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March 8, 2026

**Third Sunday of Lent
Worship Service**

10:00 A.M.

Worship Leader: Pastor Laura Ymker

Lay Reader: Rosemary Neilsen

Ushers: Lois Baker and Sunday School children

Accompanist/Music Director: Melissa Gilbert

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Nursery: May Harris, Lily Yelvington

Coffee Fellowship: Bev Harris, Terry Roemmich, Heather Weibel

Treats: Connie Brauer, Rosemary Neilsen

Chef salad luncheon provided by Fellowship Board

UCC Tellers: Steve Gettel, Nancy Zadick

Christ UMC Tellers: Rosemary Neilsen, Jeanne Nobbs



The service will be live-streamed on both church Facebook pages and a recording of the livestream will be available on YouTube later in the day and on the UCC website.

Welcome Pastor Laura

Be sure to join us in worship this Sunday, March 8, for Pastor Laura's first service as our called Minister! We are very excited to begin our journey with her. Following worship, the Fellowship Board is hosting a chef salad luncheon to honor Laura's return. She moved from Red Lodge to Great Falls over the weekend and is settling in. As she settles in more, we will learn of office hours and contact information. **Let's show Laura the loving, welcoming, supportive congregation we are!**

In Our Thoughts and Prayers 

† *Our sympathy to Melissa Zimmer and family in the death of Melissa's mom, March 1, in IA.*
† *United States Military Personnel throughout the world.*

Christian Education News



This Sunday, March 8, children will attend worship with their families. This is Pastor Laura's first official worship service with us and Dean Jardee will lead special music. Janet Koostra will provide a children's message. Sunday School will resume on March 15 with "The Promised Land", the second lesson in the new unit "Water Wonders" which focuses on Bible stories in which water play a major role in the story.



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to **disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe.** When disasters strike or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as **healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment.** By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS

maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities.

Retreat Registration has Begun!

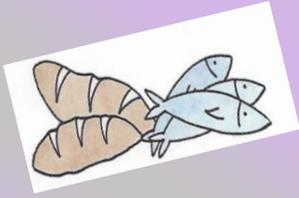
"In the Moment"

Saturday, March 21

8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.



Don't forget to sign up for the annual one-day retreat sponsored by the Church Growth & Vitality Board. This year's theme, "In the Moment" will be held on **Saturday, March 21 from 8:30 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.** at our own church facility. **Cost is \$25.00 per person.** If writing a check, please write it to FCUCC with "Retreat" in the memo. Paying cash? Make sure the money is in an envelope clearly marked with your name and "Retreat". Payment can also be made online; once again, designate "Retreat". **Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 18. Scholarships are available. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.** The day's activities- **chair yoga, aboriginal dot painting, labyrinth exploration, sandwich making, bracelet weaving,** and more- are planned to help participants focus on the holy spirit through the practice of simple and fun activities. We hope to see you there!



26th Annual Loaves & Fishes Dinner

Friday, March 20, 2026

4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1326 1st Avenue N.

An evening of good food, silent auction and raffles! **Free will offering.** All proceeds support FISH. If you wish to donate crafts, gift certificates or anything that can be used for door prizes, raffles, and auction items, **please have items to Our Savior's Lutheran no later than Wednesday, March 18. The church is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 A.M.**

Coming Up

Thursday, March 5

10:00 A.M. Grief Group, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 8- Daylight Savings Begins

Monday, March 9

12:00 P.M. Facilities Committee, Fellowship Hall

1:00 P.M. Church Growth & Vitality, Fellowship Hall

7:00 P.M. Stewardship Board, Zoom

Tuesday, March 10

10:00 A.M. Mitten Makers, Fellowship Hall

6:30 P.M. Finance Board, Zoom

Wednesday, March 11

10:00 A.M. Bible Study, Parlor

1:30 P.M. Pinochle, Fellowship Hall

6:00 P.M. Youth Group, **2900 9th Ave. S**

6:00 P.M. Handbells

7:15 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

10:00 A.M. Grief Group, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 14

10:30 A.M. Ladies Coffee, Wheat Montana

Sunday, March 15

8:45 A.M. Christian Ed. Board, Parlor

9:15 A.M. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

11:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship