



Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 15 **Transfiguration Sunday**

9:30 am Worship/Communion
10:45 am Soup and Sandwich
Luncheon
5:45 pm SW Little League

Monday, February 16 **Presidents Day** **OFFICE CLOSED**

6:30 pm Executive Committee
6:30 pm Missional Outreach
Committee

Tuesday, February 17
6:00 pm WELCA

Wednesday, February 18 **Ash Wednesday**

7:00 pm Worship/Communion

Thursday, February 19

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing
2:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm NA

Friday, February 20

Saturday, February 21



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LENTEN DISCIPLINE BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2026



The church's call to begin a Lenten pilgrimage begins with Ash Wednesday's forceful reminder that "you are dust and to dust you shall return." We are in fact dependent upon God, who calls us both to repentance and to His love. There will be a liturgy of Word and Sacrament at 7:00 PM, including the imposition of ashes.

Lenten Evening Vespers will begin on Wednesday, February 25th – Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m. Janet Stroble, ALWL will lead the Lenten Vesper services. Please make a commitment to join us for worship and prayer Wednesday evenings this Lent.

Copies of *Behold Your King!* a Lenten Devotional Booklet are now available in the Narthex, brought to you in partnership with the Lutheran Hour Ministries. In ***Behold Your King!*** Jesus comes to us in flesh and blood as a Man, as God's own Son, and as the lowly Servant-King bearing the sins of the world. Though He was forlorn and forsaken, He did not abandon His mission or shirk His obedience to the Father. He followed through - and in so doing He won for each of us the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life in His presence.

Lenten Self-Denial Calendars & Banks that benefit Habitat for Humanity are also in the Narthex. Current copies of the devotional booklets *The Upper Room* and *Christ in Our Home* are available in the Narthex and the church office.



Sunday, February 15, 2026

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Jimmy Gardner, Paul Ulrich, Dave and Rita Strickler
Lay Asst: Janet Stroble; **Comm. Asst.:** Rhonda Koch; **Acolyte:** Dylan Sherman
Altar Guild: Rita Strickler, Carol Winter; **Greeters/Presenters:** Al Cole, Judy Berfield
Cantor: Janet Stroble; **Flower Delivery:** Jody Fullmer

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Jody Fullmer, Rhonda Koch, Mike Larson; **Lay Assistant:** Susan Bryan
Comm. Assistant: Mandy Feinberg; **Altar Guild:** Alice Morrison, April Gardner

Sunday, February 8: Attendance: *In Church: 71; Online: 11*; Offering: \$3,638.88

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Weaver on the anniversary of his passing, February 21, 2012, by his wife, Jean and family.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, February 15: *Exodus 24:12-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9*
Monday, February 16: *Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23, Acts 7:30-34*
Tuesday, February 17: *Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6*
Wednesday, February 18: *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*
Thursday, February 19: *Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7*
Friday, February 20: *Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17*
Saturday, February 21: *Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7*



Presiding over our worship this Sunday, February 15, and Wednesday, February 18 will be Pastor Amme.

Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon.

Do you have a card table, either round or square, that is in good shape and you no longer use it? If so, we would love to take it off your hands for use in the Harry Seltzer Room. Please call either the church office or me at 570-244-6964. Thanks! Kathryn Pratt



Once again I am reminded how caring and thoughtful my Messiah family is. Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, visits and flowers I received during my recent surgery and recovery. I am so blessed to have you all.

Doris Butt





Children - **Quigley's Village - Spike and the Terrible Tripped-Up Tap Dance DVD** - This is the day for the Quigley's Village talent show!

Everyone is hard at work preparing their performances except Spike who is going to tap dance. She sees no point in practicing even though she has never tap danced before. The show is a big success for everyone but Spike who

learns that tapping is not all its "cracked up" to be especially when you don't prepare. This is found in the Religious themed DVD section.

Adult - **101 Amazing Things God Thinks About You - Discover Your God-given Purpose and Identity** - This book offers you incredible facts from the Bible that will inspire, encourage, humble, amaze and even surprise you. Let God's thoughts about you change how you see yourself and make you bold in achieving the destiny and purpose He has planned for your life. Found in the Topical Issues section of the library.

SOUP SALE: FEBRUARY 28, 2026 - Are you a soup maker? Please consider donating to our soup sale. Sign-up on Sundays after worship, and specify what kind of soup you will make and the number of quarts you are donating. Quart containers will be available in the church office for your convenience. If you have a place to help advertise the soup sale, take a flyer and share that information. **Thank you! Drop off for the soup will be on Friday, February 27, 6pm-8pm or on Saturday morning, February 28th before the "drive-by sale" begins in the Bald Eagle Alley at 9am. The sale continues until noon or until all the soup is sold. Volunteers are needed to set up/tear down and help with the sale. HELP MAKE IT A "SOUP-ER DAY!"**



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TOUCHDOWN!	

Super Bowl LX	
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Souper Bowl of Caring – Final Score

Thank you to all who donated to our food pantry during the Souper Bowl of Caring this year! While the Seahawks handily won the Super Bowl, they also scored a win in our little friendly competition during the Souper Bowl food drive. But in the end, the Mountie Back Pack Program was the big winner. In addition to the food items, we also collected \$330 in monetary donations. While the need for donations will continue, your gifts of caring will go a long way to help keep the Mountie Back Pack Program going. ***Thank you for your heartfelt response!***

