

# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



## THE FEBRUARY CHRONICLE 2025

Empowered by Christ's forgiveness,  
We worship Him, praise Him, and study His Word.  
We nurture community members, and serve mission fields.

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# PASTOR'S CORNER



*“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.”*

*Romans 5:8*

February is a month filled full of candy filled hearts, flowers, and cards that are filled with sentiments of love and care for one another. We often ask, especially on February 14th, if someone will be your Valentine. Valentine's Day is the day when all of those sentiments are wrapped up into one day of love.

Valentine's Day, however, is not the only day that God shows His love for us. If that were true, it wouldn't be much of an existence here on earth at all for any of us. God shows his love for us daily by providing all the things we need for this life and the next. He is continually faithful to us, even when we are not very faithful to Him.

That's really what Paul was saying when he wrote the verse above to the church at Rome. While we continually deny Him, our need for Him, and reject Him, He continues to faithfully provide ever single thing we need. Luther says He gives us our daily bread - “everything that belongs to the support and wants of the body, such as meat, drink, clothing, shoes, house, homestead, field, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful magistrates, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like” and the gifts of salvation and the forgiveness of our sins - EVEN when we were still sinners. THAT, my friends, is true love.

With Great Joy In Christ Jesus,

*Pastor Brad A. Brown*

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mark  your **Calendar**

**Mark your calendars for March 5th for Ash Wednesday Soup Supper** sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. The supper will be held from 5:30-6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. You can expect a variety of soups and chilis to be offered. More details to come.

# What's Happening?

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please join us for breakfast on Sunday, February 16th.  
The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon.  
Breakfast will be hosted by the Elders.



## Youth Pizza Roll fundraiser.

Get your homemade pizza rolls for the "BIG GAME"  
Taking orders now—sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.  
Pick up on Sunday, February 9th after service.  
All proceeds will benefit the youth attending the  
National Youth Gathering.

Cost: Cheese \$13, Sausage \$15, Peperoni \$15.

## YOUTH DINNERS

THE YOUTH WILL BE PREPARING DINNER FOR THEMSELVES ONCE A MONTH.  
THEY HAVE ALREADY STARTED WITH A TACO NIGHT! IF ANYONE WOULD  
LIKE TO MAKE A MONETARY  
DONATION TO HELP OFFSET THE COST, IT WOULD BE MUCH  
APPRECIATED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT WES.



Come for fun & fellowship. Get your groups together & signup in the Narthex on the white board. Invite your co-workers, friends, family, & neighbors. Entry to Trivia included food (soup, rolls, cookies, & fruit) Cost is \$10 /person.

Any questions email Wes at [wesaquice@gmail.com](mailto:wesaquice@gmail.com)

## REMINDER!

YOUTH CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE DROP OFF ON  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH FROM 9:00-10:00 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Share and Care Preschool has opened our registration for the 2025-2026 school year. All kiddos who are 3, 4 or 5 years old are welcome to join in our fun and learning. We have a variety of programs that are designed to serve each learner's needs. Our 2 day, 3 day and 4 day tuition based programs are for all of our friends who are at least 3 year olds on or before September 15, 2025. Some of our friends use this as their first school experience and other friends use it as a bonus year before they enter the elementary school classroom, but no matter what the circumstances are, each learner's developmental needs are met and expanded upon in these programs. All of our classes meet from 9am-12pm and class days are assigned to ensure that we are maximizing our teacher-student ratios.

Our 2025-2026 tuition rates (monthly tuition also includes a daily snack):

2 Day - \$175/month

3 Day - \$250/month

4 Day - \$325/month

We are also proud to partner with the Cedar Rapids Community School District to provide a state funded preschool program for our 4 year old friends. This program has attendance requirements and all participants must be 4 on or before September 15, 2025. Kiddos meet in this program, each day Monday-Thursday and their tuition and snack fee is covered by state funding.

To register for any of our programs, please check out our website [www.shareandcarepreschool.com](http://www.shareandcarepreschool.com). From that website you can fill out our enrollment application through brightwheel. The \$50 non-refundable registration fee can be paid through the website OR can be mailed into the preschool.

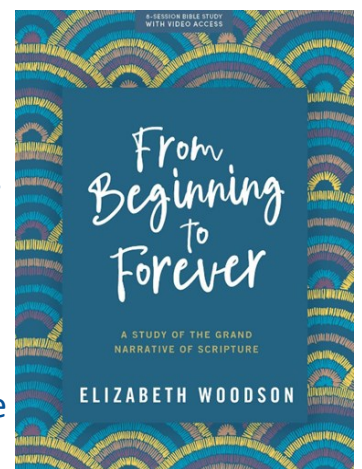
We look forward to learning with your little learners in the 2025-2026 school year!

Sarah Hoffman



**Women's Bible Study** will start meeting up again on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm starting April 23rd. Any and all women are welcome. If you want to join us and need a book, please see contact Christina Johnson. Come join in studying God's word and fellowship.

If you have not been able to join the Women's Bible Study this past fall and are not able to join us in the spring but are interested in doing a self-study with book we are currently using (shown below), please contact Christina Johnson. She has extra books that are unable to be returned and would love to give them to a good home for someone to study God's word.



## Celebrating birthdays in February...

5. Nicole Schultz, David Timmerman

7. Maddison Brown, Debbie Domke

10. Jo Ann Kramer

11. Marcia Crapo, Derik Wendel

14. John Bush

15. Ed Poock, Reese Thompson

17. Susan Spellerberg

18. Judy Mittan

23. Jean Ihns, Diane Schmelz

25. Garrit Wendel

28. Judy Trimpe



## Celebrating anniversaries in February...

25. Will & Crystal Peters

