

## Announcements for the week of February 22, 2026

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- **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, March 1, 2026**  
Gen 12:1-4a, Psalms 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17
- Our Church service is now available to listen to on our website: [platochurch.com](http://platochurch.com)
- ***Schedule for Lenten Services Service's all at 7:00 pm***  
February 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational – Glencoe  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – St. John's – Bongards  
March 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Paul's – Plato  
March 18<sup>th</sup> – Friedens – Norwood  
March 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational – Glencoe
- St. John's Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast; TODAY
- First Lutheran Ev. Lutheran Church Glencoe Potato Pancake & Sausage Dinner – Sunday, March 22, 2026; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Women's Guild Luncheon – Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Women's Guild Meeting for March has been moved to March 8th
- **Our Members Living in Long Term Care:** (Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board.)  
Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson: Olive Pinske and Dennis Scharpe.  
The Haven in Norwood Young America: Mavis Schuette.  
Broadwell Senior Living, Plymouth: Jim Jensen, Apt 2  
Orchard Estates: Donna Schmidt, Room 115  
Cokato Manor: Orville Schrupp, Rm 151  
Auburn Home, Chaska: Vee Ann Wood Rm. 311

### **Please be here 30 minutes before worship:**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – John & Amy Thomas  
March 1<sup>st</sup> - Mike & Elaine Graupmann  
March 8<sup>th</sup> - Dave & Dawn Prehn

### **Fellowship Time**

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Milota and Sandra Frederickson, Gary & Dale Graupmann  
March 8<sup>th</sup> - Lloyd & Sharon and Louis Graupmann  
March 22 - Mike & Elaine Graupmann & Gregg & Lori Lemke

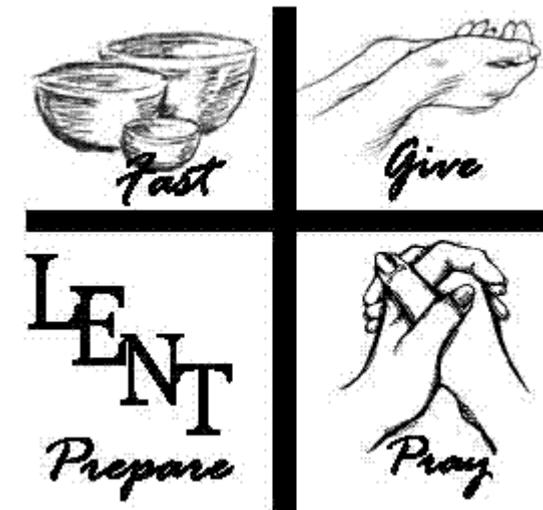
### **Communion for March -Marlo Lepel**

### **Scripture Reader**

2/22 Jim Leith  
3/1 Peg Flusemann

## St. Paul's United Church of Christ Plato, MN

Sunday, February 22, 2026  
9:00 a.m.



### Rescheduled Ash Wednesday Service

Pastor: Brian Brosz  
Organist: Diane Anderson

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*Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. – Psalm 32: 5-8*

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**February 22, 2026**

**Pastor: Brian Brosz**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Organist: Diane Anderson**

**Prelude, Greetings and Announcements**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**+Announcements – Joys – Concerns**

**Call to Worship (Responsively)**

**Pastor:** We have left many important pursuits to gather here. In these moments, worship is of first importance.

**Congregation:** *Together, we begin a season of self-examination. We begin a humble walk with God through Lent.*

**Pastor:** This is a time for building spiritual disciplines. Those disciplined by Christ become disciples.

**Congregation:** *We seek to follow in the steps of Jesus. We want to walk in the paths where Christ leads.*

**Pastor:** May God empower us here with genuine righteousness. Let patience, kindness, and truthful speech prevail.

**Congregation:** *We seek knowledge and the will to live by it. We seek community and the capacity to share it.*

**Hymn #86**    *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

**Prayer of Invocation (In Unison):** Send your Holy Spirit on this gathering of seeking people, O God of our salvation. Open our hearts to receive your gifts. Open our minds to think new thoughts. Open our hands in generous sharing. Open our lips to declare your praise. Keep us from pious pretension, that we may approach you with genuine yearning to please you, not to impress others. We hear you calling us: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Here we are, God. We seek your healing touch. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession (in Unison)** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We confess before you the sins we recognize in our individual lives and in this faith community, your church. Hear us as we recall them in silent communion with you... Help us, O God to be truthful with ourselves and with one another, and with you. Spare your people, and guide us through our difficult walk with Christ amid the challenges we face on the way to the cross. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon***

**Hymn**        *"Psalm 51" (Insert)*

**Scriptures:**    Psalm 51: 1-7  
                         Matthew 4: 1-11

**Reader:** James Leith

**Message:**    **"Blot Out My Transgressions"**

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave)**

**Doxology #815**

**Offertory Prayer (In Unison)**

Receive, O God, our broken and contrite hearts, our restored and committed spirits, our renewed dedication of all we possess and all we are. Thank you for this day of salvation. Thank you for the daily presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Thank you for your promise to teach us the ways of steadfast love, purity, holiness, truthfulness and power to accomplish the tasks you set before us. Amen.

**Response #816 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

**Hymn**        *"Ashes" – (Insert)*

**The Imposition of Ashes – at the Alter**

**Closing Hymn #308**        *"There Is A Redeemer"*

**Benediction**

**Ringling of the Bell**