



- Birthdays & Anniversaries
- 1: Jennifer Davis
 - 3: Nancy Long, Adison Scott, Tim Doering
 - 4: Cynthia Mitchell, Brandon Hicok
 - 5: Lorna Rebhuhn, Kathryn Hicok
 - 6: James Roberts
 - 7: Maisy Tubbs, Nalene Im
 - 9: Rees Royster
 - 10: Amanda Hicok
 - 11: Stephanie Arnold
 - 12: Luke Egdorf
 - 13: Betty Eilers, Kelsey Sande, Todd Beckley
 - 15: Dane Campidilli
 - 16: Janice Park
 - 17: Martha Blue, Susan Hanken,
 - 18: Khan Chankhueng, Wade Johnson,
Wayne & Marlene Jackson
 - 20: Richard Seiser, **Randy & Laura Davis**
 - 21: Jonathan Vankham
 - 22: Duane Madoerin, Margie Irving, Manny Khaleet
 - 23: Steve Doering
 - 24: Christina Park Montes
 - 25: Chad Arnold
 - 26: Aliyah Im
 - 27: Laura Edwards
 - 28: Garrett Royster, Khailah Phompong
 - 29: Jim Royster

THOSE SERVING IN

Elders/Ushers:

- 1: Rick George, Darryl Pagel, John Vulgamott
- 8: Bill Breitenkamp, Harrison Hayes,
Ryan Branning
- 15: Rick Rasmussen, Ryan Irvin, Darryl Pagel
- 22: Dale Blue, John Vulgamott, Harrison Hayes
- 25: Bill Breitenkamp (Lenten)

Greeters:

- 1: LoEda Paine & Phyllis Bisbee
- 8: Adalie & Harrison Hayes
- 15: Nancy Long & Emily Bochmann
- 22: John & Vivian Wurch

Audio/Visual:

- 1: Jasmin/Lila Venegas
- 8: Will Breitenkamp
- 15: Renate Venegas
- 18: Linda George (Ash Wednesday)
- 22: Jasmin/Lila Venegas
- 25: Will Breitenkamp (Lenten Service)



Altar:

Julie Irvin / Linda George

Screens:

- 1: Beth Brandt
- 8: Jo Reaman
- 15: Nancy Long
- 22: Emily Bochmann

Organists:

Lavonne Breitenkamp

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

Baptized: 460

Confirmed: 297

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Lao Sunday School & Bible Class @ 12
Lao Divine Service @ 1:00 pm

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From the Pastor's Desk

February 2026

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is a certain beauty to a well-worn object. Many things are better once they're worn in, once they have a memory that benefits them and improves their function. Other things don't get more useful with wear, but we grow attached to them and the wear patterns remind us of the time we've spent with them and the things we've experienced along the way. In my opinion, a well-worn Bible is both.

A great example of this first kind of well-worn item getting better with time is a baseball glove. Fresh off the rack, they're stiff and flat. They're hard to open all the way, and they don't fit all that well on the hand. Growing up, I used my uncle's old glove, probably from the 80s. It's been replaced and oiled more times than I know. When my hands got too big for that glove, I got a new one and it felt like trying to catch with a block of wood; the ball would hit the glove and roll right out, and I would have to pry extra hard to open it up. Over time, it did break in and now it fits... well it fits like a glove!

The second kind of wear is similar, but you could argue that it's more cosmetic than functional. When I was in college, my Greek professor would often dismiss our class late, and I would barely have time to hustle up to the auditorium for chapel. By the time I got there, the hymnals would all be taken. So, I went to the Concordia Publishing House website and bought my own, with my name embossed on the front. It's still the one I keep at my desk to this day. I've held it so much that the spine no longer reads "Lutheran Service Book" but instead "Luthe" and then the lettering is worn off after that. The page numbers are the same as a fresh hymnal, the notes and words are all alike, there's really no reason this one is better than a new one besides sentiment.

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February Events

Tuesdays: **Christians In Action** @ 9:00 am
Food Pantry: Feb. 3, 10, 24
 @ 4-6:00 pm
Mobile Food Pantry Feb.17 at St. Thomas @
 3:30-5:30 pm

MEETINGS:

Board of Trustees: Feb.3 @ 6:30pm
Board of Ed: Feb.4 @ 4:30pm
Board of Evangelism & Fellowship: Feb.4 @ 5:30pm
Board of Elders: Feb.7 @ 7:00pm
LWML Feb.16 @ 1:30pm

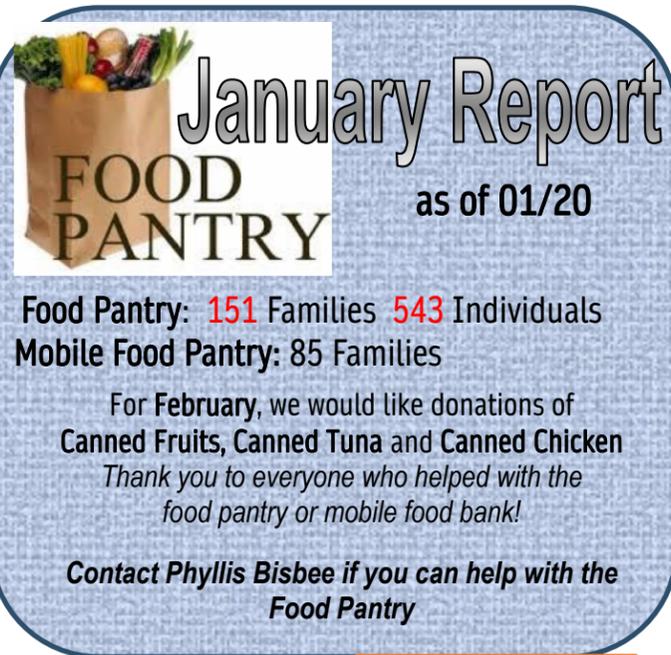
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But in my opinion, a well-worn Bible is both more functional and more beautiful. I always love seeing people's well-worn Bibles, because I know they've been using them. Now, don't go artificially distressing the cover and spine of your Bible just to make it look worn in, but don't apologize if it's a little rough around the edges and the margins are all full of notes, or if it has tabs and sticky notes sticking out every which way. The Bible I used when I was a camp counselor has tree sap, dirt, and ashes from the campfire sprinkled in the folds of many pages. A well-worn Bible is beautiful, and it's also more functional. If you've used your Bible a lot, you're familiar with the reference system, the indexes, and most importantly God's Holy Word. If you take notes and highlight, which I encourage you to do, you can return to your former thoughts and find helpful passages more quickly. And if you get one with a nice cover and high quality paper, it will stand up to decades of diligent study.

As we continue to devote ourselves to the study of God's Word, may our Bibles and their wear marks bear witness to our love for the One who reveals Himself to us in His Word.

In Christ,
 Pastor Pierson



January Report

as of 01/20

Food Pantry: 151 Families 543 Individuals
Mobile Food Pantry: 85 Families

For February, we would like donations of
Canned Fruits, Canned Tuna and Canned Chicken
*Thank you to everyone who helped with the
 food pantry or mobile food bank!*

**Contact Phyllis Bisbee if you can help with the
 Food Pantry**

2026 Bible Reading

February

- 1 - Job 9-10
- 2 - Isaiah 23-28
- 3 - Matthew 11-13
- 4 - Romans 9-10
- 5 - Genesis 20-23
- 6 - Judges 1-6
- 7 - Psalms 15-17
- 8 - Job 11-12
- 9 - Isaiah 29-33
- 10 - Matthew 14-16
- 11 - Romans 11-12
- 12 - Genesis 24-27
- 13 - Judges 7-11
- 14 - Psalms 18-20
- 15 - Job 13-14
- 16 - Isaiah 34-39
- 17 - Matthew 17-19
- 18 - Romans 13-14
- 19 - Genesis 28-31
- 20 - Judges 12-16
- 21 - Psalms 21-23
- 22 - Job 15-16
- 23 - Isaiah 40-44
- 24 - Matthew 20-22
- 25 - Romans 15-16
- 26 - Genesis 32-35
- 27 - Judges 17-21
- 28 - Psalms 24-26

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE & THANK YOU

The Board of Stewardship & Finance, which oversees the Food Pantry, offers its sincere thanks to the congregation for its ongoing support. In 2025 2,393 families constituting 9,149 individuals were served, so the need continues to be significant. Your help in the form of cash or food donations, time spent working in the pantry, and your prayers are all appreciated and make a huge difference to those in need in our community! Finally, a reminder to contact Phyllis Bisbee if you wish to help in any way.

Speaking of Phyllis, our congregation owes her a huge thank you as well! Phyllis spends countless hours each month overseeing, organizing, and working in the food pantry for the benefit of so many in our community. The next time you see her, please thank her for this ongoing service and dedication. Also let's not forget the contributions of Arlene Blue, who organizes the weekly schedule of volunteer workers in the pantry. Thanks, Arlene, for keeping everyone on track!

On the topic of cash donations, we also owe a debt of gratitude to the financial institutions in Webster City who have stepped up to provide matching dollars to keep the annual Enhance Hamilton County Foundation Food Pantry Challenge going. In prior years, an anonymous donor funded the program, but when that stopped in 2024, these entities stepped in to keep things going. Last December our pantry received a check for over \$4,600, half of which was community donations and the other half our share of the matching funds provided. Please take time to thank your local bank or credit union for their support of this critical mission in our community.

Finally, we thank the Webster City Fareway for its ongoing support of our pantry. The Board would strongly encourage members of the congregation to let the store know how much we appreciate them. Given this support from so many diverse sources, the pantry now is in a much stronger financial position than it was a few years ago. Thanks be to God that St. Paul LCMS continues to be a blessing to so many in need in our community, while fulfilling our heavenly Father's command to feed the hungry.

