

# ST. MICHAEL'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Our mission is to celebrate and share God's love in Jesus Christ*

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<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. .



<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026 at 8:15 & 11:00 AM

*ELW Setting Three*

## **WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!**

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please share in all that is ours in Christ! We invite you to consider making St. Michael's your church home. Please ask us about our participation in God's mission in the world. By God's grace we celebrate and share Christ. *Our 10:00 worship service this morning is streamed live to St. Michael's Facebook and YouTube pages. Please keep conversation to a minimum in the sanctuary, you may be picked up by our sound system. If you prefer not to be seen on camera please speak to an usher and they will seat you outside of the video frame. Thank you for your understanding.*

### **DIGITAL SIGN IN**

You are welcome to sign in with our digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or the iPad in the Narthex.



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## INTRODUCTION

*Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*“The Only Son from Heaven”*

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*The assembly is invited to stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

### CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\text{\textt{T}}$  one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in  $\text{\textt{T}}$  Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN :****"O God of Mercy, God of Light"**

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- 1 O God of mercy, God of light,  
in love and mercy infinite,  
teach us, as ever in your sight,  
to live our lives in you.
- 2 You sent your Son to die for all,  
that our lost world might hear your call;  
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!  
We rest our hope in you.
- 3 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:  
to feel for those his blood has bought,  
that ev'ry deed and word and thought  
may work a work for you.
- 4 For all are kindred, far and wide,  
since Jesus Christ for all has died;  
grant us the will, and grace provide,  
to love them all in you.
- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

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**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

A musical staff is shown with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. A single note is positioned on the fourth line of the staff.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

A musical staff is shown with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a tempo marking of 120 BPM.

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord,** have mercy.

A musical staff is shown with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. A single note is positioned on the second line of the staff.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It features a melodic line starting with a half note, followed by a quarter note, a half note, and an eighth note. A fermata is placed over the eighth note. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## GLORIA

### Assisting minister

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It starts with a quarter note on the A line, followed by a half note on the G line, a quarter note on the F line, a half note on the E line, a quarter note on the D line, a half note on the C line, a quarter note on the B line, a half note on the A line, and a quarter note on the G line. The staff ends with a vertical bar line.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It features a sequence of notes and rests: a quarter note, a eighth note, a eighth note, a sixteenth note followed by a eighth note, and a eighth note. The notes are distributed across the four measures of the staff.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the

pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **FIRST READING**

**Micah 6:1-8**

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.*

A reading from Micah.

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**  
*According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

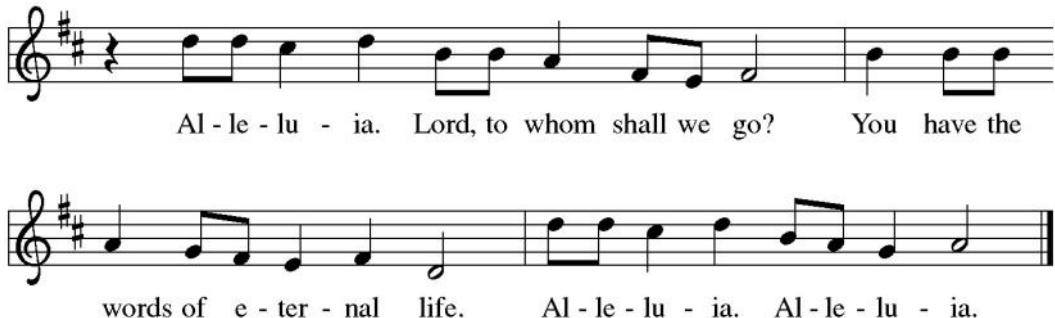
<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,<sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.<sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:**

*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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**Matthew 5:1-12**

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<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### *“Let Streams of Living Justice”*

ELW 710

1 Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,  
the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations,  
for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers,  
God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us  
till our thread of life is run.

O great weaver of our fabric,  
bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language;  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor;  
our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, responding with "receive our prayer".

*A brief silence.*

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way, especially...those we name aloud...and those we hold in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING:

## 8:15: “Beauty For Brokenness”

## 11:00: “*What Shall I Bring to the Lord*”

## Vocal Choir

*Offering is being gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You are invited to place your offering in one of the offering plates located in the rear of the Sanctuary or send your offering to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website or app.*

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

## OFFERATORY

### **“Create In Me a Clean Heart”**

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
 your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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### OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

We praise you, O God, for your creating Word!

You set the foundations of the world  
 and gave breath to every living thing.

There is no Rock like you.

Blessed be God, forevermore;

**our hearts sing of your mercy and might!**

We praise you, O God, for your liberating Word!

In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed,  
 you guided them by your strength to the land of promise.

You have lifted up the lowly.

Blessed be God, forevermore;

**our hearts sing of your mercy and might!**

We praise you, O God, for your life-giving Word!

Your Word became flesh and lived among us,  
 full of grace and truth.

You have looked with favor on the lowliness of your servants.

Blessed be God, forevermore;

**our hearts sing of your mercy and might!**

Blessed be God, from this time on and forevermore,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

With Miriam, Hannah, and Mary, we give you thanks and praise  
for your creating, liberating, and life-giving Word!

Send us forth in the power of your Spirit  
to sing of your greatness and serve all people,  
following Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  
☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*"To Be Your Presence"*

ELW 546

1 To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!	2 To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!
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3 To be your presence is our mission  
blest,  
to speak for all the broken and  
oppressed,  
to be your voice of hope, your love  
expressed,  
alleluia!

4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands  
and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and  
choice,  
and in this mission we, the church,  
rejoice,  
alleluia!

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*“O Praise the Gracious Power”*

*The Eternal Candle is given by Vicki & Jim Clemson in celebration of our grandson,  
Bennett, for his third birthday.*

## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

### **Presentation of Our Lord—Monday, February 2, 2026**

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

### **Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865**

*Tuesday, February 3, 2026*

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

### **The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597—Thursday, February 5, 2026**

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Confirmation class will meet on an irregular schedule. The class schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

- Wednesday, February 11

All classes start at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions about confirmation or are interested in being a presenter for this years program please contact Pastor Chris.

## **CHRISTIAN ED**

Check out our bulletin board for full details and schedules for our groups. The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

- **Faith in Conversation** ( All Adults) will meet on 2/1
- **Little Ones & Loved Ones** (birth to 4/years) will meet on 2/8
- **MichaeLights** (6-12th grade) will meet on 2/15
- **Pray & Grow** (K-5th grade) will meet on 2/22

All groups meet at 9:30 AM. Please see Pastor Chris, or Kim Billet with questions.

## **RENTING SPACE AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

We welcome opportunities to share our space with St Michael's family members and friends in our community. There are a variety of rooms available for social gatherings, such as bridal or baby showers, birthday and retirement celebrations and memorial events. We have hosted music lessons, recitals, auditions and rehearsals. Our social hall stage is well-suited to support students or performers at all levels. Civic groups or social / hobby clubs are also invited. Flexible office space is available for those who work from home but occasionally need a site for meetings or interviews. Honorariums for the use of church spaces vary based on event details. Please note that the church building and grounds are smoke and alcohol free. Help us spread the word and contact the church office for more information.

## **BOOK CLUB MEETING 2/2/26**

Our next meeting of the SMLC Book Club will be Monday, February 2 at 7:00 PM. Join us for our discussion of our next selection, *Chenneville* by Paulette Jiles. All are welcome!

## **IHOC ADOPT A BOX COLLECTION**

IHOC is collecting personal care items for adults and children in shelters. Between now and March 15th, you can help by filling a show box or plastic gallon bag with personal care items (soap, wash cloths, deodorant, razor, shampoo, conditioner, menstruation products, toothbrush and toothpaste, lotion). **Hotel/travel sized products are especially appreciated.** Boxes and bags can be dropped off in the narthex. Please label your box/bag as male, female, gender neutral, child, or infant.

### **CROSS ROADS WINTER YOUTH RETREATS**

Give your child a taste of summer this winter by registering them for a winter retreat.

- Elementary Retreat (grades 3-5): February 6-8, 2026
- Middle/HS Retreat (grades 6-12): March 6-8, 2026

The cost is \$100/student; use the code CHERRYHILL at registration to save \$50! Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/3KY25gC>. If you have questions or concerns, please see Pastor Chris.

### **EPIPHANY MADNESS**

On the bulletin board in the narthex are envelopes bearing the names of our third round competitors—The Final Four! Each dollar in the envelope of your hymn counts as one vote. \$1 = 1 vote; \$5 = 5 votes. At the end of the week we total up the votes and the hymn with the most votes moves on to the next round. You can vote in person or you can email Pastor Chris and he will help you vote virtually. The winning hymn will be celebrated in worship on February 15, 2026. This year the money raised will replace the Lower Sunday School Room floor (creating a safe and welcoming space for our growing disciplines and visiting groups) and Support Global Refuge (an organization providing safety and hope for refugees and immigrants worldwide).

### **2026 IHOC MALL WALK—FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

Join IHOC on Sunday, February 22 for the 2026 Mall Walk. Kick off is 2:30 PM at the Moorestown Mall. You can join or sponsor the SMLC Team of walker and help us defend our fundraising title (we have raised the most money for the last 13 years—help us make it 14!). The walk is lots of fun and includes live music, and activities. You can register online for \$15 or on the day of the walk for \$25. All participants receive a t-shirt. Check out the yellow flyers on the desk in the narthex or reach out to Ruth Morgenroth for more information (856-261-3464). If you would like to volunteer for the t-shirt or face painting tables—we can always use extra help—please contact Ruth.

### **FESTIVAL CHOIR INVITATION**

Mark Dishong will be continuing the Festival Choir this spring as a seasonal ensemble available to all SMLC members and non-members. It is designed to provide an opportunity for singers whose schedules prevent them from making a yearly commitment to sing in the Adult Choir. The core group of this ensemble will be the Adult Choir. All Youth are also welcomed to join this music ministry. Festival Choir will sing for the Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy, March 29 at 11:00am and Easter liturgy, April 5 at 11:00am. Festival Choir Rehearsals dates are Sundays (12:00-12:45 p.m.) February 15, 22, March 1, 15, 22, and 29. *To find out more information about the Festival Choir please contact Mark Dishong at [markdishong@gmail.com](mailto:markdishong@gmail.com).*

## **JOSEPH'S HOUSE DINNER CASSEROLES**

SMLC continues to support Joseph's House in Camden with their mission to feed the homeless. The next opportunity to volunteer to make DINNER casseroles will be SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026. Casseroles can be dropped off to the church kitchen before or after Sunday worship services. Please mark your casserole as BEEF or TURKEY. This will assist the staff serving to meet any dietary needs for the dinner guests. Volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Joseph's House on the second Tuesday of each month. We will meet at church at 4:45pm (Dinner is served at 6:00pm) and return around 8:00pm. You can also drive yourself and meet at Joseph's House at 5:15pm. If you would like to serve, please contact Ray Kratz by phone (609-923-5718) or email (raykratz@gmail.com).

Use this link to sign-up: <https://bit.ly/4qJTihD>

## **MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE**

Start the new month off on a fresh foot! Join us for our monthly early morning prayer service on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 AM.

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, February 1**

*Fellowship & Coffee Sunday*  
8:15 AM Worship In-Person  
9:30 AM Faith in Conversation  
11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook,  
YouTube  
12:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal  
12:30 PM ROOTS class  
6:00 PM NA Meeting

### **Monday, February 2**

7:00 PM Book Club Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 3**

7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting  
7:30 PM Communications Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 4**

7:00 AM Monthly Prayer Service  
9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting  
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Bible Study

### **Thursday, February 5**

7:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, February 6**

6:00 PM MichaeLights Game Night

### **Saturday, February 7**

### **Sunday, February 8**

8:00 AM JH Casserole Drop-off  
8:15 AM Worship In-Person  
9:30 AM Little Ones & Loved Ones  
9:45 AM 2027 Gathering Families Meeting  
11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook,  
YouTube  
12:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal  
12:30 PM ROOTS class  
6:00 PM NA Meeting



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