# The Call

**THE NEWSLETTER OF AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

Join us for Sunday School classes on Sundays,

**March 1 & 8**

**and**

**April 12 & 19**

We start at **10:15 am**.

We hope you can join us.

Please bring a friend!

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17 SHROVE TUESDAY

Join us on **Tuesday, February 17** for a Pancake Supper! The cost is $7.00 per person or $20.00 per family. Dinner will be served between **5:00pm and 7:00pm**. You can sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**_Note_**: Men are needed to help in the kitchen. Please sign up if you can help**

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, March 8** is the date of Augsburg's Annual General Meeting. The Annual report will be sent to you via email. Hard copies are available at the church.

Please mark the date in your calendars and plan to attend.

## PERSONAL LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLET

For those of you who would like to engage in a personal Lenten devotion there will be available on the table in the Narthex a booklet called "Life Stories: A 40 Day Devotional on Madeleine L'Engle's *A Circle of Quiet."*

As the introduction states:

> *The Bible's library is full of stories: ancient writers remembering, reflecting, wrestling, trying to make sense of life with God in the midst of creation. And the point of preserving and passing down this library, of course, is to invite us into the storytelling – so we might remember, reflect, and wrestle with our lives, too. Taking stock of how far we've come. Reconnecting with where we are. And turning the page toward the future, catching sight of what God is calling us to do next.*
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> *In this 40-day devotional, we set out on a pilgrimage, the stories of Scripture in one hand and the wisdom of Madeleine L'Engle in the other. In A Circle of Quiet, the first volume of her Crosswicks Journals series, L'Engle reflects on her life, her family, her writing career (including the struggle and success of A Wrinkle in Time), and through it all, her evolving faith. Over the next seven weeks, we will do the same, as biblical passages and L'Engle's insights illuminate each other, inviting us into our own practice of retelling the stories of our lives.*
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> *Key movements in the Christian symphony will frame the journey: life, suffering, and resurrection. Key themes in L'Engle's work will lead the way: joy, love, and mystery. And as we go, each week includes simple, accessible practices you can try yourself, with your family or friends, or with your congregation.*
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> *All you'll need is your favorite Bible and this devotional; passages from A Circle of Quiet are reprinted here by permission. Day by day, week by week, we'll make our way into the heart of the Christian story, the heart of our life stories: the astonishing, gracious love of God, the Author – the Storyteller! – of heaven and earth.*

*Sorry folks! I have no pictures to share with you this month.*
*If you would like your memories or photos of Augsburg included in our newsletters, please feel free to email them to the office: office@augsbram.ca*

*"Memories are special moments that tell our stories"*

## FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD & ELCIC

### LENT 2026

**Prayer Vigils for Climate Justice**

**Each Tuesday evening during Lent, 8:00-8:30 pm EST,** the ELCIC and its synods are hosting a *Prayer Vigil for Climate justice*.

**Feb. 24, and March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31.**

Please register here to join the vigils live and/or to receive a link to the recording.

### OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES WORKSHOP - FEB 19TH @ 7:30PM EST

In the February blog, *Clarity Is Kind*, we invite congregations to reflect on how communication shapes building use, volunteer well-being, and hospitality. Rather than focusing on promotion, the blog reframes communication as a practical tool for faithful stewardship and shared responsibility.

The reflection leads directly into the February *Every Square Foot Counts* workshop, which will offer practical tools, shared learning, and space to reflect on how communication, mission, sustainability, and hospitality intersect in the everyday life of church buildings.

**Workshop:** Communication Strategies for Church Buildings
**Date:** February 19, 2026
**Time:** 7:30 pm ET
**Format:** Zoom

Read the blog here.

Register for the workshop here.

### CONVERSATIONS ACROSS THE CHURCH

*Mark your calendars for February 22 and our second Conversations Across the Church online event!*

2026 is a milestone in the life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada as we mark 40 years since the formation of our church. Join ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer as we begin our Lenten journey and reflect on this 40th anniversary milestone: where have we been, where are we today, and how is God calling us forward as we seek to be a church *Living out God's grace and unconditional love* for the next 40 years. Register today!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

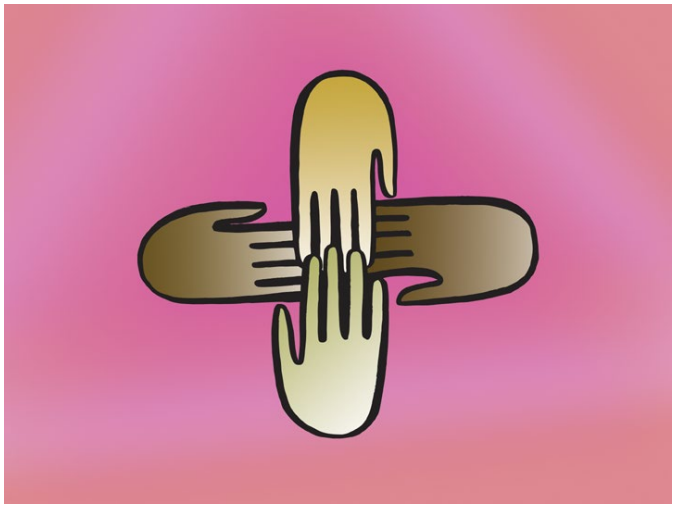
**1. Sunday, February 22** – Join us for an Altar Side Chat with Heidi Wilker as she tells her life and faith story

**2. Sunday, March 1** – Junior Confirmation (children in grades 3 – 6) will meet with Pastor Nadine after worship for some learning and fun. Parents: watch for an email with more information.

**3. Sunday, March 8** – Augsburg's Annual General Meeting. We will meet after worship to do the business of the congregation and install the 2026 council members.

**4. Sunday, March 15** – Pastor Brian Wilker will leading worship and preaching today. After worship he'll stick around for fellowship and to talk to folks interested in going to the Summer Lutheran Youth Camp. Pastor Nadine will be at All Saints in Guelph that day.

**5. Sunday, March 22** – Join Pastor Nadine after worship to watch the documentary "Join or Die"



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

*"A man goes to a monastery, becomes a monk, and takes a vow of silence. He is only allowed to say three words every 10 years. He finds his bed very uncomfortable, so after 10 years, his words are 'Need new bed.' So, the Abbott gets him a new bed. He is constantly hungry, so after 20 years, he says, 'Need more food.' So, the Abbott allows him larger meals and snacks. He doesn't enjoy the next 10 years, so after 30 years in the monastery, he says, 'Had enough, leaving.' Upon hearing this, the Abbott replies, 'Well, thank goodness for that. You've done nothing but complain since you got here.'"*

## JOIN OR DIE: A DOCUMENTARY FILM ABOUT COMMUNITY

Join Pastor Nadine after worship on **Sunday, March 22** to watch this 90 minute documentary about the power of community connections. While this film is from an American perspective, we can certainly glean some information to inform our community connections in Canada and at Augsburg.

JOIN or DIE

**From the press kit**: *In this Emmy-nominated feature documentary, follow the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose ground-breaking "Bowling Alone" research into America's decades-long decline in community connections could hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis.*

*Flanked by influential fans and scholars, join Bob as he explores three urgent civic questions*: *What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis?* And, most importantly… *What can we do about it?*

### VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers to help out at Sunday Worship.

Don't know what these duties entail? Not to worry we will offer you an explanation and some training!

Please contact the office or Pastor Nadine if you would like to help.
Opportunities include:

- Ushering
- Greeting
- Readers
- Communion Servers
- Communion Set Up
- Coffee Fellowship Host

YOU'RE INVITED TO

# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DAY

Tuesday, February 17

5 PM - 7PM

AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

$20/FAMILY $7/PERSON

# Worship Services

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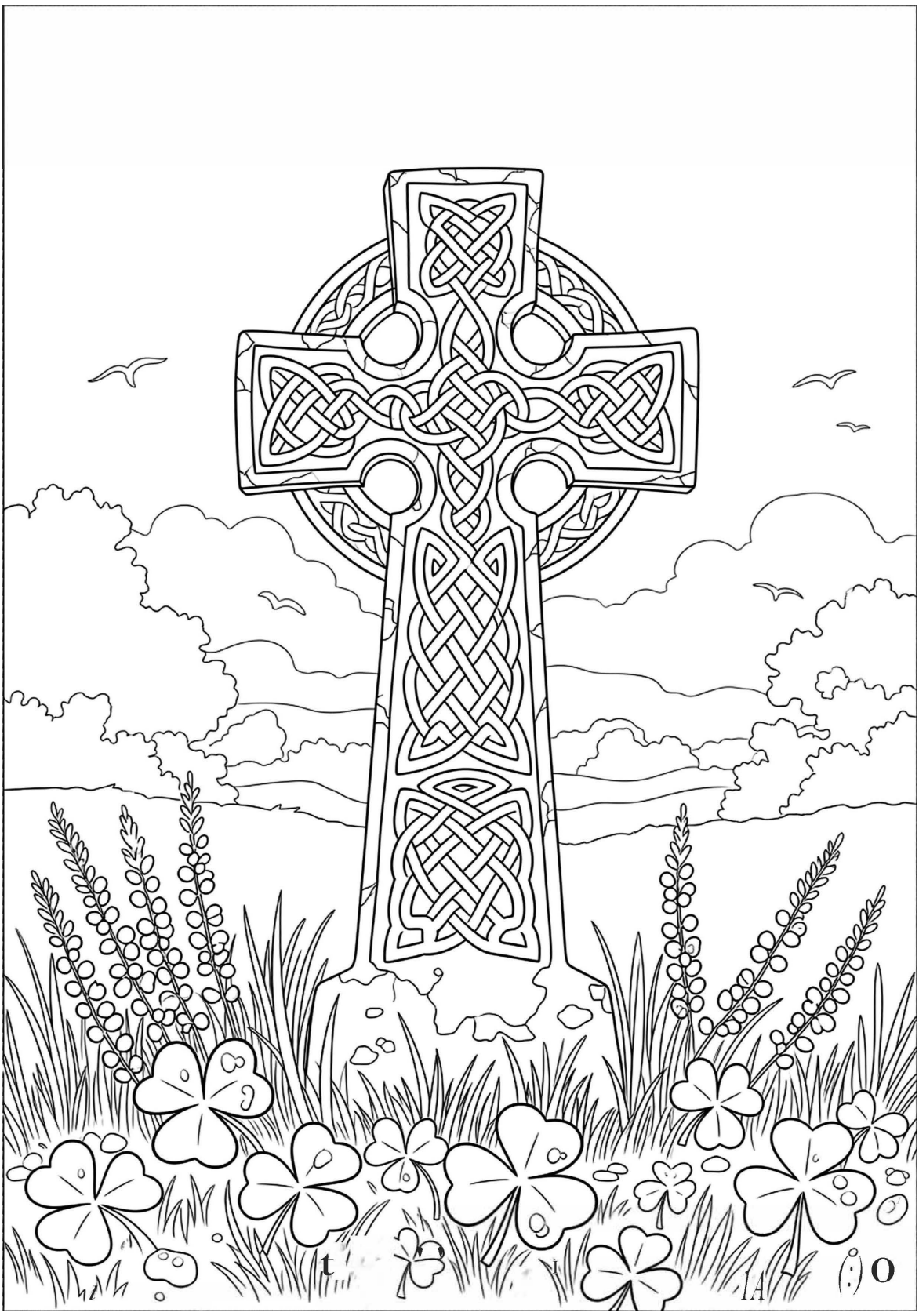
| February 22 | **Lent 1** ***Heidi Wilker's Faith Story*** | 9:15 am Choir<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Coffee Fellowship* |
| March 1 | **Lent 2** | 9:15 am Choir<br>10:15 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Coffee Fellowship * |
| March 8 | **Lent 3** | 9:15 am Choir<br>10:15 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Annual Meeting<br>12:00 noon Coffee Fellowship* |
| March 15 | **Lent 4** ***with Pastor Brian Wilker*** | 9:15 am Choir<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Coffee Fellowship* |
| March 22 | **Lent 5** | 9:15 am Choir<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Coffee Fellowship* |
| March 29 | **Palm Sunday** | 9:15 am Choir<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Coffee Fellowship* |
| April 5 | **Easter Sunday** | 9:15 am Choir<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Easter Fellowship |

*__Please note__: coffee fellowship will only happen on these dates if we get someone to volunteer to host it.

## COLOUR ME!