



**Unwrap Your Gifts!**

**Unwrap Your Opportunities**



**February 15 and 16, 2020**

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway and down the hall to the left.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the narthex or room ("Shepherd's Nook") located down the hall from the narthex. This room has a television showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Today's focus:** We conclude our six week worship, sermon, and Bible study series this morning that has helped us to take a look at unwrapping our "Spiritual Gifts," those gifts that will prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up (Ephesians 4:12).

This morning we are encouraged to unwrap our opportunities – that is, to see the places where God might use us and to put our gifts into action.

## **Personal Member Ministry**

Personal Member Ministry (PMM) helps us discover and develop our God given gifts and talents, empowering us for faithful and joyful service in every area of our lives, and building up the body of Christ as we serve God and others as engaged members of Good Shepherd.

Personal Member Ministry is what each of us does with our God given gifts and talents as members of Good Shepherd and the universal priesthood of all believers to serve God and others. PMM helps us by creating intentional awareness of our spiritual gifts and what God created us to do. It also creates systems so that members are both served and encouraged to serve according to how God has gifted them. Lord willing, Pastor, Staff, Council Members, Ministry Leaders, Groups, Individual Members (Everyone!) will benefit from PMM.

### **Unwrap God's gifts!**

January 12	Unwrap God's workmanship
January 19	Unwrap your ministry
January 26	Unwrap your vision
February 2	Unwrap gifts of grace
February 9	Unwrap your uniqueness and need
<b>February 16</b>	<b><i>Unwrap your opportunities</i></b>



## An Explanation of Our Communion Practice

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. This is marked as "The Sacrament" in the worship folder. While some churches invite all who are present to receive the Sacrament ("open communion"), we follow the Biblical and historic Christian practice of "close communion." "Close communion" is adhered to by over 1 billion Christians throughout the world.

What does this mean? We invite all who are members of our congregation (Good Shepherd Lutheran) or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you have no church membership or belong to a different fellowship, faith, or even a different Lutheran church body (e.g. ELCA, LCMS, etc.), we ask that you please refrain from communing with us for now.

In asking this, we in no way mean to judge your faith or imply that you are not a Christian or "not good enough for us"! Rather, it is because God's Word teaches us to regard Communion as an outward expression of unity in *all* areas of the faith (*see 1 Corinthians 10:17*). In other words, when we commune together, we are confessing publicly that we are all one in what we believe and profess (*all* the teachings of God's Word, not just a few basics).

For those who haven't had a chance to check out all that we teach and believe and declare their unity with us by joining our congregation, we look forward to informing you about what we believe and teach before you enjoy the Lord's Supper with us. We want you to feel comfortable with what we confess, and want you to enjoy the beauty of a deep unity in the faith.

There are other reasons for "close communion" as well:

- While God's Word promises that in the Lord's Supper we receive the beautiful gifts of Jesus' body and blood and forgiveness, it also warns that any communicant who does not recognize that the body and blood of Christ really are present in the Sacrament may bring spiritual harm on himself or herself (*see 1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). It wouldn't be loving for us to let that happen — as it might if we offered the Sacrament to all, even to those who may not understand what is involved.
- Scripture also requires that each communicant examine himself or herself spiritually (*1 Corinthians 11:28*) before receiving the Lord's body and blood together with the bread and wine. There are many who are not able to do that due to their youth, lack of instruction, or other reasons.

We believe that it is out of obedience to our Lord and his Word and out of loving concern for everyone present that we practice "close communion." We hope that you understand and we trust that you will respect our practice. We look forward to any opportunity we may have in the future to share with you the Bible's teachings about Communion, our beliefs as a church, and to establish unity together and to commune together. We are grateful to have you worship with us, and long to grow in the Word together!

**It is the mission of**



**Good Shepherd**

**to**

Seek the Lost  
Feed the Flock and  
Serve our Savior



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.

# We Come into the Presence of God

**Musical Introduction** (*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*)

**Opening Hymn: #221, verses 1-2** “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, st. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

## **Confession of Sins** *(based on Isaiah 64)*

Minister: All of us have become like one who is unclean.

**Congregation: And all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.**

M: We all shrivel up like a leaf,

**C: And like the wind our sins sweep us away.**

M: No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you;

**C: For you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.**

M: Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD;

**C: Do not remember our sins forever.**

M: Oh, look upon us, we pray,

**C: for we are all your people.**

*Silence for personal repentance*

## **Forgiveness of Sins**

M: Dear people of God, the words of Isaiah 64 verse 8 proclaim:

**C: Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.**

M: Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I proclaim to you that your Maker and Redeemer, your Lord and your God, has forgiven all of your sins. You are his own dear child. You are the workmanship of his hand. May God equip you for his works of service, which he prepared in advance for you to do.

**C: Amen.**



**Hymn:** #221, verses 3-4 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

**Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit’s pleading.  
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!  
Grant that we your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander, Till we sing your praises yonder.**

## We Listen

**First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup>He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup>Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup>From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

## **Small Group Choir: “Make Me a Servant”**

Accompanist: Jan Henriksen

*Make me a servant, Lord,  
Give me a willing heart.  
May all I do  
Be done for you.  
Cleanse me and fill me anew.*

*Make me a servant, Lord,  
Give me a willing heart.  
Ready to go, ready to stay.  
Ready to always obey.*

*Make me a servant, Lord,  
Give me a willing heart.  
Walking in love,  
Living by faith,  
Make me a servant I pray.  
Make me a servant I pray.*

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## **Second Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

## Hymn of the Day: #454 "I Gave My Life for Thee"



1 I gave my life for thee; My pre - cious  
 2 My Fa - ther's home of light, My rain - bow -  
 3 I spent long years for thee In wea - ri -  
 4 I suf - fered much for thee, More than my  
 5 And I have brought to thee Down from my



blood I shed That thou might'st ran - somed be  
 cir - cled throne, I left for earth - ly night,  
 ness and woe That an e - ter - ni - ty  
 tongue may tell, Of bit - t'rest ag - o - ny,  
 home a - bove Sal - va - tion full and free,



And quick - ened from the dead. I gave my  
 For wan - d'rings sad and lone. I left it  
 Of joy thou might - est know. I spent long  
 To res - cue thee from hell. I suf - fered  
 My par - don and my love. Great gifts I



life for thee; Come, give thy - self to me!  
 all for thee; Come now and fol - low me!  
 years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.  
 much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me.  
 brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.

6 Oh, let thy life be spent,  
 Thy years for me be giv'n,  
 As I for thee was sent  
 To bear thee home to heav'n.  
 I gave my life for thee;  
 Come, give thy life to me.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79, alt.

Tune: OLD 120TH (66 66 66) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1592.

## Sermon: Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup>“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup>The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup>So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup>But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

<sup>21</sup>“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>22</sup>“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

<sup>23</sup>“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>24</sup>“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup>So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

<sup>26</sup>“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup>Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

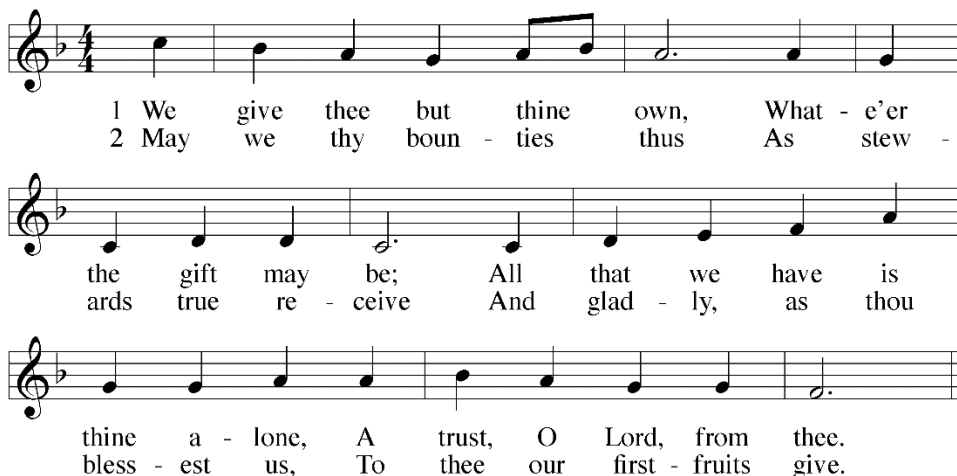
<sup>28</sup>“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup>For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup>And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

# We Respond

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

**Offering** *(If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)*

**Hymn: #485** verses 1-2 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”



The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with two verses indicated by numbers 1 and 2.

1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew -

the gift may be; All that we have is  
ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as thou

thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.  
bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97.  
Tune: ENERGY (SM) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

- C:** **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.**

# The Sacrament *(also found on page 21 in the red pew hymnal)*

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymn: #461 "From Eternity, O God"



1 From e - ter - ni - ty, O God, In your Son you  
 2 Born a - live but dead in sin, Lost to all good  
 3 Drive a - way the gloom - y night Of my dark - ened  
 4 As a branch up - on a vine, In my bless - ed  
 5 Faith and hope and char - i - ty Gra - cious-ly, O



did e - lect me. There - fore, Fa - ther, on life's road  
 things by na - ture, I was found and changed with - in  
 mind's re - flec - tion. Quench all thoughts that are not right;  
 Lord im - plant me; Ev - er of my head di - vine  
 Fa - ther, give me; Be my guard - ian con - stant - ly



Gra - cious-ly to heav'n di - rect me; Send to me your  
 And be - came a new-born crea - ture. Sin - ful flesh works  
 Hold my rea - son in sub - jec - tion. For your truth may  
 To re - main a mem - ber grant me. Oh, let him, my  
 That the dev - il may not grieve me. Grant me hum - ble -



Ho - ly Spir - it That his gifts I may in - her - it.  
 ru - i - na - tion, But the Spir - it works sal - va - tion.  
 I be yearn - ing, Heav'n - ly wis - dom ev - er learn - ing.  
 Lord and Sav - ior, Be my life and love for - ev - er!  
 ness and glad - ness, Peace and pa - tience in my sad - ness.

6 Help me speak what's right and good  
 And keep silence on occasion.  
 Help me pray, Lord, as I should;  
 Help me bear my tribulation.  
 Help me die and let my spirit  
 Everlasting life inherit.

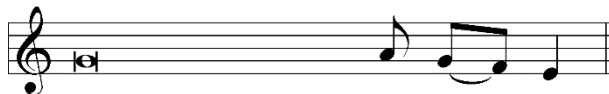
Text: Caspar Neumann, 1648–1715, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

## Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## Closing Hymn: #485 verses 3-6 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

**Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.**

**To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless, Is angels' work below.**

**The captives to release, To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace—It is a Christlike thing.**

**And we believe thy Word Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto thee.**

## **Serving in Worship**

**Pastor:** Jon Bergemann  
**Organist:** Jan Henriksen  
**Pianist:** Amanda Bergemann

02/15	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
02/16	8:00 am	Paul Kippes/Ed Boron
	10:30 am	Bill Merchantz/Daniel John
02/22	5:30 pm	John Krug
02/23	8:00 am	Erik Guldberg/Ryan Schindler
	10:30 am	Chuck Rhodes/Greg Busse
02/26	7:00 pm	Bob Reichert/Dale Graefnitz

### **Altar Care**

02/16	Jennifer Tyrrel & Joan Richmond
02/26	Debbie O'Malley & Michal Meek
03/01	Ellen Zank & Doris Holcomb

### **Coffee Schedule**

02/16	Kathy Paradis & Carol/David Miller
02/23	Pam Junkunc & Inge Wegner

### **Hymn Boards**

Ryan Paradis & Family

### **Communion Assistant Schedule**

02/16	8:00 am	Dave Rardin and Rick Brands
	10:30 am	Doug Semenske and John Roland
02/26	7:00 pm	Doug Semenske and David Roekle
03/01	8:00 am	David Roekle & Todd Paradis
	10:30 am	Ken Jordan and John Roland

### **Live Stream Team**

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Greg Busse

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 am Worship Service  
9:20 am Adult Bible Study  
9:20 am **BLAST Sunday school/IGNITE**  
10:30 am Worship Service  
12:00 pm Boy Pioneers  
**MONDAY 02/17** No School – President’s Day

**TUESDAY 02/18** 8:10 am Chapel  
9:30 am Women’s Bible Study  
12:30 pm Band Lessons  
5:15 pm Ram’s Basketball Game  
6:15 pm Ram’s Basketball Game  
7:15 pm Adult Choir

**WEDNESDAY 02/19** 11:30 am Music Lessons

**THURSDAY 02/20** 9:30 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm MCC/Women’s Ministry Meeting

**FRIDAY 02/21** 6:30 pm Music Recital

**SATURDAY 02/22** 8:00 am LWMS Reporters’ Brunch  
Ram’s Basketball Tournament

**SUNDAY 02/23** 5:30 pm Worship Service

8:00 am Worship Service  
9:20 am Adult Bible Study

9:20 am **BLAST Sunday school**  
10:30 am Worship Service

**SAVE THE DATE**

Feb 26 3:30 pm Faculty Meeting  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Feb 28 No School – District Teachers Conference

March 2-6 Spirit Week

March 6 No School Luther Prep Tournament

March 9 Roller Skating Party Lombard Roller Rink

March 12 7:00 pm School Committee Meeting

March 14 2:00 pm NAMI Presentation

March 15 12:00 pm Boy Pioneers

March 16 3:00 pm Girl Pioneers

March 19 7:00 pm MCC Meeting

March 20-22 Science Fair – Fellowship Hall

March 23 3:30 pm Faculty Meeting

March 28 8:00 am S.H.A.P.E.D. Class

March 30-April 3 Spring Break

