



MESSIAH MESSENGER

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Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th Street, Grand Junction, CO



When One Suffers, All Suffer: Lent and the Body of Christ

Lent turns our eyes toward the cross. Ashes remind us who we are—*dust, and to dust we shall return*. The journey toward Holy Week calls us to repentance, humility, fasting, prayer, and self-examination. But Lent also does something else. It widens our vision. It pulls us beyond our own walls and teaches us to see ourselves as part of something far bigger: **the one Body of Christ**.

Scripture reminds us, *“If one member suffers, all suffer together”* (1 Corinthians 12:26). That is not poetic language. It is a spiritual reality.

While we enter Lent with freedom—free to worship, gather, pray, sing, and speak the name of Jesus openly—many of our Christian brothers and sisters begin every day under the shadow of danger. In places like **North Korea**, Christians worship in secret, knowing that discovery could mean imprisonment or death. In **Somalia** and **Afghanistan**, openly confessing Christ can cost someone their life. In **Iran**, **Pakistan**, **Nigeria**, and **China**, believers face harassment, violence, imprisonment, family rejection, and government pressure—simply for following Jesus.



They carry crosses we may never have to bear. And yet, Lent reminds us that suffering is not foreign to the Christian life. Our Lord Himself walked the road of rejection, mockery, injustice, and death. The cross stands at the center of our faith—not as an accident, but as God’s saving work for the world. When Christians suffer today, they are not abandoned. They are being conformed to Christ, even as Christ suffers *with* them.

That truth reshapes how we observe Lent. Fasting becomes not only personal discipline, but solidarity. Prayer becomes not only inward reflection, but intercession. Repentance becomes not only personal sorrow, but renewed love for the whole Church.

When they suffer, **we suffer**—because we are joined to them in one baptism, one faith, one Lord. Their chains remind us not to take our freedom lightly. Their courage calls us to deeper faithfulness. Their witness presses us to ask whether we have reduced Christianity to comfort, convenience, or culture—rather than costly discipleship.

This Lent, as we walk the road to the cross, we do not walk alone. We walk with believers across the globe—some carrying visible scars, all clinging to the same crucified and risen Savior. And we do so in hope. Because the cross is not the end of the story. Because suffering does not have the final word. Because Christ’s resurrection belongs to the whole Body.

A Lenten Invitation

Pray intentionally for persecuted Christians throughout the Lenten season.

Fast or give with them in mind, using our freedom to serve the wider Church.

Remember that our faith is global, embodied, and costly—yet filled with resurrection hope.

“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them... since you also are in the body.”— Hebrews 13:3

This Lent, may God open our eyes beyond our own walls—and draw our hearts more deeply into the suffering, hope, and victory of the whole Church in Christ.

Pastor Redeker

HOUSING NEEDED

Concordia University Nebraska A Capella choir's spring tour will perform at Messiah on Friday, March 13, 2026 at 7:30 pm, leaving promptly the next morning. Please attend! Messiah has agreed to host these college students after the concert. If you have at least a double bed (students stay in pairs and can share a bed) and are willing to host, please call/text Korrey Klein at 970-778-2810 to sign up. **We need beds for 69 students - please help! You will not have to provide meals, as dinner and breakfast will be provided by Messiah members & students.**

Where We've Been— and Where God Is Leading Us

Messiah Worship Trends

Over the past fifteen years, our congregation has lived through significant cultural change. In the early 2010s, worship attendance was strong and steady. Beginning in the middle of the decade, participation slowly declined—reflecting broader shifts across Christianity in America. Then came the disruption of the pandemic, which abruptly broke long-standing routines for nearly everyone.

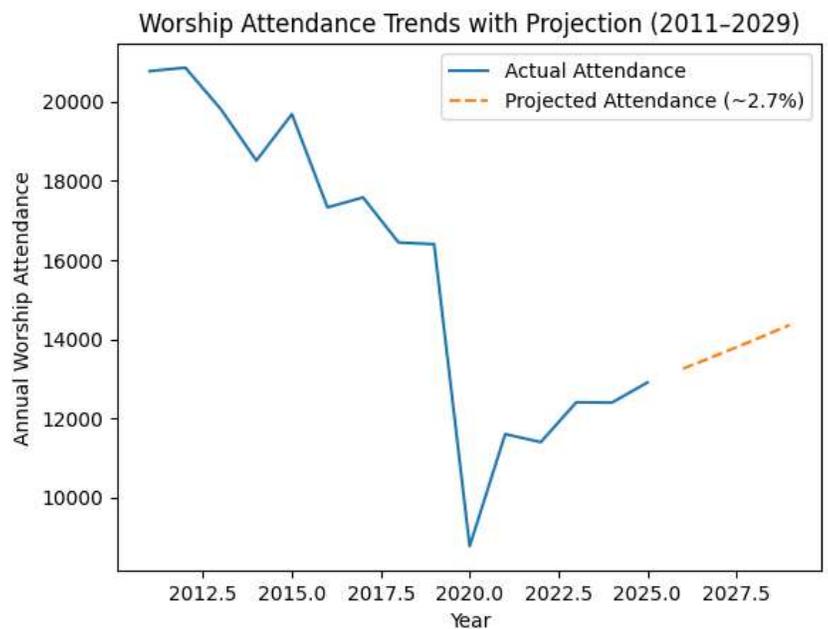
What matters most, however, is what has happened since. In the years following COVID, worship attendance at Messiah has **stabilized and**

gradually increased. While our congregation is smaller than it once was, attendance has become more consistent, and the most recent year has been the strongest since the pandemic. This tells us something important: those who gather today are doing so intentionally, drawn by God's gifts in Word and Sacrament rather than by habit alone.

Encouragingly, the Church Year continues to shape our life together. Seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter still draw many into worship. God continues to meet His people there, just as He always has.

Looking ahead, current trends suggest that steady, faithful growth is well within reach—not through quick fixes, but through worship, discipleship, and caring for one another. As we move forward, we are being intentional about strengthening the connections between worship, opportunities for growing in faith, and our school, seeing them as one shared mission.

The Lord has been faithful to this congregation through every season. As we look to the future, we do so with confidence—not in numbers, but in Christ, who continues to gather, sustain, and build His Church.



Passover Seder

Join us for a meaningful **Passover Seder** led by Rev. Kevin Parviz, pastor of Congregation Chai V'Shalom, The Apple of His Eye in St. Louis, MO. Meet in fellowship with one another to experience the story, symbols, and prayers of the Passover meal.

- **Date:** Saturday, March 14th
- **Time:** 3:00 - 7:00 pm
- **Location:** Lutheran Church and School of Messiah
- **Cost:** \$20/adult and \$8/kid under 12

Funds will go toward covering the cost of the dinner and presentation. Reserve your seat by visiting the ticket table after church. Volunteers are also needed to bring a traditional side. Please contact Jenna Lampe at 970-309-9875 if you are interested or have any questions.



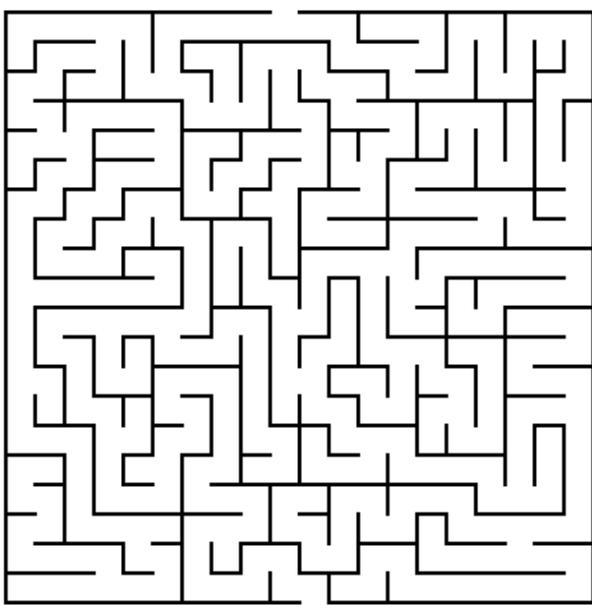
At the December congregational meeting, the congregation approved moving forward with calling additional staff to support the mission and ministry of Messiah Church & School. We are now actively in that process—praying, discerning, and taking the necessary steps as we seek the right people to serve alongside us for the road ahead.

Please keep this calling process in your prayers, asking God to guide both those who are being considered and our congregation as we move forward together in faith.

MAZE GAME!

Can you make it from one side to the other?

Start



Finish

Luke 24

The Easter Story

Luke 24 Shirts – The Easter Story

Luke 24 is the Easter story. Get it? It's a continuation of the Luke2 Project. What a great way to continue the ministry of wearing shirts to allow the Holy Spirit to place Christ centered thoughts in people who see you wearing it, maybe even start a conversation about Jesus!

The goal of the Luke24 Project (as well as the Luke2 Project) is "Every Christian, Every Easter, Every Wear." Another fun play on words!

You might notice in the design that the 4 is empty. That is a purposeful creation. It includes Luke 2 and symbolizes the empty tomb with an empty 4.

Messiah youth will be selling these shirts after worship each week from now until February 8th. Shirts are \$25. Long sleeves are \$30. Shirts should arrive by mid-March.

Quilting Group

If you're a quilter—or just curious—we welcome you! Join us every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to noon in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Come see what we're working on or bring your own project and join in!



✝ The Ox and Lamb Can't Tithe

I think January and February are interesting months. Christmas is over...but it's still Epiphany. So Christmas isn't really over. Easter hasn't begun. But Lent begins in February. We're remembering all the gifts we received and we're looking towards what we'll give up in Lent as a remembrance of all God gave up for us. I'm still listening to Christmas music. I still have decorations up at my house. Did you know there's a stockyard tradition in Colorado? [Click Here](#) to read about why you should leave your lights up until the end of January. But now it's February. I don't care; I leave my decorations up until at least the Superbowl. And since I'm still in the Christmas mood, I want to talk about the Little Drummer Boy.

Did you know that the ox and lamb can't tithe? Well, that's what I thought the lyric was. The song is about giving a gift with what you have. The drummer played a little solo as a gift to baby Jesus. Obviously an ox and lamb don't have any money. So of course the ox and lamb can't tithe. That lyric makes perfect sense.

Well, the actual lyric is the ox and lamb kept time. But it's funny how you hear and mishear things. Remember when I put a quiz in the newsletter about Bible verses that aren't in the Bible? Have you ever heard or said, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away"? I think people are misquoting Job 1:21b when they say that. The actual verse is "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away" [NIV]. Is that prescriptive or descriptive? Unfortunately, most people use it prescriptively.

It is true that the Lord has given. He has given us the greatest Gift of all in Jesus. But now what? How do we use that Gift? Is Jesus the only gift God gives? Of course not! He provides for all our daily needs. But still, now what? Do we worry that the Lord is going to take away? Absolutely not! So now what?

I heard a pastor say in a sermon, "When's the last time you gave God a raise?" I heard another pastor say, "Instead of giving something up during Lent, what if you add something new to your routine?" This isn't meant to be a guilt trip. But I also heard a speaker at the NADCE conference I attended last month talk about hitting a plateau in life. It happens in exercising. Do you see it happening in your life? Take a moment to think about those first two questions with the idea of breaking out of a rut or moving past your current plateau. How can you keep time with the ox and lamb? What gifts do you have to give? How can you "give God a raise" in your life? It doesn't have to be financial.

No matter what you do or where you're at in life, remember that God loves you! He wants to spend time with you. He has and will continue to give you all you need. But what are you going to do with those provisions?

Jesus loves you!

DCE Jonathan Peterson

From the Principal's Desk

January was a hectic month! Basketball season began for boys and girls teams. As I write this both teams are still undefeated! We completed our mid-year Maps Growth testing to get a clear picture of how the school year is going academically. Lutheran Schools Week was celebrated at the end of the month with singing in church, fun dress up days every day, a family cornhole tournament, and breakfast provided by the teachers. We also had a new promotional video filmed at school that will be ready to be released soon.

February promises to be just as busy. Basketball season continues through the month, and we will be getting ready for Daddy/Daughter Dance and Jog-a-thon at the beginning of March. We are also continuing to prepare for our re-accreditation visit in April.

One of the most exciting things right now is that the school was awarded a grant by the Lion's Club to change out the fluorescent lights in the school part of the building with new LED fixtures. This will not only make our school brighter and more welcoming, but the change in lighting type eliminates the visual problems many people experience with fluorescent lights.

Part of our responsibility in accepting the grant is to provide an entry in the Lion's Club parade on February 21st. The students are very excited to be in the parade, but it is also a good promotional opportunity for the school. We will be asking for donations of candy for parade participants to give out as we go along. Donations can be dropped off at the office any time before February 21st.

Our other responsibility is to provide cakes to be given as prizes at the Lion's Club carnival after the parade. Our goal is to provide 40 cakes, so we need some help. Cakes can be homemade or store bought. They do not have to be fancy, but it's ok if they are. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would be willing to provide a cake for this event.

We are so blessed to have this wonderful school to teach the next generation about the God who loves them!

Faithfully,
Principal Sue Eberhard



GRAND JUNCTION
LIONS

CMU Dinners

We had a great time serving dinner to CMU students in December. [Click Here](#) for some pictures. The students of CMU are very appreciative of all the dinners that have been provided by congregations and campus ministries in the valley. Contact [DCE Jonathan](#) if you would like to help and/or be a point person. There are a variety of menu options already. Or you could make up your own. Being the point person doesn't mean you do everything. You would help gather volunteers, plan the menu, make a list of supplies needed or delegate all these things to others.

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Series

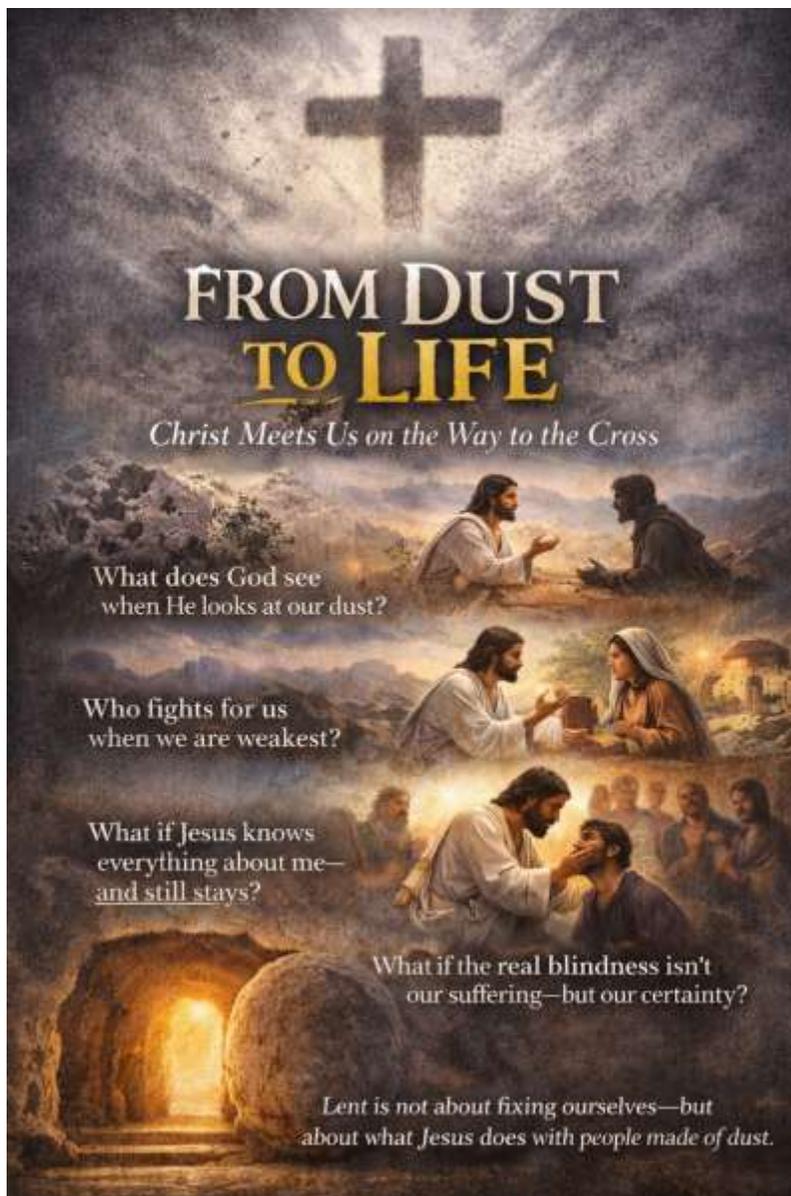
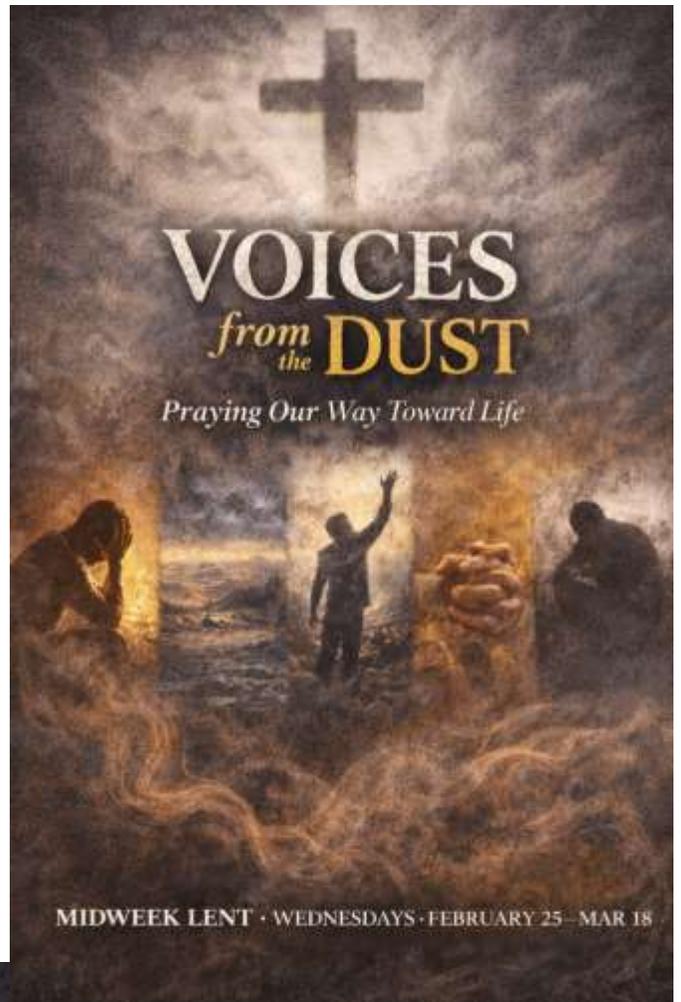
Voices from the Dust

Wednesdays • February 25–
March 18

Our Wednesday evening midweek Lenten series will follow the Psalm of the Week, giving voice to life lived between the cross and Christ's return. Though Jesus brings us from dust to life, we still walk in a broken world under the powers of Sin, Death, and the devil—and even redeemed people feel the weight of the dust.

In *Voices from the Dust*, the Psalms give us honest words to pray in the middle of guilt, fear, waiting, and hope. Here we learn again that Christ does not wait for us to rise above the dust. He meets us in it and carries us toward life.

Consider inviting a friend!



Sunday Lenten Series

From Dust to Life

Saturday Morning Basketball

Everyone in high school and older are welcome to join a pickup game in the gym each Saturday at 7:30am. We play for fun and exercise. Contact Joe Diedrich to be added to the text thread. 303-526-6037 We send out a text on Thursday or Friday to confirm who will be there.

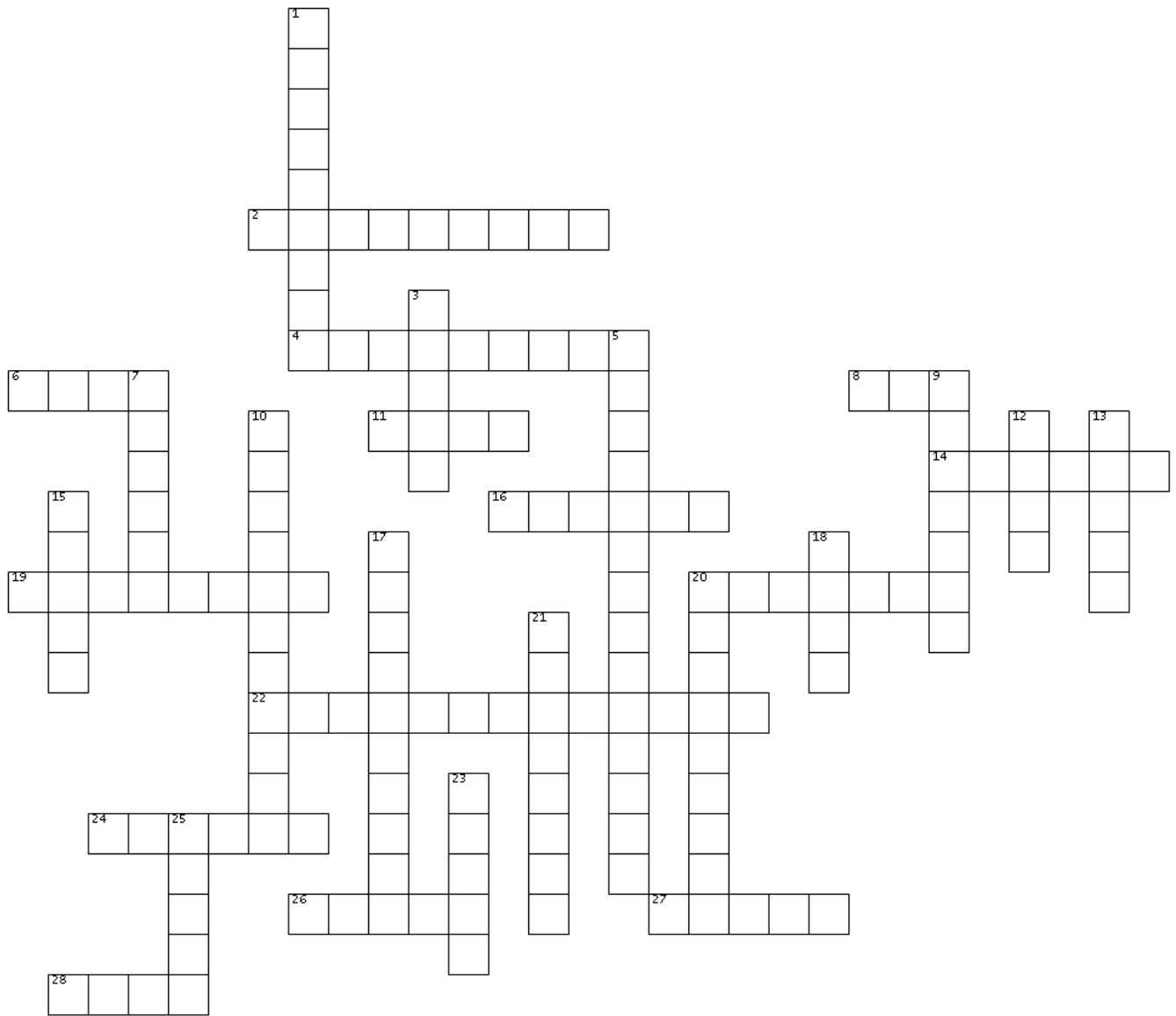


Girls on the Run

Parents of girls, Girls on the Run registration is now open for the spring season.

Scholarships are available by contacting Brittany Markert bmarkert14@gmail.com. Practices start Mon. Feb. 23 at 3:15 and will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-4:45 PM and will run until the week after May 2. We are still on the hunt for a second coach so if anyone is interested in also volunteering please let Brittany know ASAP! Register here: www.pinwheel.us/register/index/gotr-western-colorado-program-registration-spring-2026

IN THE WORD: Psalm 51



ACROSS

2. City whose restoration accompanies righteous worship
4. Covenant term grounding David's appeal for mercy
6. Body part symbolizing public praise
8. The only One ultimately sinned against, according to David
11. David's sin is continually "before" this faculty
14. Acceptable sacrifice defined paradoxically
16. Ritual plant used metaphorically for purification
19. Adjective describing the heart God will not despise
20. Moral category of people who will return to God
22. Group David vows to instruct after restoration
24. Verb describing God's role in sustaining David's obedience
26. Type of heart God must create, not merely repair
27. Internal location where God desires truth
28. Verb describing God's action toward sin using accounting imagery

DOWN

1. Attribute of God vindicated when He speaks and judges
3. King traditionally associated with this Psalm's historical superscription
5. Plural noun describing covenant violations needing erasure
7. Divine response David fears losing
9. Verb expressing God's rejection of merely external worship
10. Psalm genre combining confession and petition
12. National community affected by David's repentance
13. Type of spirit David asks to be renewed
15. Specific guilt David pleads deliverance from
17. Central theological theme binding guilt, cleansing, and restoration together.
18. Comparative image describing complete cleansing
20. Worship act God does not ultimately desire
21. Place David asks not to be expelled from
23. Sacrifice re-established after repentance
25. Repeated noun emphasizing interior over ritual



Ladies Guild News

The **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)** is an official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. LWML focuses on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. Each woman here at Messiah is a part of LWML. So join in Sunday Feb 22nd **bringing loose change for the Mite Box**. Mite Box contributions account to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. Here at Messiah, we collect Mite Boxes every last Sunday of the month! Please pick up a little box in the Narthex.

It's that time of year again!



Messiah LWML Annual Fundraiser No Baking....No Fuss

We ask you prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to the following projects the LWML would like to help support this year.

Home Projects: 3rd grade Bibles, School Scholarship Fund, National Youth Gathering San Antonio 2028, Kitchen stove

Away Projects: Elle Diedrich studying to be a Lutheran school teacher, Ft Wayne and St Louis Seminary student(s), Southeast Asia flood relief.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps us continue God's work in our church and community. Fundraising Sale ends March 1st, so your donations are appreciated Feb 1 - 28th!

Checks can be made out to **Messiah Ladies Guild** and dropped off to the church office or to an LWML member.

Generation Z — Spiritually Curious, Institutionally Cautious

If we are serious about reaching the people God has placed around us, we must first learn to see the world through their eyes. Not to compromise the Gospel—but to understand how it is being heard, questioned, and longed for in the lives of our neighbors.

This new monthly series, *Understanding Our Neighbors*, is meant to help us do just that.

Each month, we'll take a closer look at a different generation—not as a sociology exercise, but as a way of sharpening our love, our listening, and our invitations. We begin with **Generation Z**.

Generation Z generally includes those born between **1997 and 2012**. That means Gen Z today is not just teenagers and college students. It also includes young adults in the workforce and young parents—many of whom already have children in Pre-K and elementary school. In other words, Gen Z is not “out there somewhere.” They are already in our neighborhoods, walking their kids to school, navigating careers, and quietly asking spiritual questions—even if they aren't asking them in church.

One of the most important things to understand about Generation Z is this: they are **not anti-spiritual**. They are **anti-institutional**.

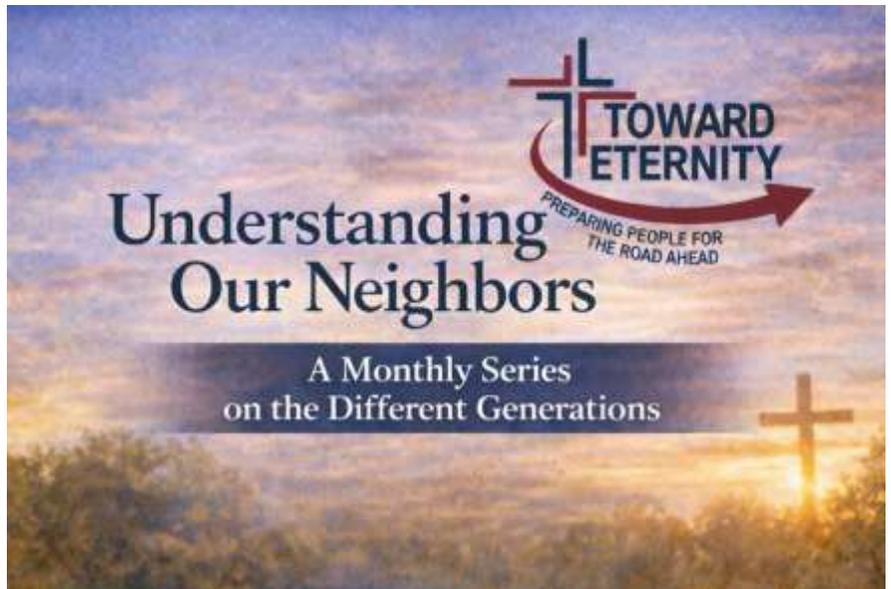
Research summarized by scholars such as Jean M. Twenge consistently shows that Gen Z is less likely to attend church regularly, yet more likely to describe themselves as spiritually curious. Many are open to prayer. Many are searching for meaning, purpose, and transcendence. Many care deeply about justice, suffering, and authenticity. For Gen Z, spirituality is not something you simply inherit; it is something you explore.

This posture did not arise in a vacuum. Many in Gen Z grew up in a world where institutions—government, media, schools, even churches—felt distant, inconsistent, or at times unsafe. As a result, trust is evaluated relationally rather than positionally. Titles matter less than integrity. Statements matter less than lived reality. Faith is not rejected outright; it is approached carefully.

That careful posture shapes the kinds of questions Gen Z tends to ask. Instead of beginning with, “Is this right or wrong?” they often begin with, “Is this real?” “Does this actually help people who are hurting?” “Is this a safe place for my family?” “Do you live what you say you believe?”

For Generation Z, faith is not primarily about winning arguments. It is about whether something can bear the weight of real life. This helps explain a pattern many of us have noticed: Gen Z adults may avoid church, yet still pray. They may avoid formal doctrine, yet still long for truth. They may resist authority, yet still seek guidance. This is not rebellion. It is caution.

And within that caution lies a quiet opportunity for the Church. Generation Z does not need louder marketing or trendier worship. What they are searching for—often without quite knowing how to name it—are **credible communities**. Places where people are known by name.



Places where children are protected and formed with care. Places where faith is practiced daily, not merely spoken weekly. Places where questions are welcomed rather than punished. In short, they are drawn to **embodied faith**.

This is where a church that is rooted, relational, and Christ-centered has a profound advantage—if we understand how to extend the invitation.

This is also why our school matters so deeply in this moment. For many Gen Z parents, **school comes before church**. Before they ask where they will worship, they are asking where their child will be safe, known, and formed. They are asking where their child will learn right from wrong—not only academically, but morally and relationally.

A Christ-centered school can become a bridge: a place where trust is built, where

faith is seen in action, and where families rediscover Christian community. For Gen Z parents especially, school is often the first step back into intentional formation—for their children, and sometimes for themselves.

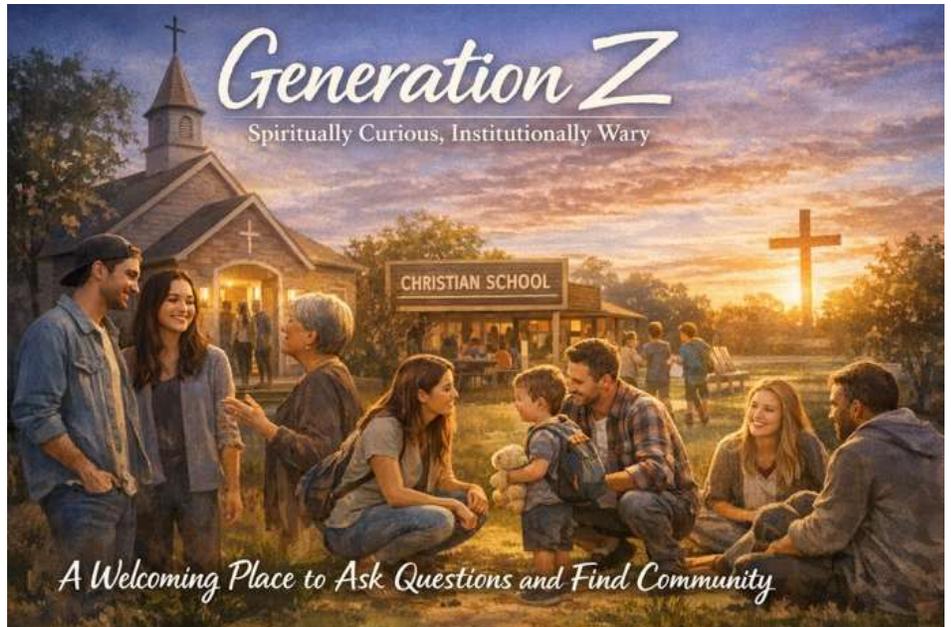
So how do we invite Generation Z neighbors and family members? The good news is that it doesn't require a script. It requires authenticity. Simple invitations often speak the loudest: "This church has been a grounding place for our family." "Our kids are known and cared for here." "You don't have to have everything figured out to come." "It's a place where faith is lived, not forced." Generation Z responds to **stories**, not slogans.

Understanding Generation Z is not about changing who we are. It is about learning how to speak love clearly in a new accent. Jesus did not begin with institutions. He began with people—calling them by name, walking with them, and inviting them to "come and see."

That invitation still works.

As we begin this generational series, our prayer is simple: that we would see our neighbors more clearly, love them more intentionally, and open our doors—and our lives—more faithfully.

Pastor Redeker



Lent Soup Suppers

Sign up to host a Lent soup supper.

- LWML is hosting February 18th
 - 7/8 grade is hosting March 4th
 - Quilting Ladies are hosting March 11th
 - Elders are hosting March 25th
- Feb 25th, March 18th are needing sponsors/volunteers.

IN THE WORD CROSS-WORD

Exodus 24:8-18 – Covenant on Mount Sinai

S A P H D Z I C D Y D A S R U
N T W H G R D U O L C A Z Y H
F R M W L L O E O V Y R R B I
V P O X N W D L L E E O L A B
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I C X D E U C S X E R P S T O

Find the word in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

AARON
BOOK
DEVOURING
FORTY
LAW
MOUNTAIN
PEOPLE
SPRINKLED
WAIT

ABIHU
CLOUD
ELDERS
GLORY
LORD
NADAB
SEVENTY
STONE

BLOOD
COVENANT
FIRE
ISRAEL
MOSES
OBEY
SINAI
TABLETS

City Market Donations

Link your City Market/Kroger customer card to Messiah. Kroger will make a donation to Messiah based on your shopping. This doesn't cost you anything; doing your daily shopping helps Messiah through the generosity of Kroger! See DCE Jonathan if you need help linking your Kroger account with Messiah.

Vacation Bible School, June 8 – 12, 2026

Snowball Mountain Challenge - Find your strength in God!

June will be right around the corner. We're looking for volunteers for a variety of positions. When you sign up, you'll be in charge of gathering supplies (or making a list of supplies needed for the congregation to donate) and making sure your station is ready for a great week!

We'll need group leaders (help children get from station to station) and station leaders for games, crafts, snack, Bible story time and science!

The VBS curriculum will be purchased this year. The package will have all the notes and reminders for you. You'll just need to read through it and prepare your station.



Contact [DCE Jonathan](#) to sign up!

Battle Ready

Battle Ready Modules (for 7th/8th graders) and world religions/Lutheran distinction (for 9th/10th graders) continue to help our youth become Battle Ready. Modules meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the computer room. World Religions/Lutheran Distinction meet on Mondays at 5:30pm.

5th graders mark your calendar for Pastor's 6 week first communion course. Pastor's first communion class will be Sunday mornings at 8am February 22 - March 29, 2026.

Rib City

Show Us Your Colors

2025 receipts for Rib City have been turned in. Rib City will be making a donation of \$62.43 to Messiah.

Rib City donates 5% of your food bill. All three locations, all year long! Ask your server about 'Show Us Your Colors'. They will stamp your receipt. Bring your receipt to Messiah and we get 5%!



Bible Studies

▶ Kids Connection

All children in 6th grade and under are invited to Kids Connection after worship every Sunday. We're going through all the stories of the Bible! In December, one of the lessons was about the 12 tribes of Israel. We focused on Judah being the ancestor of King David and eventually Jesus!

▶ Women's Bible Study

Saturday morning Women's Bible Study is on winter break and will resume Feb 7th, 9:00 – 10:30 am. We will study "The God of All Comfort" by Donna Pyle. Have questions or comments, contact Beth Weber at weber4342@gmail.com. The office still has a few copies of the book available for purchase, they are \$15.

▶ Men's Bible Study

Bible Study is every Tuesday morning on at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

▶ Wednesday Bible Study

Join us a 9:30 am each Wednesday as we look at 3:16 -- How does each book of the Bible point to Jesus in chapter 3 verse 16?

▶ Pastor's Virtual Bible Study

Meet with Pastor online at 6:30 pm
Meeting ID: 830 0615 1276
Passcode: Thurs630

▶ Jesus Book Club

We are currently reading "Has American Christianity Failed" by Brian Wolfmueller. Come join us in the multipurpose room shortly after service on Sunday as we have an open floor discussion about these books and religion.

▶ High School Bible Study

All high school youth are invited to a new Bible study on Sunday mornings. We meet in room 340, the upstairs north east classroom, above the preschool room. Invite a friend! We're starting a new study in January going through The Story.

▶ Early Church Study

An in-depth small group Bible study of the early church and the book of Acts, held on Saturdays at 2:00pm.

Youth Night for Middle School & High School

All middle school and high school are invited to a combined youth night in February – Friday, Feb 20th. We'll be going to dinner and a movie: *I Can Only Imagine 2*. Time TBD. Keep watch for an email from DCE Jonathan. [Click Here](#) to see the schedule of upcoming youth nights. RSVP to DCE Jonathan to sign up to host.

Have You Ever Really Read Your Will?

“I have a question for you. Have you ever read through all the paragraphs in your will? I did recently on a rainy afternoon when there was nothing else to do and I had

no idea I ever signed a document that addressed so many topics.” Those words were shared with Rita by her friend Rene. Rita responded, “I find legal documents and estate issues so complicated. I’m glad I can have someone else lead me through that challenge.”



Sometimes we may think that an estate plan is simply a will, a trust and a couple of POA documents and that the fees an attorney charges for that stack of papers is too expensive. However, an estate plan is more than just a stack of yellowing papers. The plan comes out of discussion, prayer, and thinking, discerning how God wants you to distribute the things He has entrusted to your care once He calls you home to Jesus. The real value of the estate plan is found in the plan, not just in some documents. It takes some work to create that plan.

Many don’t know where to get started in creating their first plan or reviewing an old plan, so they take no action at all. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. It begins with organizing your pertinent information. It continues with honing the goals you have, not just for family inheritance but support of ministry as well. Then clear information can be shared with your attorney, so they can draft documents that take into consideration legal concerns, making sure your goals are on paper and will be respected and accomplished someday.

Jason Jones, CGP, CDE
Gift Planning Counselor
LCMS Foundation
(970) 988-0305 - Cell
Jason.Jones@LFND.org

Raise Right Gift Cards

Purchase a gift card through Raise Right. You get the full amount of the gift card. Raise Right makes a donation to Messiah. See DCE Jonathan with any questions.



pregnancy
the center

In America there are on average approximately 120 abortions every HOUR. February kicks off TPC 's Car Seat Clinic. Held once a month this class teaches how to properly use and install a car seat. At the end of the class participants (who must be pregnant) will be gifted a free car seat. Current needs are winter clothing 9-12 mos., Enfamil gold and purple, baby food jars of fruits and vegetables (no meats please), and size 3 diapers. A BIG THANK YOU to all for the many items donated this past year. Please keep both BR and TPC in your prayers. They are very dedicated to the sanctity of life.

**CHS
MINI WARRIOR
CHEER CLINIC**

\$30 FIRST CAMPER	CLINIC FEB 13TH & 16TH 5:30-7:00 AT CHS CAFETERIA	PERFORMANCE FEB 17TH 7:00 PM AT CHS MAIN GYM
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REGISTER ONLINE:

Registration is Now Open for Athletes ages 4-12!
Be sure to register by Feb 7 to secure a t-shirt in your requested size.

Calling all aspiring cheerleaders ages 4-12! Don't miss out on a fantastic opportunity to learn cheers, stunts, and perform at a CHS Basketball game halftime show!

For more information, please call Nicolle: 970-254-8200 ex 22167

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- 3-Feb Donna Bruns**
- 4-Feb Sarah Larsen, Diane J. Sommers**
- 5-Feb Kathy Reed, Gretchen Gottschalk**
- 6-Feb Makayla L. Peck, Soren Ashcraft**
- 7-Feb Keith W. Rockwood, Ronald Shellabarger**
- 8-Feb Jane Withee**
- 9-Feb Will J. Messenger, Scarlett Bethka**
- 11-Feb Trenton R. Soriano, Marty Ashcraft, Michael Dorr**
- 12-Feb Stephanie C. Wahlers**
- 13-Feb Darlene Clark, Delbert Dowling**
- 14-Feb Owen P. Bonnell**
- 15-Feb Crystal L. Schultz**
- 16-Feb Jasmine R. Salazar**
- 17-Feb Kaydell J. Stewart**
- 18-Feb Mark T. Ritterbush, Bailee R. Ritterbush**
- 19-Feb Justin P. Morris, Jennifer Avery**
- 21-Feb Joseph Conwell**
- 22-Feb George W. Townsend, Duke Arnold**
- 23-Feb Jackson W. Nisley**
- 25-Feb Laura Ryden, Kaia R. Manzanares**
- 26-Feb Addie R. Ritterbush**
- 27-Feb Carolyn Gochee**
- 28-Feb Donna Hardy, Allen Weber, Declan Meyer**

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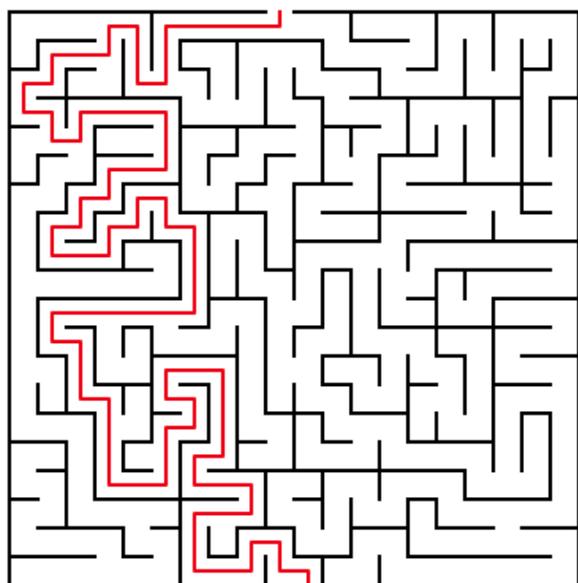
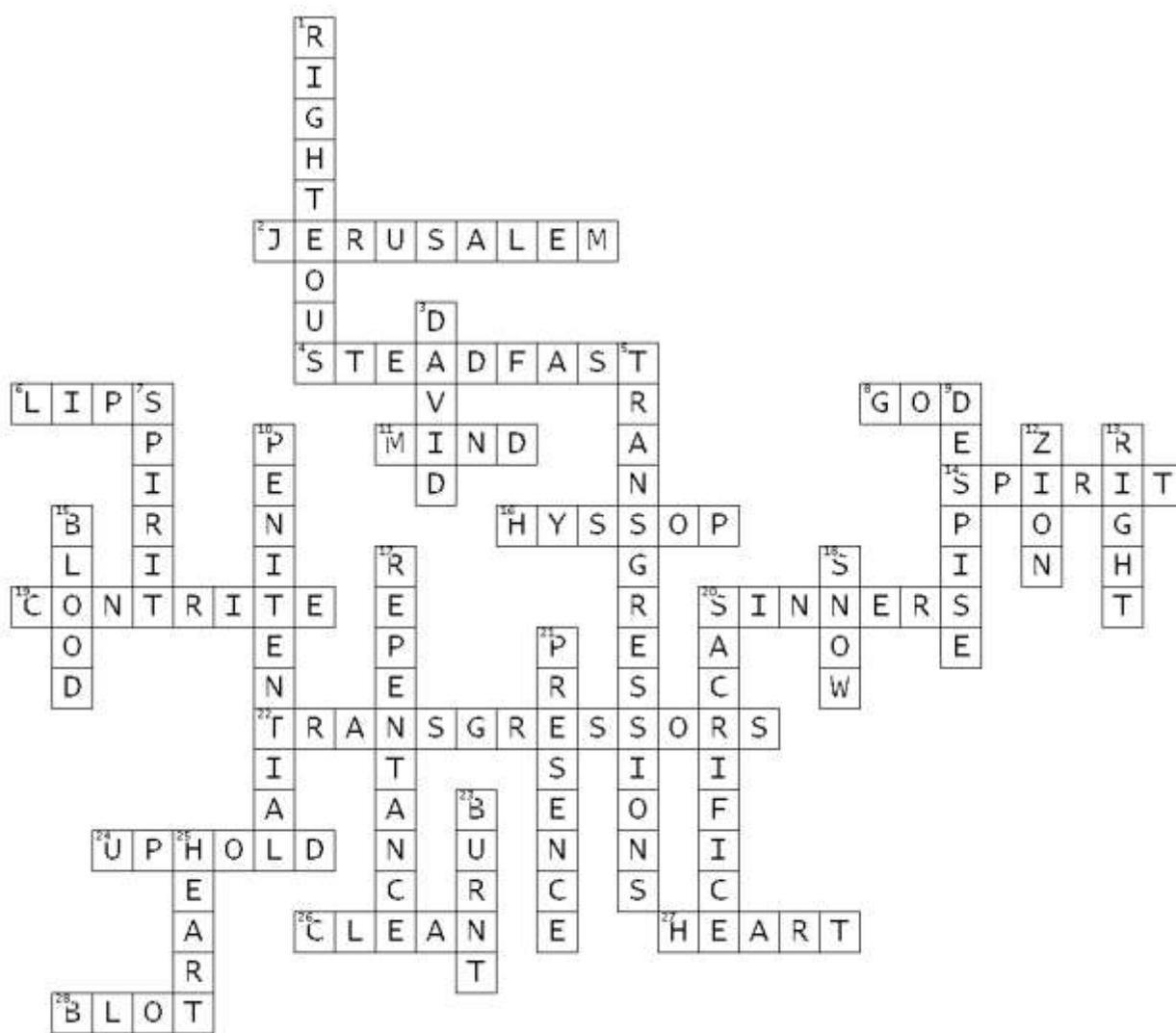
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Prayer Chain

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SUN Feb 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Divine Service 10:30am Battle Ready Modules 10:30am Education Hour 11:30am Battle Ready WR/DD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9am Quilt Ladies-FH 7pm Compassionate Friends (Fellowship Hall) 8:30am Chapel 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study 1pm Safety Team Meeting 6pm Midweek Contemplative Service 	<p>Bulletin Items Due 9AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Chapel 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study 1pm Safety Team Meeting 6pm Midweek Contemplative Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study-Zoom 	<p>High School Youth Night</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30am Open Gym 9am Women's Bible Study (Library)
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