

The Adventurer



March 2026

Grace and mercy:

A faith-filled walk through Lent

“ Yet even now ... return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment. ”

- Joel 2: 12, 13



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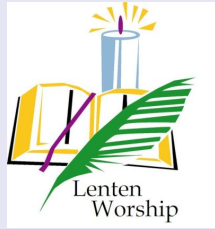
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Youth

Carolyn Weeks



March



Sunday, March 1st
Second Sunday in Lent
Worship & Holy Communion
9:30am
Ministry Morning & Sunday
School Classes 10:45am

Wednesday, March 4th
Lenten Dinner Worship, 6:30pm

Sunday, March 8th
Third Sunday in Lent
Worship & Holy Communion
9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am

Wednesday, March 11th
Lenten Dinner Worship, 6:30pm

Sunday, March 15th
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Worship & Holy Communion
9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am

Wednesday, March 18th
Lenten Dinner Worship, 6:30pm

Sunday, March 22nd
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Worship & Holy Communion
9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am

Wednesday, March 18th
Lenten Dinner Worship, 6:30pm

Sunday, March 29th
Palm Sunday
Worship & Holy Communion
9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am

Thursday, April 2nd
Maundy Thursday, 7pm

Friday, April 3rd
Good Friday, 7pm

Sunday, April 5th
Easter Sunday
Worship & Holy Communion
9:30am
10:45 Easter Breakfast
11:30am Easter Egg Hunt

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

Do Not Forget to Turn your Clocks Back.



*Christians
confronting emptiness
choosing compassion
creating community*

The item requested for the month of March is
Canned Meats (chicken, tuna, spam, etc.)





Advent Property Work Day

In Preparation for Easter and Springtime, we will have a congregational Property Work Day on March 7, 2026 beginning at 8am. If you can't be there at 8am, there will still be plenty to do later in the morning too.

Here are some of the activities we will be doing:

Outside activities:

Trimming Trees
Weeding
Cleaning up Community Garden Area
Mulching flower beds around church grounds
Repairing part of roof area

Inside Activities:

In the Sanctuary- polish the pews with Murphy oil soap and cleaning all of the light globes.
Wash chairs and tables in Fellowship Hall

For the outside activities, shovels, rakes and hand tools like little shovels, garden hoes and such would be helpful. We will have mulch and trash bags at the church.

For the inside activities, rags and cleaners would be helpful to clean chairs and tables. We have the supplies for the sanctuary.

We hope to see you there!



Join us for Worship on April 5, 2026

Easter Worship & Holy Communion: 9:30am

Easter Breakfast following worship

and then...

Hop outside for the
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
for all children!

Don't forget your Easter baskets!





Please help us beautify the Lord's House for our Wonderful Easter worship service!

Our lilies are being purchased from Bedford Nursery and will be beautiful!

Your gift benefits the
Advent Lutheran Church Youth Group.

Our young people appreciate your support!
Cost is \$25.00/Lily.

There will be a sign up table each Sunday in March in the Narthex. A youth will be there to take your order and you can order one in memory/honor of a loved one. You can also email the church office if you would like to order a Lily, but cannot be there in person.

March Youth Group Events

March 15, 2026 at 12pm, Advent Youth will join Resurrection Lutheran youth for a joint youth group event. We will have lunch and get to know one another. Then we will go to Mastermind Escape Room.

Also in March, we will be putting together Easter treats for our homebound members.

Little Free Pantry

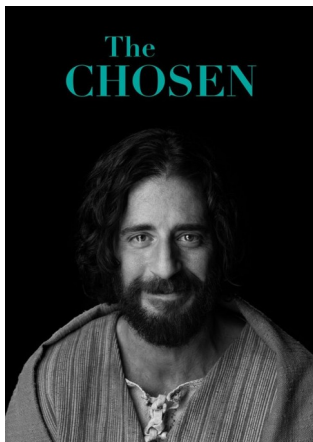
The generosity of this church family is incredible. Thank you to those of you who have donated cash in the little black box in the narthex. The money is used to buy groceries when we run low. Thanks, too, to those who faithfully bring in their food and personal care products and leave them on the table in the hall leading to the fellowship hall. I can't tell you the number of days I think that we have nothing much to put in the pantry and when I arrive there are donations sitting on the table or already placed in the pantry. God is at work! God's people are at work.



All donations are appreciated and there are no right or wrong item to bring. Something as simple as one bottle of water is helpful to someone who is thirsty. Thank you for giving what you can and doing it so joyfully.

Peace,
Kath

Adult Bible Study -“The Chosen”



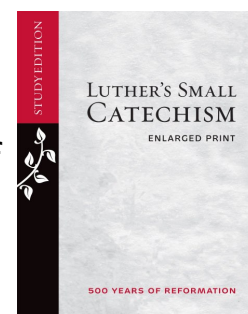
The Adult Bible Study continues with Season three, Episode 2 on **Wednesday, March 4th, 10:30-11:30am.**

The episode for the class will be shown at the church at 9:30am with the class to follow at 10:30am

We hope you will join us for this holy time in the Word.

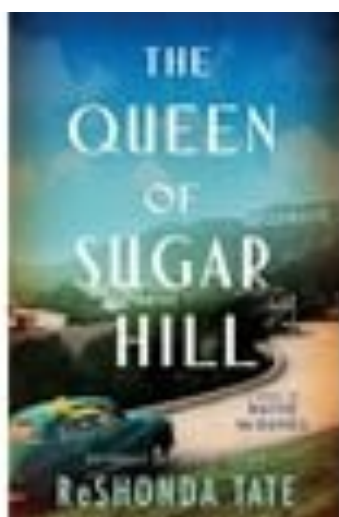
Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School will be finishing their study of the 10 Commandments, Sunday, March 1st and will begin their study of the Lord's Prayer, Sunday, March 8th.



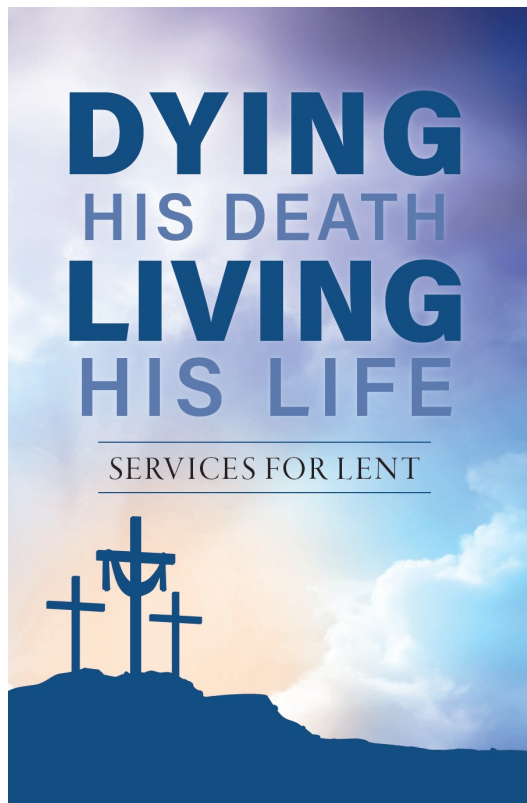
ADVENT BOOK GROUP 2026

Meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month at 11am unless otherwise noted.



*Join us on Monday, March 23rd at 11am
in the Adult Sunday School Room as we meet to discuss the book,
"The Queen of Sugar Hill" by ReShonda Tate.
The Discussion Leader for the morning will be Betsy Walker.
All are welcome!*

Date	Book Title	Author	Reviewer
3/23	<i>The Queen of Sugar Hill</i>	ReShonda Tate	Betsy Walker
4/27	<i>The First Gentleman: A Thriller</i>	Bill Clinton & James Patterson	Janice Richardson
*5/18	<i>The Grey Wolf: A Novel</i>	Louise Penny	Pat Grim
*(We are meeting on the 3rd Monday in May since Memorial Day is on the 4th Monday.)			



**2026 Lenten Theme for Sunday Worship:
Dying His Death, Living His Life**

In Lent, we are reminded of our Baptism and how we are buried with Christ in his death so that we might live with him in his resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for Jesus. In word and song in these worship services for the holy season, contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.

Sun., Mar. 1—Week 2 • Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven

We release our grip on earthly things that we might grasp those things above.

Sun, Mar. 8—Week 3 • Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith

We rid ourselves of uncertainty in exchange for total trust in Christ.

Sun., Mar. 15—Week 4 • Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace

We trade our troubles for the comfort of Christ.

Sun., Mar. 22—Week 5 • Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace

We are released from punishment to dwell in Christ's mercy.



LENTEN MMIDWEEK SCHEDULE

March 4, 11, 18, 25

6:30pm Wednesday Nights in Lent Dinner Worship



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29

9:30am Palm Sunday

April 2

7pm Maundy Thursday

April 3

7pm Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

April 5

9:30am Easter Worship followed by "Easter Feaster" breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt for all children.

A note from Tom Alderson on the work being done in Uganda

On February 15 I was called upon to deliver a sermon about Uganda and the work that is being done there. I failed totally . I talked for twenty-five minutes and avoided God and Jesus the entire time. No one should have had to endure that talk. There was nothing in it that was of any value to any person of Christ. I am truly sorry for all the pain I have caused most of you. You came expecting a message from the Lord and heard everything but a message from the Lord. I can only hope you find it in your hearts to forgive me.

A few of the things I should have said.

In the last two years fifteen boys have been rescued from the Bawaise slums by RUHU.

Thank God for the men who work tirelessly in that slum and pray for the boys.

Every year about ten boys are rescued from the Kisenyi slums by RUHU.

Praise God for bringing those boys to safety.

Every Saturday at least forty boys in the the Kisenyi slums are given a life sustaining meal by RUHU.

Thank God for blessing and sustaining the boys.

These rescued children are given a chance to attend school through to high school graduation.

Rejoice in God's goodness.

Three churches are being supported by RUHU.

To God be the glory!

A church has begun a ministry to the homebound.

Pray for this ministry.

A woman is being sent to Bible school through the generosity of RUHU's director.

Pray for Pastor Grace and thank God for the blessing of William.

RUHU maintains a primary school for their children and the less fortunate in the community.

Pray for the teachers, cooks, administrators and students

Less fortunate children are given life sustaining meals at the school.

Thank God for his abundance.

RUHU has a high school for its children and the less fortunate in the area.

Praise God for his goodness.



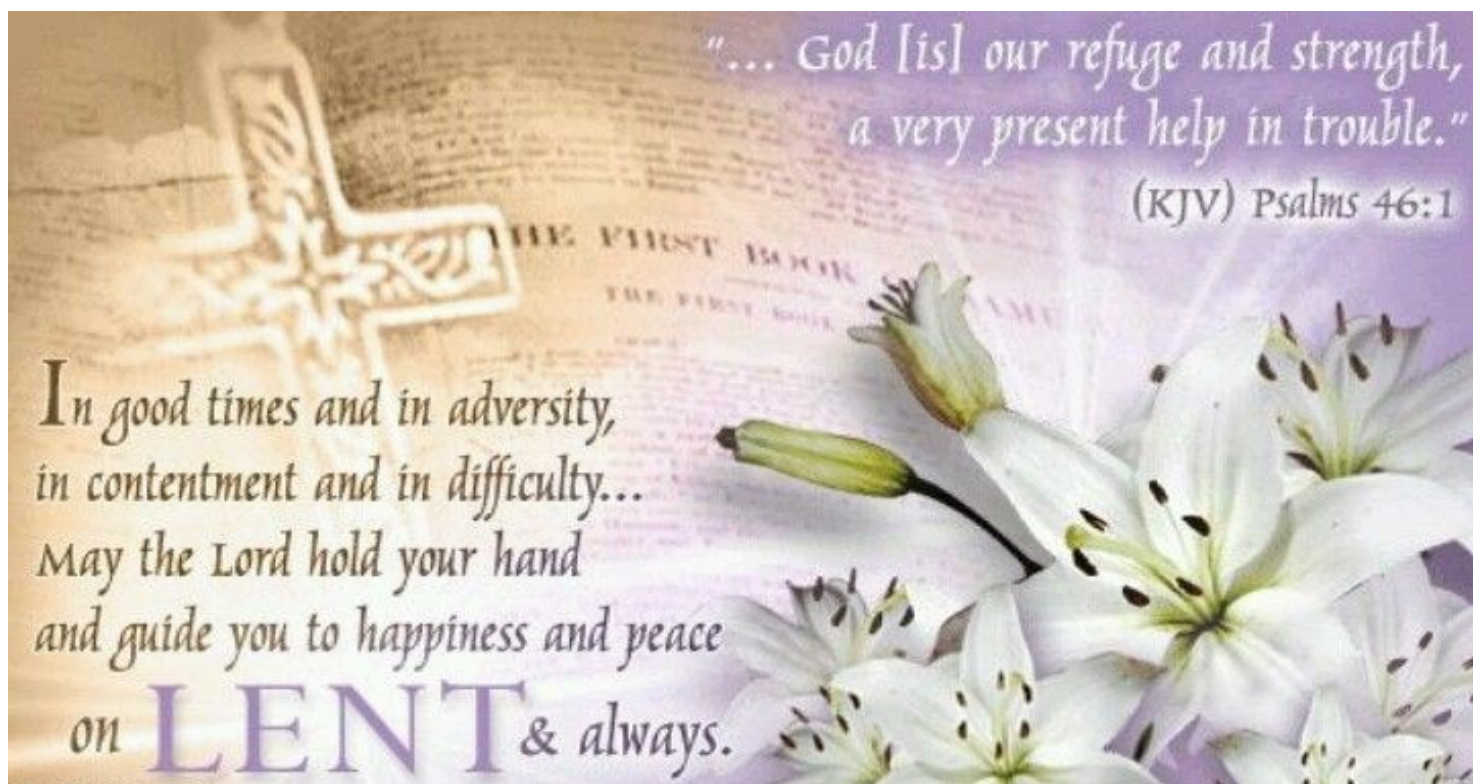
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3/2 Ethan Fillgrove
3/5 Elaine Mertins
3/7 Liza Fincher
3/9 Thomas Koch
3/11 Debbie Merzlak
3/11 Mary Filpus-Luyckx
3/12 Curtis Lingenfelter
3/13 Carole Hanes
3/13 RJ Gentry
3/16 Bryan Tupper
3/18 Nick Reed
3/24 Robin Keller
3/26 Kristen Teffeteller
3/27 Violet Herrmann
3/29 Benjamin Rivera
4/2 Noreen Gaynor
4/8 Phil Hanes
4/9 Stephanie Tupper

4/2 Phil & Carole Hanes

An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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