



## OVER THE HANDLEBARS WITH PASTOR DANA



### Wednesdays in Lent: Forward on a Firm Foundation

Our Lutheran witness to the gospel is unique in its strong emphasis on God's unconditional love and grace. While it's tempting to all conditions to God's promise, Jesus makes clear that the gospel is for every person, not some special, chosen few.

As we consider our congregational witness, we are grateful for those who came before us in the faith; those who raised us and showed us Christ's love as well as the pioneers who started many of the churches in our part of the country, and the folks with the foresight to establish Our Father's as a congregation. Our Lutheran heritage owes much to those who came before us!

The foundation set by those who came before is firm and strong, and it gives us a solid base from which to build our future. And even as we know that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, we also know that our world is ever-changing, and Christ's church continue to speak our understanding of the gospel in fresh ways and into new contexts.

We do this by depending on God's faithfulness and reminding ourselves that God will provide the strength and the resources to do the ministry God is unfolding before us. We need not fear our future, but live in the assurance that we serve a mighty, abundant God!

By trusting the Holy Spirit to be ever-present among us, and by inviting the Spirit to lead and uphold us, we can discern God's desire for us, both individually and as a congregation, as we look toward the future God is planning for us.

Pastor Dana

### We're at Our Best When We...

This month we continue our transition work with a guided conversation during our TACO BAR BRUNCH on Sunday, March 15. Between now and then, take a moment to think about these five "prompts" and come with some thoughts to put on the transition wall. Together, we'll use these prompts to get ourselves talking about our past, present, and future.

The prompts are:

What would happen if...

God was leading us when we...

God calling us toward...

We're at our best when we...

We will always...

These allow us to remember, to realize, and reach forward, and will help as our transition team begins its work. It will be a fun and interesting way to have some conversation about our congregational direction and what's most important to us.

**Delicious tacos and great fellowship...it will be a great morning!**

**BRUNCH AND CONVERSATION  
WITH PASTOR DANA  
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE  
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15**



**JOIN US FOR A  
TACO BAR**

# MINISTRY UPDATES

## Message from the Council President

**Hello OFLC family** – My name is Denise Wold, and I am your new council president for 2026!

My husband, Anthony, and I have attended OFLC since we first moved to the area in late 2009 and became members the following year. You likely have seen our boys, Josiah (6) and Liam (3), running around after church on Sundays too. Not pictured, are our two girls, sister German Shepherd pups, Emmy and Ruby.

Family is important to us – blood family as well as chosen family. The people at OFLC have been that “chosen family” since we first walked through the doors over 16 years ago!

In John 13:35 Jesus tells us that “everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” Sometimes life isn’t pretty or easy, but we can learn something along the way and have a chance to grow closer in our relationships with each other and with God. Maybe we might also have a chance to show God’s love to a complete stranger, if we stay on the look out for opportunities!

I’m so thankful for all the time, effort, and work the council put in last year as we navigated life together (Thank you, Jody, Amy, and Lauren!), and I’m looking forward to this new chapter (Welcome, Nate and Lindsey! And thank you, Larissa, Nina, Ken, and Mark for your continued roles!) as we go on our journey. Be open to hearing and seeing where God leads you today and throughout Lent as we love each other and practice being his hands and feet in our daily lives!



God loves you and so do I,

*Denise*



Looking for a way to help our community?

**Sign up for Meals on Wheels.**

**One day or Several. Whatever fits your schedule.**

For more information, contact John Gilb (612) 719-1783

**APRIL CALENDAR IS POSTED  
IN THE CHURCH ENTRYWAY.**



**Join Pastor Dana at Billy’s  
for informal conversation,  
stories, and an opportunity  
to hang out together.**

**PD@ThePub will happen  
the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of  
the month, from  
4:30 to 6pm.**

**Next dates: 3-3 and 3-17**

# Lenten Meals

Join us for dinner on Wednesdays at 5:30 during the Lenten Season and stay for the 7 pm Holden Prayer Service in the Fellowship Hall

Sign up today <https://shorturl.at/8dQ1S>

3/4/2026, 3/11/2026, 3/18/2026, 3/25/2025

*All Are Welcome!*



## **Palm Sunday**

March 29th at 9:00 am

## **Maundy Thursday**

April 2nd at 7 pm

## **Good Friday**

April 3rd at 7 pm

## **Traditional Easter Service**

April 5th at 9 am



# **BIBLE STUDY**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10 AM**

QUESTIONS?

ASK PASTOR DANA, NIKKI or LORA

STOP BY THE RG COMMUNITY EXPO ON SATURDAY,  
MARCH 14 FROM 9-NOON TO SAY "HI" AT THE OFLC  
AND OFLC FOUNDATION BOOTH!





NourishingHOPE

## Free Fresh Produce and Dairy

**Monday, March 9th**  
**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Boxes of fresh produce and dairy products will be available for drive through pickup on a first come, first serve basis at the following locations:

**Corcoran**  
St. Thomas Catholic Church  
20000 County Road 10  
Corcoran, MN 55340

**Rockford**  
Our Father's Lutheran  
3903 Gilbert Ave SE  
Rockford, MN 55373

**Hanover**  
Influence Church @ City Hall  
112505th Street NE  
Hanover, MN 55341

**Delano**  
Light of Christ Lutheran Church  
3976 County Line Road SE  
Delano, MN 55328

**Buffalo**  
Buffalo Covenant Church  
1601 Highway 25 North  
Buffalo, MN 55313

**Maple Grove**  
Rice Lake Bible Chapel  
8801 Rice Lake Road  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

For assistance locating a specific site or for questions, please contact us at

NourishingHOPE is a ministry of Our Father's Lutheran Church, in cooperation with area churches. Our vision is to relieve area food insecurity and promote wellness in mind, body, and spirit for people East-Central Wright County. For information on you or your organization partnering with NourishingHOPE, please visit our website at [www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html](http://www.ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope.html)



**Are you able to help with packing OR distributing boxes?**

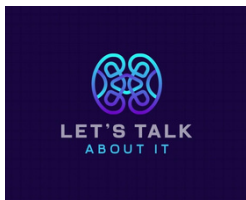
Please see the link here to sign up to help.

**<https://shorturl.at/YXzKW>**

Questions? **Email Brittni at [Brittni@ourfatherschurch.org](mailto:Brittni@ourfatherschurch.org)**

### Church Directory Update

We are waiting on the proof from the directory company!!!  
When the directory finally does go to print, we will let you know!!  
We will keep you posted of happenings - we are excited to see it too!!



**Next meeting: March 5 & 19 at 6:30 pm**

**Our Father's Lutheran Church**  
**(in the Conference Room)**

**"Let's Talk About It"** - a space created just for you, our teens and young adults, to connect, reflect, and grow together through open, honest conversation.

This program is more than just a series of discussions. It's a safe and respectful space where your thoughts, your questions, and your experiences truly matter. Life comes at us fast - with challenges, doubts, big dreams, and even bigger questions - and here, we're saying: Let's talk about it.

That's why we're here - together. The chaplains aren't here to talk at you, but to talk with you. To listen. To reflect. To journey with you through the tough stuff and the good stuff. No judgment. No pressure. Just honest conversations that help us all grow. Let's talk about it.

# MINISTRY UPDATES

## OFLC Men's Retreat

Come and join the OFLC Men's group for a time of fellowship, reflection, and conversations about our faith. The Koronis Ministries retreat is on the shore of Lake Koronis and offers hiking and fishing, as well as a gym with basketball, ping-pong, and other activities. It is a space to get away from the daily grind and reflect on where God is leading us.

**When:** Friday, April 24th (evening) through Saturday, April 25th (afternoon)

**Where:** Koronis Ministries, Paynesville, MN

**Cost:** The cost is \$113 per person. We will be in the same Lakeview rooms again. It will include 2 meals (breakfast and lunch Saturday) and one night stay (Friday night).

Many of us will meet for dinner in Paynesville on Friday evening.

**Who:** Usually men from teenagers through seniors, but anyone who wants to hang out with a group of men is welcome!

**Contact:** Erik Dahl, awd1d@yahoo.com OR Dan Reed, pdr.reed@gmail.com

**Subject:** Topic for discussion will be set in March. We typically watch a movie that sets the tone for more conversations on our faith and life's journey.

**MEN'S GROUP MEETS THE  
FIRST AND THIRD  
SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH  
AT 7:30 AM**



## HELLO

**You're invited to sign up for one or multiple  
Sundays to help welcome our church family as a  
Sunday Greeter.**

**Greeting begins at 8:30 am.**

**<https://shorturl.at/redn8>**

Support the  
**OFLC MUSIC PROGRAM**

**YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A  
HUGE DIFFERENCE!**



**DROP YOUR COINS IN  
THE RED TWIRLY THING**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

## LENT SS KIDS DRESS UP SUNDAYS!!!

- MAR 8: RAIN GEAR—RAIN COAT/RAIN HAT/UMBRELLA**
- MAR 15: HAT & SUNGLASSES**
- MAR 22: FAVORITE PAJAMAS**
- MAR 29: CRAZY SOCKS**



## Registration is OPEN! VBS AT OFLC

Go to  
<https://oflc.breezechms.com/form/d48dd840206613>  
to sign up.

**August 11-13th from 9am - 11:30am**

DON'T FORGET



## SPRING FORWARD

MARCH 8, 2026 - TIME TO  
SPRING FORWARD! SET YOUR  
CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.

# ENGAGE & CONFIRM MINISTRY UPDATES

The month of February started off with the Engage and Confirm kids learning about the Ten Commandments and how God's law and human law are related but not exactly the same. We also learned that God's law helps us understand the importance of the gospel and how to love God and our neighbors.

For Ash Wednesday, the kids learned the importance of the day for Christians and were able to partake in worship. We ended the month by providing the Soup Supper on February 25th and attending Holden Evening Prayer. Needless to say, the kids love anything that involves food so Wednesday nights during Lent will likely be a highlight. Thanks to all of the families that helped provide soup, food, drinks and supplies for soup supper.

With guidance from Tammi, we've also been working on a new song for music ministry. **Be sure to attend service on March 15th when the kids perform.**



# MINISTRY UPDATES



## QUILTING & SEWING

Five more quilts delivered to Vinland in February! We're up to 111 quilts since starting this ministry. We continue to meet each Thursday morning, 9 to 11:30, in the education wing. Please join us if you'd like to be a part of this group. Have questions? Contact Gail at 763.242.0351.

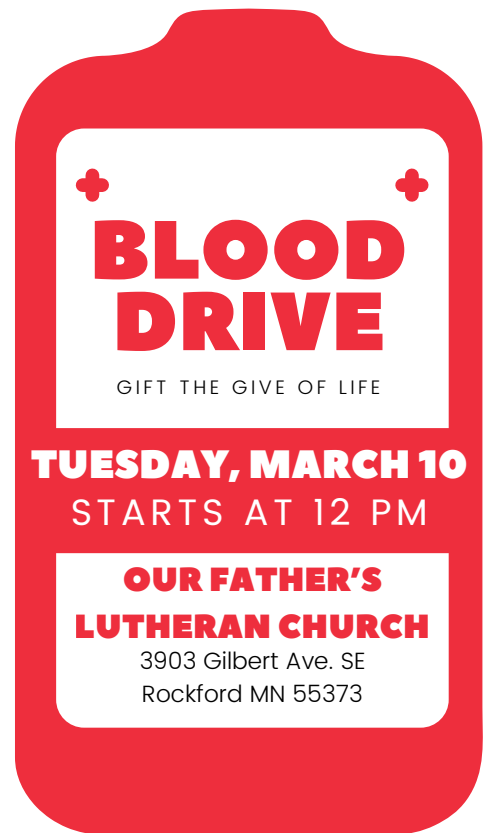
## LOVE INC

We are grateful for the many pillows and blankets donated. We are currently working on the second bedding request in the New Year.

Our current needs:

- Queen comforters
- Full sheet sets
- (Gently used and washed)

**Thank you!** Please include Love INC Heartland in your prayers, that we would reach and serve those that God intends. His blessings flow for both receivers and givers!



OUR FATHER'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

There are a variety of ways we give to God. We recognize that all things belong to God and come from God, therefore we are stewards and caretakers of these gifts. We honor God through the giving of our time, talent, and money. Your donations support the ministries and programs at Our Father's Church.



SCAN ME

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**2026 January Overview** January giving was slightly less than budgeted by \$833. Expenses \$31,015 against a budget of \$29,222; **over budget** by \$1,793. General cash decreased by \$9,874 due to the continued giving for the general fund to be less than expenses. Designated funds also decreased by \$2,565 mostly due to repairs incurred by Nourishing Hope.

	<u>Actual 2026</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Better/ (Worse)</u>
<b>January</b>			
Giving	\$ 17,509	\$ 18,342	\$ (833)
Total Expenses	31,015	29,222	(1,793)
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (13,506)</b>	<b>\$ (10,880)</b>	<b>\$ (2,626)</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted (General) Cash</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>I n c/( De c)</b>
General Fund /Petty Cash	\$ 47,492	\$ 37,619	\$ (9,874)
Thrivent	\$ 2,451	\$ 2,451	\$ -
<b>Total General Fund Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 49,943</b>	<b>\$ 40,070</b>	<b>\$ (9,874)</b>
<b>Total Restricted (Designated) Cash</b>			
Nourishing Hope	34,022	31,083	(2,939)
Building Improvements	21,964	23,578	1,614
Ministry	20,709	19,469	(1,240)
Other	8,455	8,455	-
<b>Total Designated Cash</b>	<b>\$ 85,150</b>	<b>\$ 82,586</b>	<b>\$ (2,565)</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>\$ 135,094</b>	<b>\$ 122,656</b>	<b>\$ (12,438)</b>

*“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:24*



# OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WORSHIP  
SUNDAYS  
AT 9:00 AM**

## 2026 OFLC COUNCIL

**Denise Wold** - President

**OPEN** - Vice President

**Larissa Kurth** - Secretary

**Amy Krcil** - Treasurer

**Ken Lunderby** - Member at Large

**Lindsey Bervig** - Member at Large

**Nina Walker** - Member at Large

**Mark Nelson** - Member at Large

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 11 am - 2 pm

Wednesday 1 - 4 pm

Friday 11 am - 2 pm



Are you getting your emails from the Prayer  
Chain? If not, go to

<https://oflc.breezechms.com/form/44ac0d>  
and sign up.



Are you following OFLC on Facebook? If not,  
go to <https://www.facebook.com/OFLCMN/>  
and sign up.

## WEBSITE

<https://www.ourfatherschurch.org/>

## Livestream

<https://shorturl.at/Zlz37>

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