

NEWS & NOTES—WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15TH TO FEBRUARY 21ST, 2026

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Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
-9:00 am: Worship NO Sunday School -NO Spring Grove Assisted Living -Pastor Meyer's Surgery Recovery all Week!		-Chelsey planning to be in the office 8 am – 12 pm (watch Facebook if any changes)	9:00 am: 3D 9:00 am: Rebecca Circle at Judy Fruechte's home, Judy Fruechte Hostess -NO Spring Grove Nursing Home -6:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Worship -Chelsey planning to be in the office 8 am – 12 pm (watch Facebook if any changes)	-NO Claddagh *Bulletin Submission Deadline*	-Chelsey planning to be in the office 8 am– 12 pm (watch Facebook if any changes)	

Birthdays this Week: Brenda Rask, Vance Becker, Mark Schiltz, Mitch Mullins, and Connor Klug. Happy Birthday everyone!!!

Remembering Those who Died within the Last 20 Years: Casey Knutson, and Bill Dorival.

Please lift up in prayer: **Emily** Douglas, **Patricia** Holdmeyer (mother of Ryan Holdmeyer), **Tim** Schroeder, **Bob** Meiners, **Gayle** Grippen, **Karen** Meiners, **Libby** Eyre (granddaughter of Bob & Joyce McCarthy), **Noah and family**, **Roger** Vick, **Tom** Danielson, **Orville** Larson (Grandpa of Emily Riley), **Don** Zoubek (Uncle to Geoff Mell), and **Rachel** Storlie.

If you would like a prayer request to be added, please contact the church office.

Pastor Meyer Knee Surgery: Pastor continues his recuperation from knee surgery. He has therapy in Onalaska twice each week, along with exercises he does at home three times a day. Therapy is going well. Mobility continues to get better. Thank you for the prayers you offer during this time. He is still quite limited in what he is able to do. Please contact Chelsey if you need anything in Pastor's absence. You can also email Pastor or contact him by phone.

Thank You: Welcome and thank you to Pastor Linda McPeak for being here in Pastor Meyer's absence. Your ministry is a blessing to us and we give you thanks!

It's Butter Braid Time! Now through March 4th, Immanuel Youth will be selling Butter Braids again. Any funds raised by the youth will go towards the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering; Camp; and for those going to Italy this summer for school. Butter Braids are available in the following flavors; Cinnamon, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Strawberry Cream Cheese, Apple, Cherry, Raspberry, Caramel Rolls, and Chocolate. They are \$16 each. Please see any Immanuel Youth. There will also be some youth selling after church some Sunday's. Thank you for you support to our youth!

Lent Season: Lent begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday worship. There will be imposition of ashes along with communion as we gather Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. Beginning February 25 each Wednesday during Lent will be Holden Evening Prayer beginning at 6:30 pm.

The next blood drive: Is being held in Caledonia at Four Seasons Community Center will be held on **Tuesday, April 14 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. There is a huge need for blood donations and it only takes a short time to help save lives! Please consider donating. If you would like to schedule an appointment, you may do so online at

www.redcrossblood.org or by messaging on the Facebook page "Caledonia-MN Community Blood Drive", or contacting Bonnie Giesler, Vicki Kruckow, or Donise Heiller-Becker. Thank you for your help in saving lives!

Meatball Supper: Thank you to all who worked or donated to make the Meatball Supper a great success. We are very appreciative for your hard work and dedication to support the church outreach programs. -Holly Becker, Bonnie Tollefson, and Priscilla Jacobson, 2026 Meatball Supper Co-Chairs

Pop-Up Choir Opportunity: Wilmington members are invited and welcome to join in on a pop-up choir event for Ash Wednesday on February 18 at the 6:30 pm. Warm up for Ash Wednesday performance will begin at 5:45 pm. Anyone who wants to sing on Ash Wednesday, is still welcome to warm up Wednesday evening.

Rebecca Circle: The Rebecca Circle will meet **Wednesday, February 18 at 9:00 am** at Judy Fruechte's home. Judy will be hostess.

Office: My apologies for not being able to jump back into office hours as I had hoped would happen after my two surgeries. Although everything is going well and I am all healed up, the two surgical procedures themselves have caused flaring of my fibromyalgia. Alongside that, we have had more epilepsy episodes happening again with our son. I will be doing my best to get back into a regular set of hours, being here at church in person, the best I can during Pastor Meyer's recovery. However, please know there are these few things we continue to have to navigate personally and they have been unpredictable. I will do my best to be in the office on days I designate on the weekly calendar, but please check Facebook often for any changes or if you have no access to Facebook, please call the office, Chelsey's cell phone, or email to make sure I am in for the day or not until I am able to get back to a more stable routine. I appreciate your understanding and flexibility during these unforeseen events! I am doing my best to juggle all things! Blessings to you all! -Chelsey

An Opportunity to Support Immigrant Families:

Help us to support Immigrant Families Now!

At **La Crosse Area Synod**, we know that every person is a child of God, deserving of love, respect and dignity. This includes immigrants trying to make this area their new home. Every act of kindness, every dollar, and every moment of your time helps us communicate God's love for those who are in most need. You can help a family in need today!

How you can help power our mission:

1. **Donate:** Every dollar counts. Contribute now to help us reach our goal.
2. **Share:** Share our campaign with your friends, family, and on social media. Your advocacy can amplify our impact.
3. **Advocate:** Speak out about our need to welcome and care for the stranger.

Thank you for supporting our mission, your support is invaluable.



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