

BLESSINGS

MARCH 2026



A message from Pastor Emmanuel

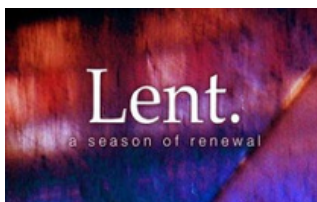
Dear People of God,

In March, people celebrate the arrival of the spring season. As we have noted before, the environment in spring is distinct; most trees are bare, and birds migrate to warmer places. Metaphorically, it represents a wilderness before spring takes hold. This wilderness can be likened to certain aspects of our spiritual journeys. Just as March signals the onset of spring, the Lenten season invites us to reflect on our own spiritual wilderness. While spring symbolizes new beginnings, Easter symbolizes the new life we receive.

During Lent, we often encounter terms like "wilderness" and "wild beasts." Isn't that what we experience when we find ourselves alone in the wilderness? When

faced with temptation we encounter various inner struggles: insecurities, desires, and fears. These are things we may not even acknowledge within ourselves. The wilderness forces us to confront the wild beasts that dwell inside us. However, we must remember that, at our baptism, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit to help us overcome these challenges. The Gospel of Mark tells us that angels ministered to Jesus in the wilderness (Mark 1:13). We can be assured they will support us, too. To navigate through our wilderness, we must equip ourselves to resist temptation and embrace repentance. Amen.

Have blessed Lenten season,
Pastor Emmanuel Penumaka



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Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

March 13 - Cheri Thomas

March 22 - Charlie Pohl

Happy Anniversary!

March 3 - Charlie & Jody Fisher

March 18 - Alex & Katie Krohannon



Easter Flower orders will be accepted through March 26th.

Order forms available by the worship bulletins.

\$19 per flower.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Please join us as we continue our Lenten journey with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Be sure to save the dates below.

6 p.m. - Soup Supper / 7 p.m. - Ecumenical Service



Upcoming Events

JOIN US!

Coffee & Fellowship

Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m.

Lenten Bible Study

Sundays at 3 p.m.

via Zoom

Click [HERE](#) for meeting link

Lenten Soup Suppers

3/4, 3/11, 3/18

6 p.m.

See details below

Serve at Shalom

March 7

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Daylight Savings Begins

March 8 - Spring Forward!

Coffee with INKY Synod Grant Team

March 22

10 a.m.

Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, March 29

9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship

10:30 am—Traditional

*Communion

1st & 3rd

Sundays of the month
and on Festival Sundays

Outreach

9:45 am—Adult Bible Study
Wednesday's

10 a.m. - Coffee & Fellowship
1st - 3rd Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Fellowship
Breakfast
Last Sunday of the month

Wednesday, March 4

Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 11

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
950 E. Washington

Wednesday, March 18

First Presbyterian Church
128 E. Main St.

Faithful Servants

	03.01.26	03.08.26	03.15.26	03.22.26	03.29.26
Greeter	Ruth & Ken J	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Amy & Rick H	Tom & Jan C
Lector	Robin N.	Tom C	Hope H	Dave S	Jeff T
Communion	Kari O	n/a	Sandy T.	n/a	Kari O.
Usher	Ruth & Ken J	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Amy & Rick H	Tom & Jan C
Altar Guild	Kari O	Robin N.	Robin N.	Kari O.	Kari O.
Music	John R	John R	Charlie F	Randy G	Valerie P
Coffee & Fellowship	Linda F	Sandy T	Anne T	Brenda P	Carol J
Counting	Sandy Linda	Sandy	Sandy Linda	Sandy	Sandy Linda



Thank you to all of you who donate flowers for the altar in celebration of life events, in memory of loved ones and for the glory of God.

March 1 - Tom & Jan Coulter in celebration of Charlie, Lucy and Adrienne's birthdays

March 8 - Steve Thomas in celebration of Cheri's birthday

March 15 - Charlotte Frantz in memory of my parents

March 22 - Amy & Rick Hammerle in memory of Jim & Marilyn Small on their 63rd wedding anniversary

March 29 - Gina Lucas in celebration of Charlie's birthday and Thomas & Bailee's anniversary

Please mail or drop off your check for flower dedications (\$30).

Those who sponsor flowers may take home the bouquets following the worship service.

To sponsor 2026 altar flowers, click [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Flowers are now \$30 per week.

If you are unable to do your Sunday Servant position, please make sure to find someone to switch with you! The schedule is posted a month in advance on the bulletin board outside the office. The church council appreciates all you do to help make worship a great experience!

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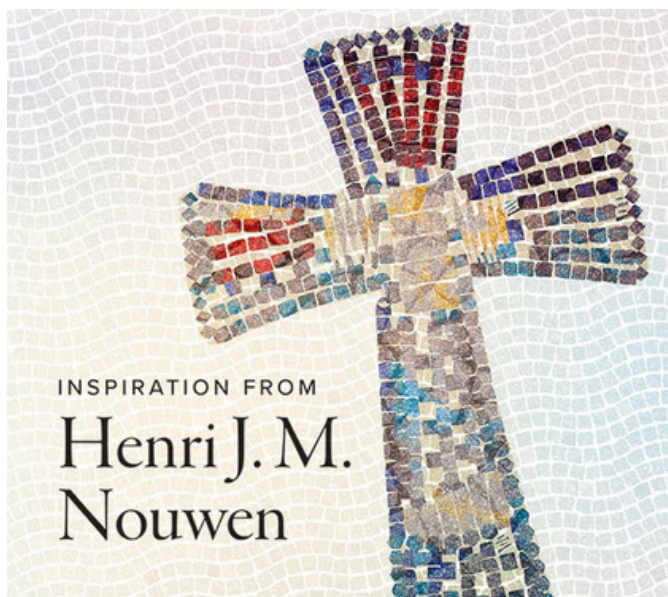
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Giving Update

	02.01.26	02.08.26	02.15.26	02.22.26
Current Expenses*	\$3,274.00	\$2,062.00	\$1,155.02	\$1,300.00
Loose Offering*				
ELCA/INKY Synod Grant*	\$1,500.00			
Building Fund	\$5.00		\$5.00	
Flowers*		\$20.00	\$90.00	\$30.00
Use of Building*				
TOTAL GIVING	\$4,779.00	\$2,082.00	\$1,250.02	\$1,330.00

Average Monthly Current Expenses: \$9,000*

ESTIMATED FEBRUARY SURPLUS - \$431.02



Lenten Bible Study & Daily Devotions

Henri J.M. Nouwen, one of the most beloved spiritual thinkers of the 20th century, wrote profoundly about Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Excerpts from Nouwen's inspiring insights are paired with original reflections and prayers in this booklet for each day of Lent, as we come to experience more fully the path our Savior trod to the reality of the Cross for our eternal benefit.

Join Pastor Emmanuel for The Way, the Truth and the Life Lenten Bible Study on Sundays, beginning February 22, at 3 p.m. via Zoom.
Click [HERE](#) to join in!

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