

## Prayer Requests

Place in the offering baskets or the offering boxes near the Worship Center doors or at the Welcome Center.

Prayer Team  Confidential

## This Week At ACV:

### Sunday - February 22nd

8:45 am Worship Rehearsal - WC  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Sunday Service

### Tuesday - February 24th

9:00 am Women's Prayer - C

### Wednesday - February 25th

6:45 pm AWANA  
7:00 pm Youth Group - SC  
7:00 pm SWAGS - D  
7:00 pm Young Women's Study - CR  
7:00 pm Men's Study - 3 Arrows

### Thursday - February 26th

5:00 pm Open Arms Dinner - GR

### Saturday - February 28th

7:00 am Men's Group - CR

### Key:

WC- Worship Center GR- Great Room  
SC - Student Center CR- Conference Room  
D- Classroom D C- Classroom C  
5- Classroom 5 P- Pavilion

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## Looking Ahead...

February 26th Open Arms Dinner  
March 1st M.A.S.K'd Prayer Meeting  
March 9th Trustees Meeting  
March 10th Elder Meeting  
March 14th CYAH Pi Day Potluck  
March 20-22nd Women's Retreat  
April 2nd Maundy Thursday  
April 5th Easter Sunday  
April 10-11th Men's Retreat  
April 18th ACV Spring Workday  
April 25th Feed My Starving Child

## Next Sunday, March 1st, 2026

Greeters: Brian & Brandi Hacken  
Children's Church: Sharon Barczak  
Ellis Riebe & Annamae Schifsky  
Nursery: Sally & Katie Vruno

## Stewardship Update

Attendance for February 15th, Service: 270

### Giving For February 15th, 2026

General Fund Weekly Budget	\$ 12,846.15
General Fund Giving	\$ 18,172.53
Missions Giving	\$ 700.00
Year To Date Missions Giving	\$ 19,975.90
Last Year To Date Giving	\$ 28,446.33
General Fund Budget (thru 29 wk)	\$ 372,538.46
General Fund Offering (thru 29 wk)	\$ 402,795.11

*Thank you for your faithful giving!  
To contribute to the work of the church, you can:  
\*place your gift in the offering basket or the boxes at the exits  
\*give online at stcroixalliance.com*

2/22/2026



**Welcome to Alliance Church of the Valley**  
**We're glad you're here.**

**2026**  
**Koinonia Café Open**  
**10:00 am Worship Services**

### Nursing Mother's Room

A glass enclosed sound proof room is available at the back of the upper level of the Worship Center for nursing mothers. It contains an audio feed from the sound booth.

### Nursery 10:00 am

Our well staffed nursery is available on the upper level across from the Worship Center doors for children who are infant to 36 months.

### Children's Church 10:00 am

We provide an age suitable learning environment for our families in Classroom 3 on the lower level. Kids age 3-6 years old are welcome to participate. Please arrive prior to the start of service.

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Comments:

# SERMON

**Sermon Series: Heart of Restoration-Nehemiah**  
**Sunday, February 22nd, 2026**  
**Title: Blueprints Born In Prayer**  
**Text: Nehemiah 2**  
**Speaker: Pastor Chris Folkestad**

## -First Time Visitors-

We are so glad you've come this morning to seek the Lord Jesus Christ and worship Him together with us. Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card attached to this worship folder. Please bring it to the Welcome Center to receive a complimentary gift bag and information about the ministries of our church.

## Connecting With Our Church Family

### Easter Lilies

Help us honor our Risen Savior by decorating the Great Room with beautiful Easter Lilies! You are invited to purchase a lily for \$15 in Memory or in Honor of a loved one as we prepare our hearts and our space for Easter. Please submit your order and payment by Sunday, March 22.



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We would love to pray for you. Please share your requests by submitting them on the Prayer Wall via the ACV Church App, filling out the attached Connection Card & returning it to the Welcome Center, or emailing the church office at: office@stcroixalliance.com

### MASK'd Prayer

Meeting And Seeking Kingdom Direction... In Prayer. Join us to seek the Lord and pray for our nation—no special skills required, just a willing heart! Our upcoming meetings are March 1st and March 15th at 9:15 AM in the ACV Conference Room.

### Upcoming Sunday School Study

Join Kirk and Shara Anderson for a new Sunday School study beginning March 15th. They will be leading from the book "Sacred Marriage" by Gary Thomas, exploring how God can use marriage to help us grow in holiness even more than happiness. Please stop by the Welcome Center to sign up and reserve your spot! The cost for the materials is \$8.

### J.O.Y. Group

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the JOY Group lunch! It was a wonderful time of fellowship and food. Be sure to mark your calendars for March 19th, for the next fun gathering.

## Connecting to the Community

### Open Arms Dinner

You're invited to our Open Arms Dinner this Thursday, February 26! Join us for a Mexican Night feast featuring a delicious menu of Burrito Bake, Spanish Rice, and Elote Salad, finished off with a sweet Churro Dessert. Dinner is served at 5:00 pm.



### Support Open Arms Ministry

You can support the Open Arms Ministry by giving a financial gift (memo: "Open Arms"), donating non-perishable food items for the Giving Table during dinner nights, or volunteering your time- just email the church office to start!

## Women's Ministry

### Women's Retreat

Join us as we hear from Faye Sutton, Tawny Christenson, and JoEllen Nelson speak on the topic of "Womanly Warfare: *Intercessory Prayer for Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends.*" You can register online using the QR code or signup at the Welcome Center today.



### Happy Hiker Gals

Join us February 23rd at 10:00 AM to hike the Immigrant Trails in Taylors Falls. Contact Kathy Scharfenberg with any questions.

### Women's Bible Study Options

We invite the women of our church to grow in the Word through two upcoming studies: Ladies ages 18-33 are invited to a line-by-line study of Genesis on Wednesdays from 7-8:15 pm in Classroom D. Additionally, all women are welcome to join an in-depth study of 2 Peter led by Vermae Matheson, beginning March 5th on Thursdays from 1-3:00 PM at ACV. Please register for the Thursday study at the Welcome Center, or contact Kate Thompson with any questions.

## Young Adults

### Spring/Summer Schedule

The Spring/Summer 2026 calendar is officially here! You can view the full schedule on the church bulletin board or grab a pocket version at the Welcome Center. Registrations for the events are now open online!



### Pi Day Potluck

Celebrate Pi Day with our Young Adult Pi Potluck! Join us at the Student Center on March 14th at 7:00 PM for a night of games and Pi-themed foods. Whether it's sweet, savory, or circular, bring a dish to share as we gather for a fun evening of food and fellowship!

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Group

Youth Group meets every Wednesday for 6-12th graders from 7-8:30 pm. But our doors open at 6:30 pm for extra time to play games and catch up with friends.

## Children's Ministry

### Nursery Announcement

Due to low attendance, and to honor our volunteers' time, there will be no nursery during the Sunday School hour for the remainder of this spring. We would love to restart Sunday School nursery in September, but we need to know if there is interest! If you'd like to see it return this fall, please let Joanna Vollendorf, Kristine Peterson or the church office know.

### Sunday School

Our Sunday School program for PreK-6th grade meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Just head downstairs to the lower level classrooms to join the fun!

### AWANA

Awana meets every Wednesday for children ages PreK-6th grade from 6:45-8:15 pm. Registration is available online to those who still need to signup.

### Save the Date: VBS 2026

Save the date for Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23! Join us at Alliance Church of the Valley from July 13th-17th.



## Connection Card

Please sign, tear off, and place in the offering.

- 1st time guest
- 2nd time guest
- 3rd time guest
- Regular Attender
- Member
- Visiting with family/friends
- New Address/Phone/ Email

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Age Group

- Jr./ Sr High
- College (18-24)
- 20-30's
- 40-50's
- 60-70's
- 80+

Name(s) of children living at home and ages:  
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### I'd like information on:

- How to begin a relationship with Christ
- How to become a church member
- Youth Ministries
- Children Ministries
- Small Groups (Life Groups)
- Interested in Baptism
- Women's Ministries
- Men's Ministries
- Music Opportunities
- I'd like to talk to a pastor
- I'd like to subscribe to the Newsletter
- I'd like a church mailbox

### Other:

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