Events - Artesian Ministries

Valerie Holley was a huge help preparing and serving the light breakfast – thank you! And some of our men helped serve the lunch – thank you! The retreat committee this year was Judy Alexander, Chris Brown, Cindy Craig, Cindy Kadlec, Deb Linneman, Linda Moat, Laura Roth, & Natalie Schmidt. We look forward to announcing next year's retreat!

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 24:15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Turkey
Turkey
Turkey
Salad
Turkey Lettuce Wrap
Turkey Lettuce Wrap

Live Generously

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY - BETH GREIMANN

Our new tenants, Kefung and ChuChu celebrated Luner New Year with their friends from the department of Asian Affairs. They made 500 dumplings!! They played games and visited with family back in China.

Grace is already an expert dumpling maker!

Students from the Department of Asian Affairs joined the Tuesday morning coffee group for conversation and goodies. This is part of their learning to better their listening and speaking skills.

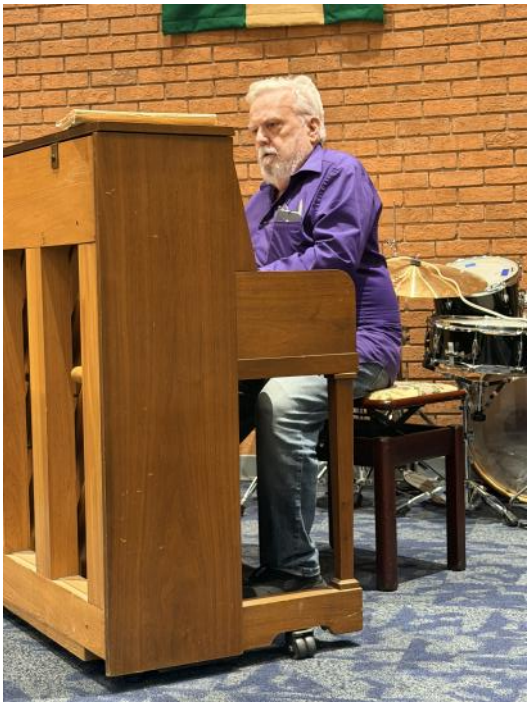
Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

The Tuesday Morning Coffee Group Ladies are hard at work putting labels on the give-away Kleenex.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner Continued

The Sort of 17th Annual Talent Show



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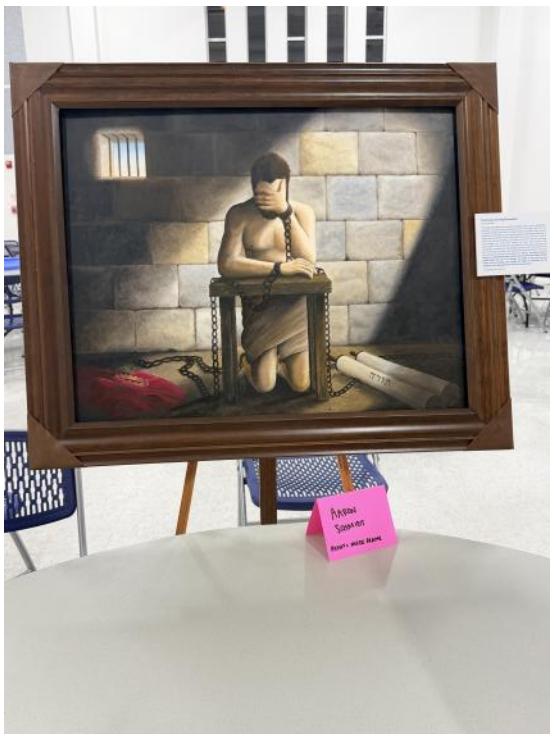

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Elders' Prayers:

March 21: Michael, Teresa, Janiyah, Takiya Logan & Daniel Taylor **CAROTHERS**; Lee & Joyce **CHORLEY**; Madison **CONSTANCE**; Jenny & Doug **COON**; Lena **COON**; Liam **COON**; Cindy & Duane **CRAIG**; Brian, Jeanine & Corinthia **DAVISON**; Howard & Carol **DIERKING**; Dave **DRILLING**; Tim & Linda **DUFFEN**; Benjamin & Amberlin **DUPRE**; Stephen & Ryan **DUPRE**; Brandon **DUQUE**; Gerry, Kristin, Benjamin & Byron **DUQUE**; Heather **DUQUE**, Heidi **DUQUE**; Wes, Keri, Maddie & Tensley **DYER**

April 18: Autumn **GARVEY**; Mark & Jackie **GARVEY**; Jim & Joyce **GEORGE**; Joel, Kelly, Elliott & Oliver **GEORGE**; Tim, Mandi, Landon & Harper **GIBONEY**; Bennie Ruth **GILBERT**; Peter **GREIMANN**; Beth & Ken **GREIMANN**; Lori **GROUP**; Zachary, Megan & Rosalina **GROUP**; Elaine **GUELDNER**; Jean **GUELDNER**; Audrey **HARNED**; Vernon **HARTMAN**; Vicki & Rod **HARTWIG**

Happy Birthday!

March:

1 - Lena Coon
2 - Alok Twari, Danielle Beck
3 - Kevin Holman
5 - Chris Brown, Takiya Logan
6 - Olive Mutiso
7 - Cindy Craig, Elliott George
8 - David Manz
11 - Sam Lohman, Mandi Giboney
13 - Lee Chorley
14 - Darlene Kruse
15 - Kelly George
16 - Lugine Hein
17 - Joyce Chorley, Garrett Huggins
18 - Autumn Garvey
19 - Norah Pierce
21 - Gerry Duque
22 - John Zimmerschied
23 - Alivia Sarff, Mary Olson
24 - William Reynolds, Theresa Nelson
25 - Joel George
26 - Christa Nebel
30 - Jacob Vaughn

April:

3 - Kirby Woodall, Noah Moat
4 - Zane McAdams
5 - Nathan Herting
6 - Robert Meyer, Barron Roth, Hannah Ingmire, Ev Adam
7 - Kristin Duque, Lydia Lohmann, Pwo-Jwok Agolory
9 - Erika Herting, Bob Herting III
12 - John Sponaugle, Carol Dierking
13 - Bryan Ross
15 - Colin Ross
18 - Connor Kriete
20 - Pat Lieurance
21 - Hailey Sarff
22 - Vivian Brown
24 - Phil Sarff, Emma Pierce
25– Kenny Klussman, Barry Steevens, Katherine Markes
28 - Vicki Hartwig
29 - Wanda Horn

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March:

Shirley Littell, Lynn Limback, Roberta Lee, Mandi Giboney, Rob Vaughn, Corey Moentmann, Isaac Zachary, Chris Zachary, Greg Morgan, Lorilei Brown, Teague Brown, Alok Tiwari, Myla Nebel

February:

Robert Meyer, Ev Adam, Hannah Ingmire, Bennie Ruth Gilbert, Beth Greimann, John Zimmerschied, Tim Duffen, John Klocke, Danielle Beck, Connor Kriete, Nathan Herting, Norah Pierce, Garrett Huggins, Abuk Agolory, Pwo-Jwok Agolory, Maddie Dyer, Keunhee Park

Wedding Anniversaries

March:

Bruce & Dana Hibbard celebrate 13 years on March 16
Melissa & Erik Slatinsky celebrate 15 years on March 12
Phil & April Sarff celebrate 16 years on March 6
Rollie & Tina Bartels celebrate 39 years on March 14

April:

Andrew Notch & Shwetha Ramachandra celebrate 3 years on April 24
Bethany & Robert Moseley celebrate 5 years on April 10
Carol & Frank Nacarato celebrate 44 years on April 9
Howard & Carol Dierking celebrate 47 years on April 24

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