

Vermont Lutheran Church

Amazing Love: The Story of "And Can It Be"

As we journey through Lent, we reflect on our need for grace and the profound sacrifice of the Cross. Few hymns capture the tension between human brokenness and divine mercy as powerfully as Charles Wesley's "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"

Written shortly after his conversion in May 1738, this hymn reflects Wesley's personal spiritual rebirth. He marvels that Christ would die for him personally—"for me, who Him to death pursued." These are powerful words of grace, freedom, and awe at the love of Christ that resonate deeply during the Lenten season.

In 2014, composer Dan Forrest wrote a new setting of this text that has resonated with me. A quiet, contemplative opening builds to a confident declaration of the Gospel before ending with a pensive assurance of God's amazing love. I invite you to listen and reflect on this beautiful piece....[And Can It Be?](#)



And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

-Charles Wesley, 1738

A Lenten Prayer

Gracious God, as we reflect on the love that led You to the Cross, open our eyes to Your Spirit. Where we feel bound by old habits, let our chains fall off. May we walk this season not in fear, but in the joy of being Your redeemed children. Amen.

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PRESIDENT: Peter Antonie
VICE-PRESIDENT: Debbie Krebs
SECRETARY: Frannie Parrell
TREASURER: Karsten Haugen
MEMBERS: Peter Jones, Ingerid Kvam, Andrew Lonsdale
YOUTH MEMBER: Luke Herrling

From The President's Desk, March 2026 Peter Antonie

Finances: At our annual meeting, Karsten Haugen presented a spending plan with 4 options to consider that differed in expense based on how much experience a called pastor has and whether called to a parttime or fulltime ministry. Each of the options assumed that there will be a deficit in income compared to expenses at year end.

We adopted the option of a fulltime pastor called for the last 8 months of 2026 with the proviso that the council will provide a plan to the congregation, no later than the end of May, on how the necessary income will be raised so that there is no deficit by year-end. To that end, Karsten is forming a small ad hoc committee to create a plan for the council to bring to the congregation addressing the deficit.

Legacy Prairie & Woodland Expenses: The Legacy Fund committee met recently to prepare a recommendation to the council for the Fund to pay its share of the church's operating expenses that are attributable to Prairie & Woodland expenses. Specifically, the recommendation is 1) to pay 10% of the church's property insurance premium due to the increased liability cost associated with the property; 2) to pay 5% of the bookkeeper's salary in recognition of work associated with Prairie & Woodland expenses, and 3) to pay a share of the church's electricity bill due to usage associated with the Prairie & Woodland.

Call Committee: In January, the synod submitted a pastoral candidate's profile for the call committee to consider. After reviewing the profile, the committee decided to proceed with an interview in early March. The committee will inform the council of any need to move further forward with the candidate after the interview. And, the congregation will be updated.

Space Use Committee: An ad hoc committee has been meeting to explore how best to use the space in the church building and if there are items that need to be moved or discarded. Recently, the committee brought 3 recommendations to the council that were approved:

- 1). Dismantle the VLC Library. It just isn't used anymore. The idea is to put out sets of books each Sunday for members to review. For any book they wish to take, they leave a free-will offering.
- 2) Patty Herrling and Susan Olson will box up the historical documents & WELCA materials to be stored in the Pastor's Study closet until the council decides what to do with them, such as storing them in an offsite secure location, digitizing them, etc.
- 3) The old hymnals stored in the narthex closet need to go. What to do with them? We have a source who would take the green hymnals. Other even older hymnals may simply be discarded.

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Conflict Resolution Facilitator: Pastor Rebecca's resignation made it clear that we have work to do to repair our congregation, build trust and respect, provide effective communication, come to agreement on shared goals, and set expectations and boundaries such that everyone feels welcome, worthy and safe.

The council recently met, via Zoom, with Sara Schulting Kranz and she challenged us to step up in our leadership and use the tools she gave us to establish a plan to move us forward. The first step is for the council to internally discuss and formulate the steps we feel are needed and then come to the congregation for input and action.

I am convinced that, with God's help, the action we take collectively will remove the funk so many of us feel right now and replace it with the joy, energy and excitement felt of doing God's work with our hands.

Together in Stewardship, by Karsten Haugen, Treasurer

If you're interested in learning more about how our funds are organized and managed, I invite you to take a few minutes to watch this brief 11-minute video. In it, I explain the purpose of our various fund and the guiding principles we use to steward them faithfully and responsibly. The document referenced in this video is available on the Vermont Lutheran Church website in the Members section.

You can find it in the 2025 Annual Report, on page 7:

I hope you'll find it helpful and informative!



Council Minutes Summary

In February the executive council decided to talk with Sara Schulting-Kranz to gain direction on how to help the congregation heal and grow. On Thursday, February 19th the full council had the opportunity to meet and listen to an insightful overview from Sara. She tasked us with homework of 5 questions to reflect on. The full council met in closed session to discuss our thoughts on the 5 questions on Sunday, February 21st. We shared our answers and decided to meet again, in closed session, to determine next steps. We will meet on March 1st. The council also approved some organizational items that a group of members have been working on to best utilize our storage space at Vermont. If you would like to know more about Sara's work, you can visit her website at saraschultingkranz.com or check out her book, *Walk Through This: Harness the Healing Power of Nature and Travel the Road to Forgiveness*.

VLC GIVING. We are grateful for the many ways people support the ministry of our church. Giving is one expression of faith and care, and every gift—of time, talent, or financial resources—helps sustain our shared mission. Whether you give in person during worship, through the mail, or online, each offering is received with deep appreciation and thanksgiving for the work of the Gospel among us.



Scan or click for link to giving

Monthly Financial Report January 31, 2025

Contributions

Monthly	\$ 13,222.00	\$ 19,166.67	\$ (5,944.67)
YTD	\$ 13,222.00	\$ 19,166.67	\$ (5,944.67)

Operating Expenses

Monthly	\$ 15,777.01	\$ 24,116.67	\$ (8,339.66)
YTD	\$ 15,777.01	\$ 24,116.67	\$ (8,339.66)

Balance

Monthly	\$ (2,555.01)	\$ (4,950.00)	\$ 2,394.99
YTD	\$ (2,555.01)	\$ (4,950.00)	\$ 2,394.99

March Service Teams

Thank you for assisting with worship. If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please find a replacement and inform the office (vermontoffice@vermontlutheran.org). A reminder you can access the church directory online for member contact information.

<https://vermontlutheran.org/connect/for-our-members/>

	MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29
ASSISTING MINISTER	Debbie Krebs	Klover Schafer	Laura Winchip	Joel Oines	Peter Antonie
GREETERS/ USHERS	Beth Gold Carolyn Antonie	Mary Aeschlimann Jason/Justine Myers Bill Meddings	Julie Schmitt Joanne Skalet Jill Adler Amy Schlimgen	Jon Urness Steve Holzhueter	Mike & Bonnie Dauck Leonard & Susan Schaub
READER	Peter Antonie	Bill Meddings	Mark Blaha	Jon Urness	Susan Schaub
COMMUNION PREP	Peter Antonie	N/A	Julie Schmitt	N/A	N/A
HOSPITALITY	Antonie Family	Jane Mickelson Julie Ziemet Ashley Rickey	Julie Schmitt Joanne Skalet Jill Adler Amy Schlimgen	Jon & Judy Urness Christy Maik	Mike & Bonnie Dauck Susan Schaub
MUSICIAN	Bruce Case	Ingerid Kvam	Micah Oines	Ingerid Kvam	Ingerid Kvam
ALTAR	Joyce Howery Ellie Boebel	Joyce Howery Ellie Boebel	Joyce Howery Ellie Boebel	Joyce Howery Ellie Boebel	Joyce Howery Ellie Boebel
ALCOLYTE	Nora Collins	Bridget Lonsdale	Nora Collins	Aaron Oines	Bridget Lonsdale

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

6 pm | Soup Supper

7 pm | Worship

Holden Evening Prayer

March 4, 11, 18, & 25

Gathering Place

*Come as you are for a simple meal,
quiet song, and meaningful worship as
we pause midweek to refocus our
hearts and journey together through
this sacred season.*

LENTEN MEAL HOSTS

Feb 25 - Kitchen team

Lavonne Clason

Mar 4 - Youth/Confirmation

Joanie Haugen

Mar 11 - Council

Peter Antonie

Mar 18 - Mission Team

Klover Schafer

Mar 25 - Choir/Worship & Music Team

Laura Winchip



March 1 - This Sunday, we journey with Abraham and Nicodemus, walking the Lenten road toward Easter. Come—join God’s people in prayer, praise, Word, and meal.

March 8 - We continue to walk with Jesus toward the cross and resurrection. This Sunday, we pause at the well and find living water—Christ himself. Come, all who thirst, and be made alive in him.

March 15 - Last week, salvation flowed like water; this week, God’s mercy shines as light. Where does darkness linger in your life? Come worship and celebrate the light of Christ within you.

March 22 - For all who feel weary, surrounded by death, or afraid to face it—come. Receive the Spirit’s breath, hear Christ’s voice, and celebrate the life God gives.

March 29 - For those who feel half-alive, burdened by sorrow, or fearful of death—come. Be renewed by the Spirit, nourished at the table, and awakened to God’s life.

Maundy Thursday - “Maundy” means command—Jesus calls us to love as he loves. Come to remember his final meal, his humble service, and his command to love.

Good Friday - Why do we call this day Good? Come to hear John’s telling of the cross, to pray for the world, and to confess our need for Christ’s mercy.

Palm Sunday - To grasp something fully, we need to look at both sides. This coming Sunday is both Palm Sunday and the Sunday of the Passion. We join in the joy of the palm procession, and we gather in sorrow at the foot of the cross. Come to sing both “Hosanna!” and “Lord, have mercy upon us.”

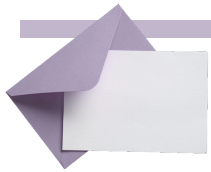


MARCH MISSION TEAM ACTIVITIES

February Food Pantry Collection ended with lots of good hearty meals, chocolate milk packets, and hot tea choices at the end of February. The food was divided and delivered to both of our local food pantries – Christians in Action and Heights Unlimited. Thank you to all of you who contributed to this requested collection.

And just a reminder that while we do run special Food Pantry Collections throughout the year at the request of one or both of these pantries, we do accept your donations of foods in the wicker baskets next to the elevator all year. The need for food is always there.

Thank You!



LENTEN NOTE CARD PROJECT

Response from people who have received cards...

Handwritten notes have become something special for any of us to receive. But, for students who have left home or someone not able to attend church regularly, a note from a member of the church is something SPECIAL indeed. And, it's not necessarily what is said in the note, but that Someone (YOU) took the time to choose a card for them, write a few words, sign your name and address it.

(We give you suggestions for your message, supply notecards, addresses, stamps and a table in the Fellowship Hall to do this).

PLEASE make WRITING A NOTE CARD at least ONCE a WEEK part of YOUR Lenten Journey this year. It's Easy, takes 5 minutes, and Gives Someone a Smile.

♥ Your words can brighten a day – and touch a heart. ♥

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The children have been learning about God as a loving friend through John 14:15–31 and Zacchaeus' story (Luke 19). They learned how Jesus is present with us and how His friendship can transform hearts.



Activities like blowing paper hearts and making friendship bracelets helped them reflect on what it means to love, trust, and be a good friend.

MISSION MEATBALL DINNER

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Mission Meatball Dinner a rousing success. To those who came and ate the meal, rolled and baked lefse, baked the meatballs, made the gravy, set the tables, peeled potatoes, baked bars or waited on tables, you made it possible for us to raise over \$2,000 for our mission outreach! In addition, we have frozen meatballs in gravy and lefse for sale from the freezer downstairs. Put your cash or check in the envelope taped to the freezer. Mange tusen takk.

2026 Mission Meatball Dinner Accounting

Income: \$2,529 (checks + cash + Thrivent card)

Checks Total \$545

Cash Total \$1,734

Deposit Total \$2,279

Thrivent Card \$250 (donation from Thrivent Financial to support the dinner used to partially pay the Prem Meats bill)

Total Income \$2,529

Expenses: \$511.16 (groceries + Prem Meats)

Groceries \$40.63 (\$94.95 - \$54.32 donated)

Meatball Meat \$470.53 (Prem Meats)

Net Revenue \$2,017.84

Served 104 Diners: 72 nonmembers, 32 members

(Purchase of leftover frozen containers of meatballs with gravy and lefse will increase the net revenue total)

KITCHEN TEAM

We are beginning to get a few items of leftover food in the kitchen. After an event or hospitality, we are asking you to take all food products home with you. If you wish to leave food for others to use, please label the food item (name of group and current date).

Hospitality labels are available to use and there is masking tape and post-it notes in the kitchen drawer.

For example: after the Mission Dinner, a tray of desserts was leftover. It was labeled for the Quilters (who were meeting the next day) and the group was notified. The next day they had the desserts and leftovers were frozen for hospitality/soup suppers.

Thank you.

TAG Team

Some members of the TAG Team have been busy organizing storage areas around our church with members of other teams to help us utilize our space to its full potential. We are also trying to finalize our team/committee organizational and flow charts to be posted for the congregation. Team and Committee Chairs, please see your email from or reach out to Nancy Berkas to ensure your team/committee member list is updated and your purpose is written correctly.

Something we have been working on since last fall is to come up with a unified agenda for meetings and a place for minutes to be recorded and easily dispersed to the places they need to go.

We are excited to share more about this action item and how you can implement it into your teams/committees.

The TAG Team invites you to one or both of the following meetings. We ask that the chair of each team/committee be present as well as anyone on your team/committee who takes notes for your meetings. Please bring an electronic device that can access google docs or microsoft word and one drive if you have one. Reach out to me if you have any questions.

Technology Meetings

When: March 8th and March 26th

Where: The Gathering Place

Time: March 8th after Church March 26th 6:30 p.m.

What to bring: Electronic Device

Who: All Team & Committee Chairs, anyone who takes notes from each team/committee

RSVP to Frannie by March 4th with the date you are coming and the email address you use or would like to use for Onedrive.

THE KNOTTY GIRLS QUILT DISPLAY AND BLESSING

Our wonderful quilting team, The Knotty Girls, is bringing cozy color to the sanctuary! Starting early March, their beautiful handmade quilts will grace the pews for a few weeks before they are boxed up to send to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt Mission in September. Each quilt is a work of art and a hug waiting to happen

Join us **Sunday, March 22** during worship for a special semi-annual blessing of the quilts -- perfectly timed with National Quilting Day on March 21. After the blessing, anyone donating \$100 or more may choose a quilt to take home!

Come admire the colorful display, celebrate the creativity and love stitched into each one, share in the power of giving, and maybe find your new favorite keepsake.

Questions? Ask any Knotty Girl -- they're always ready with a smile and a spare thread or two!

See you in the pews -- under a canopy of quilts!



CARE FOR CREATION TEAM and LEGACY FUND COMMITTEE

Fighting Climate Change Through Dane County's Continuous Cover Program (CCP)

Your Care for Creation team and Legacy Fund committee have some exciting news to share with you about the program that we, as a congregation, are involved in with Dane County.

When the congregation purchased the neighboring farm using Legacy Funds in 2022 with the goal of creating the Legacy Prairie & Woodland, we contracted with Dane County to participate in their CCP program. By doing so, the county paid us almost \$100,000 to purchase seed, plant, develop and maintain 35 acres of prairie for 15 years.

Why did we and they do that? It's not just for the beauty of the prairie grasses, flowers or for the pollinators and birds. A hidden benefit of the prairie plants is their ability, due to their long roots, to capture and store carbon in the soil.

Plants take in carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through photosynthesis and transfer it into the soil through their roots. This process, known as carbon sequestration, removes carbon from the atmosphere helping to offset greenhouse gas emissions – a major cause of global warming.

By reducing soil disturbance and increasing the presence of deep-rooted plants, our prairies are enhancing this process.

The amount of carbon sequestration that our prairies are creating can be measured. To do that, we were excited to invite county representatives to perform soil sampling, during the summer of 2024, as part of their Carbon Monitoring Program.

The sampling was done as a base-line measurement of the amount of sequestered carbon in each of our three prairie areas. We can expect future sampling to take place every five years and, hopefully, find more carbon sequestered in the soil over time.

Sampling was done at four different depths in each prairie area. And, as the prairie plants mature and grow ever longer roots, the sampling should indicate more carbon being stored deeper in the soil, further enhancing the carbon sequestration.

We recently received the results of the sampling. In summary, our 3 prairie areas currently have sequestered almost 30 metric tons of carbon! That's equivalent to removing the greenhouse gases emitted by 6 gas-powered cars in a year.



County representatives collecting soil-boring samples to analyze for sequestered carbon.

🌿 ✨ MOVE • BREATHE • RESTORE ✨ 🌿

Student-Led Tai Chi Begins Tuesday, March 10, 2026

🕒 9:00 AM

📍 **The Gathering Place**

Gentle for beginners
A peaceful start to your morning
No experience needed — just wear comfortable clothes!
All ages welcome Bring a friend!
STAY FOR MORE! Stretching Class immediately after Tai Chi

Benefits of Tai Chi for Body, Mind & Spirit

Tai Chi is often described as “meditation in motion.” This gentle, flowing practice combines slow movements, deep breathing, and focused attention. It is suitable for nearly every age and ability level, making it a wonderful activity for our faith community.

Physical Benefits

- Improves balance and coordination
 - Reduces risk of falls
- Enhances flexibility and joint mobility
 - Builds gentle strength
 - Supports heart health
- Encourages better posture

Tai Chi is especially helpful for those managing arthritis, chronic pain, or stiffness, as the movements are low-impact and easy on the joints.

Mental & Emotional Benefits

- Reduces stress and anxiety
 - Improves concentration
 - Promotes relaxation
 - Supports better sleep
- Encourages mindfulness

The slow, intentional movements help calm the nervous system and quiet the mind.

Spiritual Benefits

Tai Chi creates space for stillness and awareness. The rhythmic breathing and gentle flow of movement can become a time of prayer, gratitude, or reflection. As Psalm 46:10 reminds us, “Be still, and know that I am God.”

Hannah Clingman, Faith Community LPN

Legacy Prairie & Woodland Update, March 2026, by Peter Antonie

This month's update will cover the ongoing developments of the former Cushman property, a tree removal project that will be underway soon in the northwest portion of the woodland, and a listing of projects that you'll see taking place during the coming year.

Improving the new property

In our January update, we provided information about the demolition of the Cushman house and garage, along with clearing brush and taking down unwanted trees that gets us to a "clean slate" state so that the site can be seeded with prairie grasses and flowers.

To get the site ready for planting in the spring, we needed to level the property and reinforce the steep slope along the edge of the driveway. To do so, we've begun bringing in loads of soil.



More loads will be needed, here, along the edge of the driveway.

The area where the house and garage were located was fairly level. However, fill is needed to better cover the demolition sites and provide a better base for seeding the area. The following pictures show some of the area.



The view looking north from the home site.



More soil is needed here to fully bury and cover the house's foundation.

Legacy Prairie (cont.)

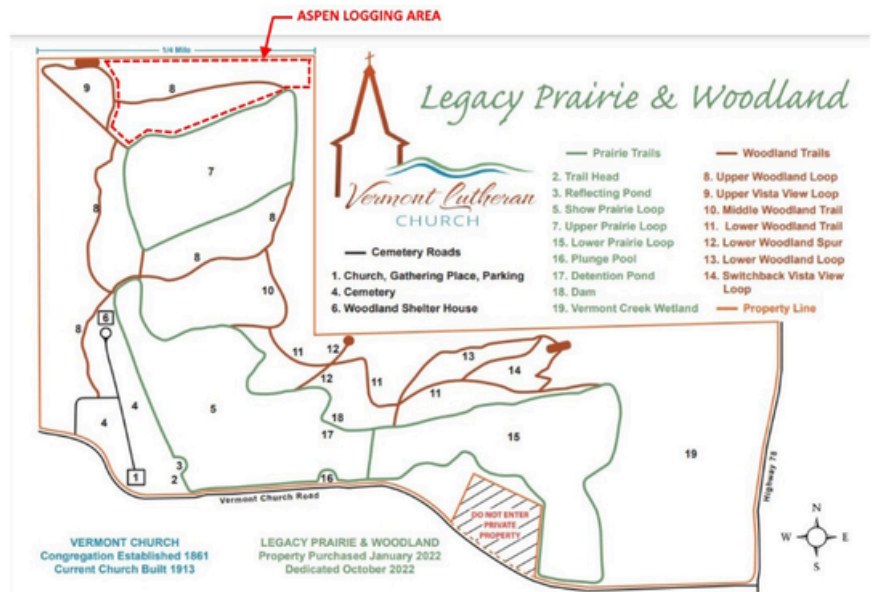
Tree Removal Project

The Legacy Committee signed a timber selling contract with Grotegut Logging in May of 2025 to remove Aspen trees on the church property. This was in keeping with the Forestry Management Plan we received through an NRCS grant. These trees are near their active life span and subject to branches breaking off or the whole tree falling; both of which create a liability hazard for people using the woodland trail in that area.

Grotegut Logging began logging on Dale Tollefson's property the week of February 9th. When they've finished that logging, they'll start removing the Aspen/Poplar trees from the woodland area designated on the map. They'll use access through the Tollefson property to remove the trees, so they won't disturb the church's Prairie.

Upcoming Projects

There always seems to be something going on in the Prairie & Woodland and 2026 will not be an exception. Following is a list of activities you'll see happening through the upcoming seasons.



February – Summer

Former Cushman property:

- Re-stabilizing, filling & grading along driveway
- Topsoil & fill areas around the house site
- Grading & seeding
- Invasive species control

March

Prairie burn – approx. 1/3 of prairie (section to be determined)

April-May

Trail development & improvements primarily for better access and use

June – July

Invasive species control

Spraying in prairie, woodlands & wetland in keeping with grant funding from the NRCS

Fall

Tree and shrub planting in creek wetland area and woodland

Future updates and questions: We know there is a great deal of interest in the Prairie & Woodland, and we will continue to provide regular updates. To contact the Legacy Fund Committee (LFC) with questions or suggestions, email the church or speak with an LFC member: Peter Antonie, Greg Herrling, Larry Ziemer, Leonard Schaub, Karsten Haugen, Jim Herrling, or Gary Olsen.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - I Will Give You Rest: Come.

The women of Grace Lutheran Church, Dodgeville invite women of Vermont to attend WDP on **March 6, 1 pm**. The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.



Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.

The Nigerian committee has woven together their cultural wisdom with the universal need for rest. Through symbols like the calabash bowl, which represents both daily sustenance and divine provision, they remind us how God meets us in our weariness.

If you're interested in carpooling, please let Janet in the office know — we'd be happy to help connect riders and drivers!



Help Us Make Our Website & Social Media Even Better



Your ideas matter! As we hope to better utilize and maximize the Vermont Lutheran website and social media, we'd love your feedback on how to make them more useful, welcoming, and informative for our members and visitors. What do you look for most? What's missing? What works well?



We're also always looking for photos to help tell our story—events, activities, ministries, or just everyday moments of church life. If you snap a great photo that you are willing to share, please send it to social@vermontlutheran.org.



Finally, we're looking for a volunteer (or two!) who enjoys photography and would be willing to help take some "stock" photos of the church—things like worship spaces, gathering areas, and outdoor features. These images help us keep the website and social media fresh and inviting. If you're interested, we'd love to hear from you.



Thank you for helping us stay connected and share our story!

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

March 22, 2:00 pm

**Faith, Fellowship, and the Future:
An Introduction to AI**

Join Us for a Special Presentation at Vermont Lutheran Church

The world is changing quickly —
and we're here to help you keep up with confidence.

Join us for a simple, easy-to-understand session about Artificial Intelligence (AI). We'll explain AI in plain English and show how it can be a helpful "assistant" for everyday life.

What You'll Learn:

How AI can help write notes, emails, and even potluck recipes.
Ways it can support health goals and prepare questions for doctor visits.
Important safety tips — including how to spot scams and protect personal information.

Whether you're curious about genealogy, want help using your phone,
or just wonder what AI is all about, this session is for you.

Our Goal: Move from "What is that?" to "I can use that!"

Where: The Gathering Place
Cost: Free — All are welcome!

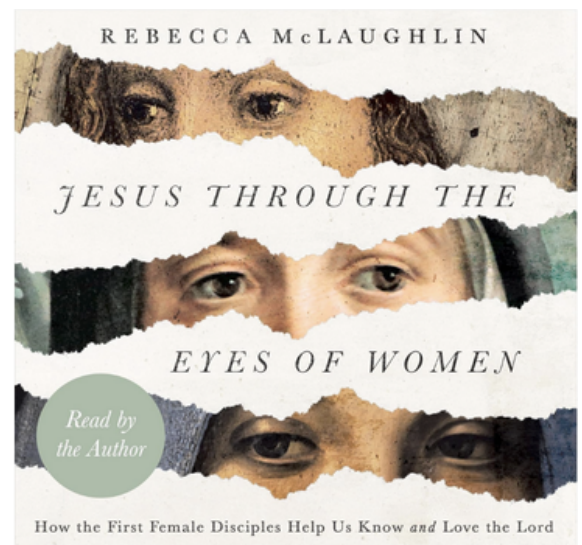
AI is a helpful assistant, but humans are the decision-makers.

APRIL BOOK CLUB

There's still time to join us!

Our April Book Club will gather on **Friday, April 10, from 2:00–3:30 PM** in the Gathering Place. We'll be reading *Jesus Through the Eyes of Women: How the First Female Disciples Help Us Know and Love the Lord*, by Rebecca McLaughlin.

It's a thoughtful and engaging read, and we'd love for you to be part of the conversation. Pick up a copy, start reading, and join us for an afternoon of discussion and fellowship!



Month at a Glance...

QUILTING
1st & 3rd Monday's, 8:30 am

CHOIR
Wednesday's, 6:30 pm

TAI CHI
Tuesday's, 9:00 am

CONFIRMATION CLASS
March 1, 8:45 am

CLOSED SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 10:45 am

VLC SPACE USAGE MTG
March 3, 10:00 am

OUTREACH TEAM MTG
March 3, 2:00 pm

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS
March 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
March 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00 pm

TEAM/COMMITTEE TECHNOLOGY MEETING
March 8, 10:45 am

MISSION TEAM MTG
March 12, 7:00 pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS
March 15, 8:45 am

COUNCIL MEETING
March 22, 10:45 am

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER: INTRO TO AI
March 22, 2:00 pm

TAG TEAM MEETING
March 23, 6:30 pm

TEAM/COMMITTEE TECHNOLOGY MEETING
March 26, 6:30 pm

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 01 Heidi Doyle
- March 02 Shelby McKenzie
- March 06 Cole Rickey
- March 06 Hannah Clingman
- March 07 Tyler Haugen
- March 09 Sadie Powers
- March 09 Sara Amble
- March 11 David Parrell
- March 12 Kent Norslien
- March 13 James Hanson
- March 15 Arlyn McKenzie
- March 16 Alex Page
- March 18 Wes Childs
- March 21 Michael Dauck
- March 26 Jill Adler
- March 28 Mya Boebel
- March 28 Paul Dybdahl
- March 28 Susan Olson

May God bless you this day with joy, peace, and deep assurance of love. May the year ahead be filled with grace and light. Amen.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Prayer requests are received by Laura Winchip. Please text/call prayer requests to (563) 940-8468.



For What Shall We Prayer...

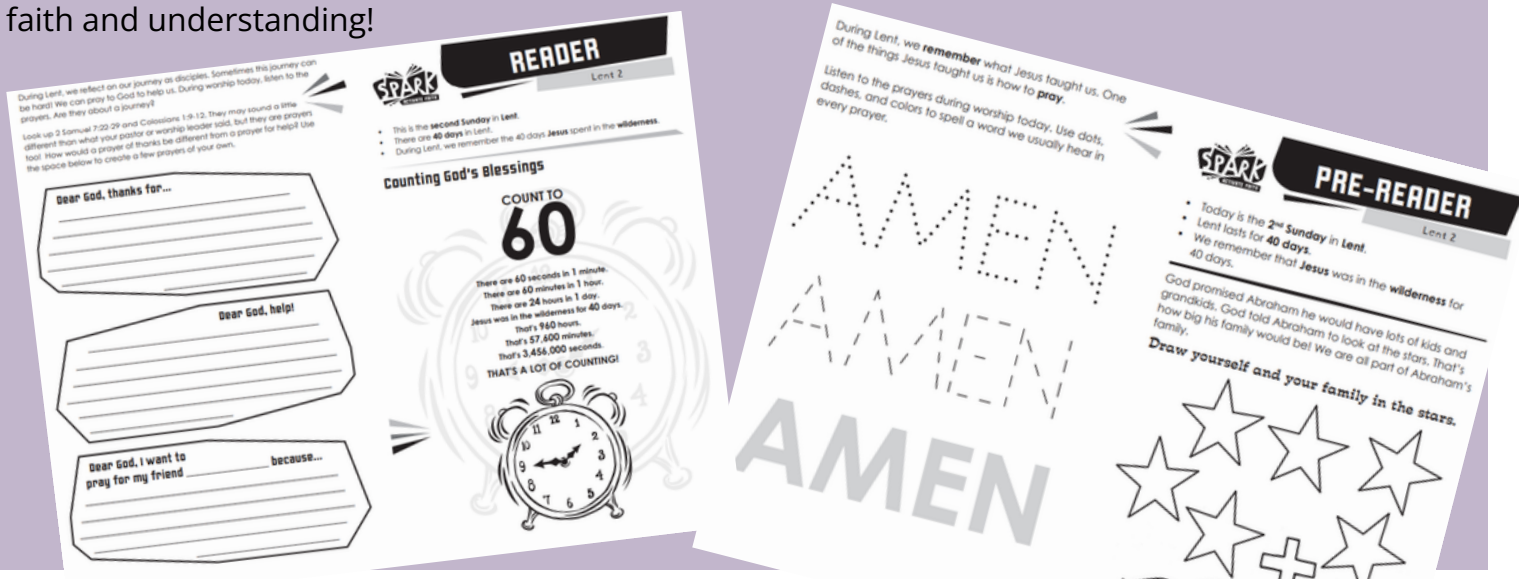
- For an end to war, conflict, and uncertainty, especially in Gaza, South Sudan, Ukraine, Iran, and Venezuela...
- For escalating tensions in Iran and Lebanon and the safety of civilians and military personnel...
- For partisan cooperation across divisions and elected leaders to seek the welfare and dignity of all...
- For protection, compassion, and dignity for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers...
- For those living with uncertainty and grieving loss of life in Jalisco, Mexico, and neighboring states in the wake of recent gang-related violence...
- For those without adequate shelter during recent snowstorms in the northeast US...
- For the recent shootings in Macon, Georgia; Jacksonville, Florida; Virginia Beach, Virginia; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Kansas City, Missouri; and for an end to gun violence...
- For those experiencing heavy rains and flooding in southern Peru...

prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA

Children's Bulletins Now Available!

We're excited to offer weekly Children's Bulletins to help our young worshipers engage in the service. Two versions are available each Sunday: a Pre-Reader edition with pictures and simple activities, and a Reader edition with age-appropriate puzzles and reflections.

Be sure to pick one up as you enter worship — we're glad to support our children as they grow in faith and understanding!





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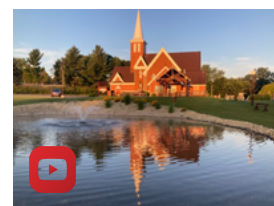
ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

If you would like an announcement included in Sunday's bulletin or the weekly e-mail (News From the Pews), please e-mail it to **vermontoffice@vermontlutheran.org** and **social@vermontlutheran.org** by **8:00 am on Wednesday**. Announcements should be brief (a couple sentences) and will run for two weeks, unless space allows for longer.

Longer articles should be submitted to the church office by **8 am the 25th of each month** for publication in the Newsletter.

Late submissions will be included in the next issue.

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MARCH CALENDAR of EVENTS

March

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1 8:45 am, Confirmation Class 9:30 am, Sunday Service 10:45 am, Closed Special Council Meeting	2 8:30 am, Quilting AA Meeting	3 10 am, VLC Space Usage Meeting 2 pm, Outreach Meeting	4 6 pm, Midweek Lenten Soup Supper & Worship 6:30 pm Choir	5	6	7 AA Meeting
8 9:30 am, Sunday Service 10:45 am, Team/Committee Technology Mtg	9 AA Meeting	10 9 am, Student-Led Tai Chi	11 1:30 pm, Reservation 6 pm, Midweek Lenten Soup Supper & Worship 6:30 pm Choir	12 7 pm Mission Team Meeting	13	14 AA Meeting
15 8:45 am, Confirmation Class 9:30 am, Sunday Service	16 8:30 am, Quilting AA Meeting	17 9 am, Student-Led Tai Chi	18 6 pm, Midweek Lenten Soup Supper & Worship 6:30 pm Choir	19	20	21 AA Meeting
22 9:30 am, Sunday Service 10:45 am, Council Meeting 2 pm, Cabin Fever Reliever: An Introduction to AI	23 6:30 pm, TAG Team Meeting AA Meeting	24 9 am, Student-Led Tai Chi	25 8 am, Newsletter Articles Due 6 pm, Midweek Lenten Soup Supper & Worship 6:30 pm Choir	26 6:30 pm, Team/Committee Technology Meeting	27	28 AA Meeting
29 9:30 am, Sunday Service	30 AA Meeting	31 9 am, Student-Led Tai Chi	1 6:30 pm Choir	2	3	4 AA Meeting

You can find the calendar on the [website 'Events Calendar'](#). If you need contact information for Vermont's members, please remember you can always go the ['Members'](#) Tab on the church's website. Here you will find church contacts as well as member contacts. We have almost complete updating this section. If you need help or have questions, please reach out to the church office.

