



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1326 1st Ave N., Great Falls MT  
A congregation of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 2026 Newsletter  
*God's Work—Our Hands!*

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**Loaves & Fishes  
Dinner  
March 20**

**WELCA  
Lenten Brunch  
March 28**

**Our Savior's Lutheran  
Worships each Sunday at  
10:00 a.m.  
with Refreshments and  
Fellowship in the Church  
basement following  
services.**

**Office Hours are**  
Mon. & Wed., 9:00-1:00

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Director
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## **Church Council Officers**

Officers for Church Council were voted on at the February  
Council Meeting

For 2026, the officers will be:

Rich Hamill — President

Sanna Beerman — Vice President

Kerrie Ramstead — Secretary

Keep these leaders and the rest of the Church Council in your prayers  
as we navigate the business of the congregation.

## **Lenton Services and Soup Suppers**

Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent as we journey  
toward the cross.

**Soup Suppers will be at 6 PM followed by Service at Our  
Savior's on March 4th and March 11th.** Please consider helping with  
the meals on those evenings. There are sign-up sheets in the back  
of the church.

**Soup Supper will be at 6 PM followed by Service at 1st Presby-  
terian on March 18th and March 25th.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, Seder Meal at 1st Presbyterian at  
7 PM.**

**Good Friday service on April 3rd will be at 1st Presbyterian at  
7 PM.**

**Easter Sunday service, April 5th will be at Our Savior's at 10 AM.**  
May this be a time of reflection & growth as we journey through these  
40 days.

## **26th Annual Loaves & Fishes Dinner**

An evening of good food,  
silent auction  
and raffle

Friday, March 20, 2026  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
1326 1st Ave. North  
Serving: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Free Will Offering  
**All proceeds support FISH**

# Our Savior's Events During March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 7:30 Men's Sq.  6:00 Lenten Soup Supper and Service	5  <b>10:30 WELCA Board Meeting</b>	6	7
8  10:00 Worship  11:15 Human Concerns	9  7:00 Property & Finance	10  5:30 Worship & Music	11  7:30 Men's Sq.  6:00 Lenten Soup Supper and Service	12  9:30 Quilters and Knitters	13	14
15  9:00 Choir Practice  10:00 Worship  Executive Cmt. 11:15	16	17	18 7:30 a.m. Men's Square  7:00 Council Mtg  6:00 Lenten Soup Supper at 1st Presby.	19  10:30 WELCA Board Meeting	20  LOAVES AND FISHES DINNER 4:30 - 6:30	21
22  10:00 Worship	23  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:00 Book Club, Etc.	24	25 7:30 Men's Sq.  1:15 Prayer Chain Meeting  6:00 Lenten Soup Supper at 1st Presby.	26  9:30 Quilters and Knitters	27  <b>Game Night!</b>	28  <b>WELCA Lenten Brunch Country club</b>
29  9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship <b>Palm Sunday</b>  <i>Change for Change</i>	30	31	April 1	2	3	4

FINANCIAL REPORT:			
OFFERINGS, DISBURSEMENTS & BALANCES			
as of January 31, 2026			
General Fund	January	Year to Date	2025 YTD
Giving	\$11,911.00	\$11,911.00	\$22,291.42
Interest Inc	\$139.80	\$139.80	\$298.11
Expenses	\$9,002.74	\$9,002.74	\$18,347.26
Totals	\$3,048.06	\$3,048.06	\$4,242.27

## Celebrating March Birthdays

(Known to the Office)

	3/14	Dakota Sechena Madisen Sechena
	3/15	Teagan Olson
	3/16	Sean Dello Iacono
3/3		Rich Hamill
3/7		Matthew Wade
3/8	3/22	Dayton Kolstad
	3/23	Ellen Forslund
		Spencer Jovick
3/9		Julie Swedberg
3/10	3/24	Olivia Vanni
	3/25	Linda Lassila
3/12		JoAnn Woods
3/14		

### THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS

Just a reminder that you have to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars each year. If you have not done that for 2025, you have until March 31, 2026. If you do not designate your Choice Dollars by then, your dollars go back into the pot. While on the phone, also designate your Choice Dollars for 2026. Just remember that you have to do this each year.

It's a simple phone call — 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to direct your contribution.

Some of the approved groups are: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, FISH, or Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

### First Monday Night Quilters

Quilters will meet March 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
at New Hope Lutheran Church.

With any questions, call Trudy at 406-799-0100

### Thank You

Thank you all for the lovely cards and support you have given me.  
Thanks for those who brought things for the  
Celebration of Life and attended.  
It was greatly appreciated.

*Luana & Bill's Family*

## Serving this March

### March 1st

Usher: Robin Sainsbury  
Greeter: Judy Ludtke  
Reader: Anne Schmidt  
Altar Guild: Joyce Morgan & Nancy Traner  
Fellowship: Ellen Forslund  
Offering Collector: Lance Olson  
Counters: Helen Beckley & Clarice Flanagan  
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton  
Cantor: Ellen Forslund  
Officiating: Jodie Tooley, LMA

### March 8th

Usher: Emil Vanni  
Greeter: Lorraine Myhr  
Reader: Kerrie Ramstead  
Altar Guild: Joyce Morgan & Nancy Traner  
Fellowship: Ellen Forslund  
Offering Collector: Lance Olson  
Counters: Helen Beckley & Clarice Flanagan  
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton  
Cantor: Ellen Forslund  
Officiating: Betty Brumwell, LMA

### March 15th

Usher: Jerry Ramstead  
Greeter: Kerrie Ramstead  
Reader: Lindy Eberl  
Altar Guild: Joyce Morgan & Nancy Traner  
Fellowship: Ellen Forslund  
Offering Collector: Lance Olson  
Counters: Helen Beckley & Clarice Flanagan  
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton  
Cantor: Ellen Forslund  
Preaching: Jodie Tooley, LMA

### March 22nd

Usher: Gloria Johnson  
Greeter: Juanita Hogenson  
Reader: Kathy Maynard  
Altar Guild: Joyce Morgan & Nancy Traner  
Fellowship: Ellen Forslund  
Offering Collector: Lance Olson  
Counters: Helen Beckley & Clarice Flanagan  
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton  
Cantor: Ellen Forslund  
Officiating: Jim Carlson, LMA

### March 29

Usher: Joyce Morgan  
Greeter: Pat Orham  
Reader: Volunteer or Pastor  
Altar Guild: Joyce Morgan & Nancy Traner  
Fellowship: Ellen Forslund  
Counters: Helen Beckley & Clarice Flanagan  
Pianist / Organist: Michelle Payton  
Cantor: Ellen Forslund  
Officiating: Pastor Lynn Spencer-Smith

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### CAN YOU HELP? LOAVES & FISHES IS COMING ON MARCH 20, 2026

Yes, the **Loaves & Fishes** dinner is March 20 . . . And we are in need of door prizes, raffle items, or silent auction items.

Are you crafty? Do you knit or crochet? Do quilting or needlework? Do wood carving or wood working? Willing to make a theme basket? Paint? Have access to some kind of gift certificate from a local merchant? Have something that could be used for a door prize?

If the answer is YES, then you may be willing to donate to the **Loaves & Fishes** dinner. All of the proceeds go to FISH, the emergency food program. This is the annual dinner which has become an ecumenical event.

If you do wish to donate, please have your item to Our Savior's Lutheran Church no later than Wednesday, March 18. The church is open on Monday and Wednesday from 9-1.

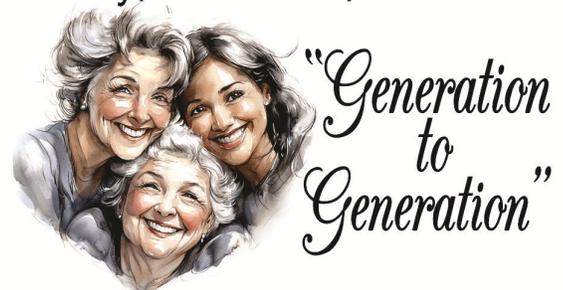
*Thanking you in advance!!*



Ladies, join us for a

## Lenten Brunch

Saturday, March 28, 10:30 am



Pastor Julia Seymour (Big Timber Lutheran Church)

Tickets  
\$25

Meadow Lark Country Club  
300 Country Club Blvd., Great Falls



For Tickets please call: Elaine (406)452-3255 or Clarice (406)899-0450