



# Lenten Season

Reflecting and praying. Better together.



**CHRIST**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EUREKA, KANSAS

— **March 2026** —

## NEWS & EVENTS

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

Here we are in Lent and March is right around the corner. Lent, we follow Jesus on His journey to the cross. That very cross where He willingly laid down His life so that we may live. Lent is a serious time in the Church year. It is serious and somber. This is the time when Jesus knew that He only had a short time in which to accomplish what He had been sent here to do, for us, by God. A short time in which to teach His disciples how to carry on His mission without Him. A short time to teach them how to carry on His ministry. Telling others about the love of God for each of them. Explaining, or rather trying to explain, to prepare them for what was to come. The very reason that God had sent Him.

It is easy for us to read the stories about Jesus' ministry while He was alive and walked this same earth. His trial, His crucifixion, His death, burial, and His resurrection. It happened so long ago. We were not personally there to touch, and to feel our Lord. We were not able to see the expressions that came upon His face when He was happy, angry, or mourning the loss of a friend. We were not able to hear the lowering and the raising of His voice. The change in the pitches of His voice.

We still benefit from everything He did. Whether we walked with Him during the time when He was alive or not, it was still done for each of us. His words, accomplishments, and His actions can still keep us focused. His love for us is not any less than it was for His disciples or family.

So during this season of Lent, let us truly focus on His words and know that they were fully meant for us here today. His love and sacrifices were for each one of us. God's Blessings to each and everyone of you. *Pastor Sue Ellen*



### What is Lent you ask?

Early in the Church's history, the major events in Christ's life were noted with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection and ascension. As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to the major events of Jesus' birth (Advent) and His death and resurrection (Lent) as a time of preparation. During Lent, our worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the sea-son is purple, a color often associated with penitence. There have also been some changes to our worship pattern: we do not sing the "Hymn of Praise" (Gloria); the word "Alleluia" (a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord") is not used in the Gospel ac-clamation, and the Offertory that is sung as our offerings are presented at the altar has a somewhat somber tone. The Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year; it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear.



**FIRST OF THE  
MONTH  
MINISTRY**

All loose money and designated checks received on March 1st will be given to Amy Schouten to help with medical expenses. Please bless her as you are able and keep her in your prayers+

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

*Greetings from the church council+*

*May the grace of God be with you all always...*

FOM correspondence "thank you" from Jay Fowler and Margaret Spires will receive \$452 for February first of the month ministry.

Youth leaders are discussing holding an event on Wednesdays once a month for 6-12th graders involving bible lesson, a meal, movie and music with the help of other churches- more details coming this fall. Super excited to start this event! VBS meeting will include other church members, to be held in March, contact Pastor Sue Ellen if you are able to attend or help with this.

Christ Lutheran double doors repaired with new insulation-weather stripping. Ring doorbell has been installed at the back ramp door along with 3 cameras inside the sanctuary, bell tower room and fellowship area downstairs.

The wedding and funeral contracts are being revised for member and non-members.

March FOM will be given to Amy Schouten to help her with medical expenses.

**Lent services will need extra help with reading, acolytes and sound system assistants.**

Community Linc will no longer be providing free meals. Is this something Christ Lutheran would want to explore? They fed an average of 50-65 people per meal.

Just a reminder...Christ in Our Home booklet includes daily devotions. These free booklets can be found in the narthex. Each devotion shares and explains scripture readings which is a great opening for each council meeting.

## 2026 Council Members

Camille Frakes, President  
Bruce Hawthorne, Vice President  
Karla Fowler, Treasurer  
Shannon Rockhill, Secretary  
& Larry Hayes



### Sign up for Daily Grace

Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by signing up for a daily email message.



**1st-** Sunday worship at UFR 8:30am & CLC 10:30am and 4-H meeting 5pm in the church basement

**2nd-** Food Pantry noon-2pm at SDAV church- 1710 River St

**4th-** Christ Kids 3:45-5:15pm and Lent evening service 6pm

**5th-** WELCA monthly meeting at 2pm in the bell tower room

**7th-** Funeral at 10am@ CLC

**8th-** Sunday worship at UFR 8:30am & CLC 10:30am

**9th-** Music Club @ 2pm in bell tower room



## March - Events

**9th-** Food Pantry noon-2pm at SDAV church

**11th-** Christ Kids 3:45-5pm and Lent service @CLC at 6pm

**15th-** Sunday worship at UFR 8:30am & 10:30am at CLC

**18th-** Christ Kids 3:45-5pm and Lent service @CLC at 6pm

**19th-** Council meeting at noon

**22nd-** Sunday worship at UFR 8:30am & CLC 10:30am

**25th-** Christ Kids 3:45-5pm and Lent service @CLC at 6pm

**29th-** Sunday worship at UFR 8:30am & CLC 10:30am

**Ladies handwork continues every Thursday at 1pm in the CLC basement+**

# Women of the ELCA

All women who attend Christ Lutheran & Upper Fall River churches are invited to participate in WELCA's monthly gathering. Come enjoy a short devotion and refreshments!  
**THURSDAY, March 5th @ 2:00pm**

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

## ANNIVERSARIES

**23rd- Maurice & Sue Erickson**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 4** Brody Rockhill & Gracelynn Mead
- 8** John Huntington Jr.  
Thedda Olson Betten
- 10** Jonathan Jones
- 15** Katelynae Coulter  
Butch DeHaven
- 17** Camden Wunderlich
- 19** Sybil Rockhill
- 20** Teresa Huntington  
Brianna Bechtel
- 21** Madelyn Miller
- 25** Graham Bechtel
- 30** Mike Wiggins

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING



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Thank you church families for the prayers that brought healing and for the many gifts and cards that expressed Love.  
*Margaret Spires*

*Lily Stack, Allie Knowles, Addie & Duke Coulter*

## **March WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

SERVICE	MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29	APRIL 2- MAUNDY
ALTAR GUILD	CINDY HAYES & DEBI SMAUELS	CINDY HAYES & DEBI SMAUELS	CINDY HAYES & DEBI SMAUELS	CINDY HAYES & DEBI SAMUELS	CINDY HAYES & DEBI SAMUELS	SHANNON ROCKHILL
SCRIPTURE READER	CINDY HAYES	SYBIL ROCKHILL	CAMILLE FRAKES	CINDY HAYES	LAWRENCE WENTHE	
USHERS	BRUCE HAWTHORNE	ANDY HUGHES	BRUCE HAWTHORNE	LARRY HAYES	ANDY HUGHES	LAWRENCE WENTHE
GREETERS	BRUCE & TAMI HAWTHORNE	HUGHES	FRAKES	HAYES	HUGHES	ROCKHILLS
ACOLYTE	LILY STACK & RUGER SCHOUTEN	BRODY ROCKHILL	SYLVIE FRAKES	CINDY	LILY STACK & RUGER SCHOUTEN	
COMMUNION	CINDY	SHANNON ROCKHILL	CAMILLE	CINDY	KAREN	SHANNON
SOUND TECH	LAWRENCE WENTHE	ANDY HUGHES	SYLVIE FRAKES	LAWRENCE WENTHE	ANDY HUGHES	LAWRENCE

**THANK YOU** to everyone that was able to help with the Fat Tuesday meal! We enjoyed good fellowship and good food +



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Lent.  
A SEASON OF RENEWAL



### **JOIN US FOR WORSHIP+**

Upper Fall River Lutheran Church

**Sunday 8:30 a.m.**

Worship Service

**Christ Lutheran Church**

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

Worship Service

If you are in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Sue Ellen Wenthe at 620-583-5726 or 785-346-6491

Learn more!

(620) 583-5726

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**JOIN US FOR LENT SERVICES WEDNESDAY FEB.25TH AND MARCH 4,11,18 AND 25TH @ 6:00PM at CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**