

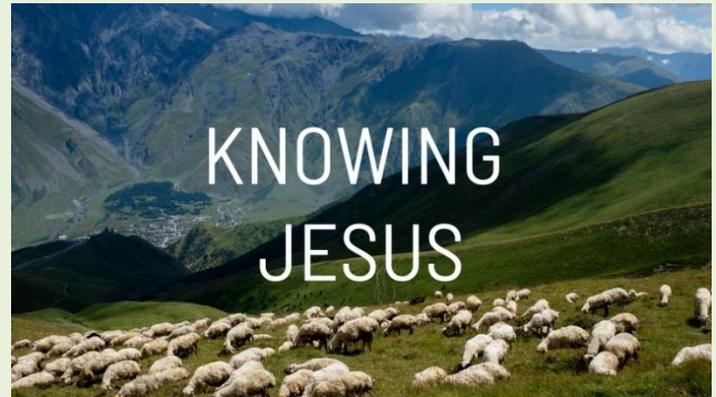
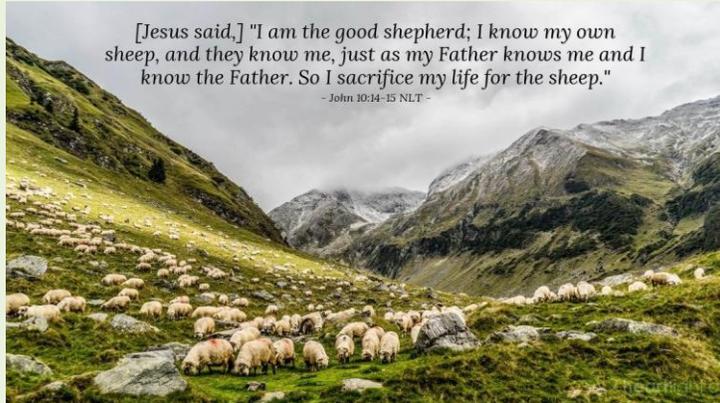


# St. Olaf Lutheran Church - THE CALLER -

March 2026



## From Pastor Tom:



This past weekend our new Council President, Paul Thusius, shared with us a message about developing a devotional life with God. As we heard on Ash Wednesday this past week, Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father." (John 10:14) To know someone personally is to have conversation with them which involves mutual sharing and listening. In the case with God, we call it prayer. To know God is to learn about God in His Word, the Bible

Devotional  
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President  
Paul Thusius

or scriptures as we call them, as well as knowing Jesus, the Word made flesh. Some will read the Bible just as it is. I recommend you read the Gospel of John during Lent as that is what we have been digging into the last couple of months. Others like to read a scripture and have some stories or reflections on that passage. This is where an online or written devotional is wonderful!

Here are some Paul and I suggest to consider:

Suggested devotional plans:

<https://graceredeemer.com/40-days-of-lenten-devotionals/> - focus on Lent and the book of John

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/14435-40-daily-devotionals-for-lent> - Great app year-round for many uses

<https://www.st-olaf.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-Lenten-Devotional-Booklet.pdf> - created by members of St Olaf

<https://www.outreachforhope.org/lent26> Great stories & songs about our city partnerships

Paul and I really hope you give one of these options or another option a try. Make this a holy time set apart with God, preferably in the morning, sitting down in a quiet place perhaps with hot tea or coffee in hand. As we get to know our Shepherd deeper, we will recognize how much he cares for us sheep.

Shalom, Pastor Tom

## MARCH LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| Date                        | Asst. Minister          | Musicians                      |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sun., March 1<br>9:00 a.m.  | Scott Siegrist          | Clara Birkel<br>Garrett Monis  |
| Sat., March 7<br>5:00 p.m.  | Cindy Schlieve          | Clara Birkel<br>Steve Stretz   |
| Sun. March 8<br>9:00 a.m.   | <b>Assistant Needed</b> | Clara Birkel<br>Steve Stretz   |
| Sat., March 14<br>5:00 p.m. | Mary Hershoff           | Clara Birkel<br>Garrett Monis  |
| Sun. March 15<br>9:00 a.m.  | Mary Hershoff           |                                |
| Sat., March 21<br>5:00 p.m. | Cindy Schlieve          | Clara Birkel<br>Steve Stretz   |
| Sun. March 22<br>9:00 a.m.  | <b>Assistant Needed</b> | Clara Birkel<br>Steve Stretz   |
| Wed, March 25<br>6:30 p.m.  | <b>Assistant Needed</b> |                                |
| Sat, March 28<br>5:00 p.m.  | Randy Parlee            | Cathy Paquette<br>Steve Stretz |
| Sun, March 29<br>9:00 a.m.  | <b>Assistant Needed</b> | Clara Birkel<br>Steve Stretz   |

**March Altar Guild:** Jane Christenson

**March Counters:** Dave & Lisa Sutrick

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Gregory & Jody Homulos (52)
- 9 Steve & Vickie Stretz (52)
- 10 Daniel & Melissa Meier (22)

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Austin Becker, Thomas Sexton
- 3 Deborah Krahn
- 4 Aria Schneider
- 5 Lavonne Christenson
- 7 Austin Brewer
- 12 Richard Jorgenson
- 14 Erika Steiner
- 15 Jane Christenson
- 16 Randy Sikkema
- 19 John Monnahan
- 22 Carter Meier
- 24 Jerry Schlieve, Jenna Sexton
- 25 George Birkel, Alissa Schneider
- 28 Kathy Monis

### YOUTH PIE AUCTION

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Join us on Sunday, March 8, 2026 after service for the youth pie auction! **To donate pie**, click [HERE](#)  
Contact Scott at [stolafyouthleader@gmail.com](mailto:stolafyouthleader@gmail.com) with any questions.



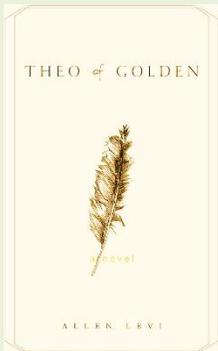
**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Spring forward**



### SOAR BOOK CLUB

SOAR Book Club meets Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at St. Olaf's. We will be discussing *Theo of Golden*, by Alex Levi. It's a beautifully written reminder of how one person's quiet generosity can transform an entire community. All are welcome to what is always a meaningful and uplifting discussion.



**St. Patrick's Day  
March 17<sup>th</sup>**



## EVER WONDER WHAT SPRING SMELLS LIKE?

It's the sweet aroma of boiling sap. Your chance to participate happens only this time of year.

How could you fit into this picture, you might ask. You could collect the sap, boil the sap, split firewood, or even bottle the syrup. You could come out & keep us company or bring snacks while you learn the process. Woods are located just east of the corner of Norwegian & Lincoln Roads.

It's a great way to meet interesting people, get a bit of a workout in, and enjoy the fresh air. This is our 18<sup>th</sup> year of producing maple syrup, bringing total net profit of \$72,834.

If you'd like to be notified as to when activity is happening in the woods, send an email to [stidge101@hotmail.com](mailto:stidge101@hotmail.com) and get on the list. Lyn Johnson



St. Olaf is scheduled to donate meals again April 27- May 2, 2026

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for helping with Family Promise.

Prayers and donations are important and appreciated.

**THANK YOU!**

JUST FOR FUN 😊

# March 2026 Fun Days

| March 2026  |  |   |                                    |  |                                   |  |
|---|--|---|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| SUN   | MON                                    | TUE   | WED                                | THU                                    | FRI                               | SAT  |
| <b>1</b> Pig Day<br>  | <b>2</b> Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!<br> | <b>3</b> World Wildlife Day<br>Learn about wildlife in your area.<br> | <b>4</b> Snack Day<br>             | <b>5</b> Name Tag Day<br>              | <b>6</b> Oreo Cookie Day<br>      | <b>7</b> Cereal Day<br>What is your favorite type of cereal?<br> |
| <b>8</b> Retro Video Game Day<br>   | <b>9</b> Meatball Day<br>              | <b>10</b> Mario Day<br>   | <b>11</b> World Plumbing Day<br>   | <b>12</b> Popcorn Lover's Day<br>      | <b>13</b> Jewel Day<br>           | <b>14</b> Pi Day<br>$\pi$<br>                                    |
| <b>15</b> Pretzel Day<br>Do you prefer hard or soft pretzels? Enjoy some today!<br> | <b>16</b> Panda Day<br>                | <b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day<br>                                       | <b>18</b> Global Recycling Day<br> | <b>19</b> Backyard Day<br>             | <b>20</b> First Day of Spring<br> | <b>21</b> World Puppetry Day<br>                                 |
| <b>22</b> World Water Day<br>   | <b>23</b> Puppy Day<br>                | <b>24</b> Cheesesteak Day<br>Do you like cheesesteak?<br>             | <b>25</b> Waffle Day<br>           | <b>26</b> Science Appreciation Day<br> | <b>27</b> Skipping Day<br>        | <b>28</b> Something on a Stick Day<br>                           |
| <b>29</b> Mermaid Day<br>   | <b>30</b> Pencil Day<br>               | <b>31</b> Crayon Day<br>  |                                    |  |                                   |  |

## News from St. Olaf Women of Grace

March 2026

### Women of Grace Meeting

The next meeting of the Women of Grace (WOG) will be on **Monday, March 9, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome all members to attend our meetings and offer suggestions. Please feel free to contact me if you have comments or suggestions but cannot attend the meeting. Light refreshments will be available.

### Searchers

The Searchers Bible study group meets every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Jane Christenson, most usually. We are currently using the book *Simon Peter* by Adam Hamilton for our study. We began using this study by reviewing the introduction into this book on February 17<sup>th</sup>. There are six (6) chapters to follow, so we will learn much about Simon Peter. As always, our discussions will be interesting, enlightening, and a great experience to share with other women.

The *Gather* Magazine study that we will be using for the spring months (March, April, May) is entitled "I AM: God's holy name and promise," written by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson. The March study is entitled "Bread, vine and light: Abiding with us (John 6, 8 and 15) and is described as follows:

"We begin this session by rooting and grounding ourselves in the story of Moses at the Burning Bush, learning about God's holy name, I AM—a name that holds all of time and space, all that was and all that is and all that will be, past, present and future. From there, we will explore three of Jesus's "I AM" statements: "I am the bread of life," "I am the true vine," and "I am the light of the world." Each of these declarations bring to the fore the ways that God, whose name is "I AM," abides with God's people, providing, nurturing and sustaining us in day-to-day life."

Copies of the study will be available for anyone who does not subscribe to the magazine. Please feel free to join us for what promises to once again be an interesting and helpful study.

### Lenten Services

The Lenten Service that will be held at St. Olaf this year is on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a reception and fellowship to follow the 6:30 p.m. service. The Worship, Music, and Arts Committee has asked for help to provide the food. They would like desserts and finger food. There is no meal this year, just the desserts. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

**Wishing you Peace, Love, Joy, and Good Health,**

Cindy J. Schlieve, President

262-490-7134; [jschlieve@wi.rr.com](mailto:jschlieve@wi.rr.com)

***"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."***

**Romans 12:12 (NIV)**

# Youth Ministry News

March 2026



Fat Tuesday



## VBS SAVE THE DATE

August 1st - 10am-3pm

Grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors!!! Invite the little ones you know to our "Kingdom of the Son" Lord's Prayer Safari VBS.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

[REGISTER HERE](#) or at [ST-OLAF.ORG](http://ST-OLAF.ORG)

## LOOKING FOR:

Volunteers to help teach or assist with Sunday School. Please contact Kris Pietz if you are available once a month, or sign up here:

[SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS](#)



## PIE AUCTION

March 8th - What would our pie auction be... without pies? Sign up to donate your **DELICIOUS PIES** to auction.



And what use would all those pies be... without friends and family to bid, win and enjoy eating those pies. Youth and adults are needed to prep, serve and auctioneer. Check out the sign up sheet for **VOLUNTEER** opportunities and let Scott know how you can help.



## EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 4

9:00am - 12:00pm

St Olaf Fellowship Hall

Songs, planting project, snacks, egg decorating, games, lunch and **NOON EGG HUNT** for all! (Feel free to bring your own basket!) Scan QR to register.



## ST OLAF YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sunday School - Kris Pietz [stolafchildren@gmail.com](mailto:stolafchildren@gmail.com)

Confirmation Youth - Pastor Tom Pietz [pietztom1@gmail.com](mailto:pietztom1@gmail.com)

Teen Discipleship - Scott Siegrist [stolafyouthleader@gmail.com](mailto:stolafyouthleader@gmail.com)



## Fat Tuesday – February 17, 2026

**6:00 P.M.** – Meal (all are welcome)

**7:15 P.M.** – Short service with the burning of palms

- Free Will Offering –

## Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2026

**11:00 A.M.** – Devotion with Imposition of ashes & Holy Communion

**6:30 P.M.** – Imposition of ashes & Holy Communion



## 2026 Ecumenical Lenten Services

*Services will be held at 6:30 P.M. at the following churches:*

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Kilian Catholic Church (Hartford)**

Service first, then followed by fellowship

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Redeemer Lutheran (Hartford)**

Service first, then followed by fellowship

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Aidan Episcopal (Hartford)**

**5:00pm** Food (potato bar)/fellowship available before service.

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – First United Methodist (Hartford)**

**5:00pm** Food (soup & salad)/fellowship available before service.

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Olaf's Lutheran Church (Alderly)**

Service first, then followed by fellowship



## Palm Sunday– March 29, 2026

**5:00 P.M. Saturday & 9:00 A.M. Sunday** Service with Holy Communion

## 2026 Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 P.M.** with First Communion

**Good Friday – April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 P.M.**

**Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.**

## Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026



**7:00 A.M.** Worship with Holy Communion



**7:45 – 9:00 A.M.** Easter Breakfast



**9:00 A.M.** Worship with Holy Communion



**ST. OLAF LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# ANNUAL PIE AUCTION

Join us on Sunday, **March 8, 2026**  
For good company and PIE!

**THE ST. OLAF PIE AUCTION IS  
A YOUTH EVENT FUNDRAISER  
& BEGINS AT 10:15 AM.**



**St. Olaf members & families: donations of pies are needed!**  
***Please have them to the kitchen by 9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>***

**Proceeds will help defray the cost of our summer trips.**

**Encouraging ALL youth, families and members of St. Olaf to participate.**

**Invite your friends and neighbors to share that fun!**



# Sacred Missions

## BENEFIT CONCERT

### FEATURING THE BETHLEHEM CHI RHO RINGERS

## MISSIONS:

A Child's Smile: <https://www.st-olaf.org/a-childs-smile/>

Tricia's Troops: <https://triciastroops.org/>

## SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2026 AT 3 PM

### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

### 470 N OAK CREST DRIVE, WALES, WI 53183

## TICKETS: \$12 PER PERSON

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Gold and Platinum Corporate Donors:



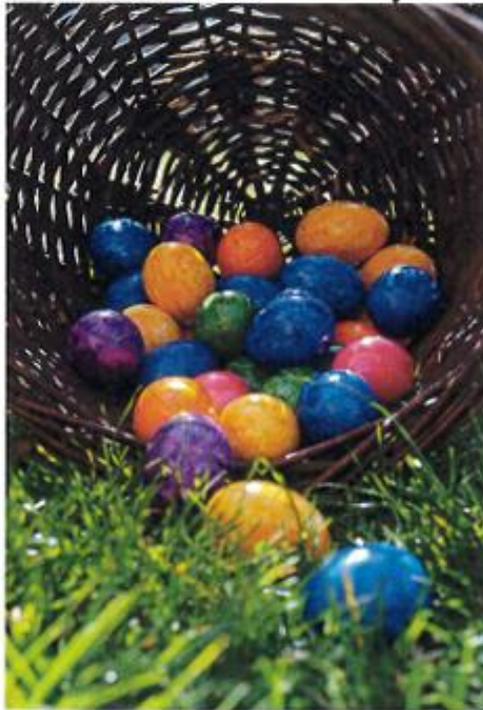
# Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Saturday, April 4

9:00 - 12:00

(Egg Hunt at noon)

St Olaf Fellowship Hall



Songs, Planting project, snacks, egg decorating, games,  
lunch and egg hunt for all!

(Feel free to bring your own basket!)

Register here:

Or at [St-Olaf.org](http://St-Olaf.org)



To view the entire (larger print) calendar, go to our website [www.st-olaf.org](http://www.st-olaf.org)

Public Calendar Mar 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

| Sun  | Mon                          | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri                               | Sat   |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1<br>9am - Worship   | 2                            | 3<br>6:30am - Men's Life Group -<br>7:30am - Weekly Prayer Group<br>9am - Searchers @ Jane<br>9am - St. Olaf Stitchers                              | 4<br>8:30am - Wednesday Morning<br>5pm - Mission Team Meeting<br>6:30pm - Ecumenical Service  | 5   | 6                                 | 7<br>9am - Properties mtg - Small<br>5pm - Worship - Healing                    |
| 8<br>Daylight Saving Time Starts<br>9am - Worship - Healing<br>10-15am - Youth Pie Auction | 9<br>3pm - Women of Grace    | 10<br>6:30am - Men's Life Group -<br>7:30am - Weekly Prayer Group<br>9am - Searchers @ Jane<br>9am - St. Olaf Stitchers                             | 11<br>8:30am - Wednesday Morning<br>6:30pm - Ecumenical Service                               | 12<br>12pm - Book Club - Small<br>4pm - Music, Worship, Arts<br>5pm - Council Meeting | 13                                | 14<br>5pm - Worship - Classic   |
| 15<br>9am - Worship  | 16                           | 17<br>6:30am - Men's Life Group -<br>7:30am - Weekly Prayer Group<br>9am - Searchers @ Jane<br>9am - St. Olaf Stitchers<br>6:30pm - First Communion | 18<br>8:30am - Wednesday Morning<br>6:30pm - Ecumenical Service                               | 19  | 20<br>9am - Soup Ministry         | 21<br>5pm - Worship   |
| 22<br>9am - Worship  | 23<br>8:00am-CALLER ARTICLES | 24<br>6:30am - Men's Life Group -<br>7:30am - Weekly Prayer Group<br>9am - Searchers @ Jane<br>9am - St. Olaf Stitchers<br>6:30pm - First Communion | 25<br>8:30am - Wednesday Morning<br>4pm - Ashippun Food Pantry<br>6:30pm - Ecumenical Service | 26  | 27                                | 28<br>Palm Sunday<br>5pm - Worship  |
| 29<br>Palm Sunday<br>9am - Worship   | 30                           | 31<br>6:30am - Men's Life Group -<br>7:30am - Weekly Prayer Group<br>9am - Searchers @ Jane<br>9am - St. Olaf Stitchers                             | 1<br>8:30am - Wednesday Morning<br>5pm - Mission Team Meeting                                 | 2<br>6:30pm - Maundy Thursday   | 3<br>6:30pm - Good Friday Service | 4<br>9am - Kid's Easter<br>9am - Properties mtg - Small<br>5pm - Worship - Holy |

