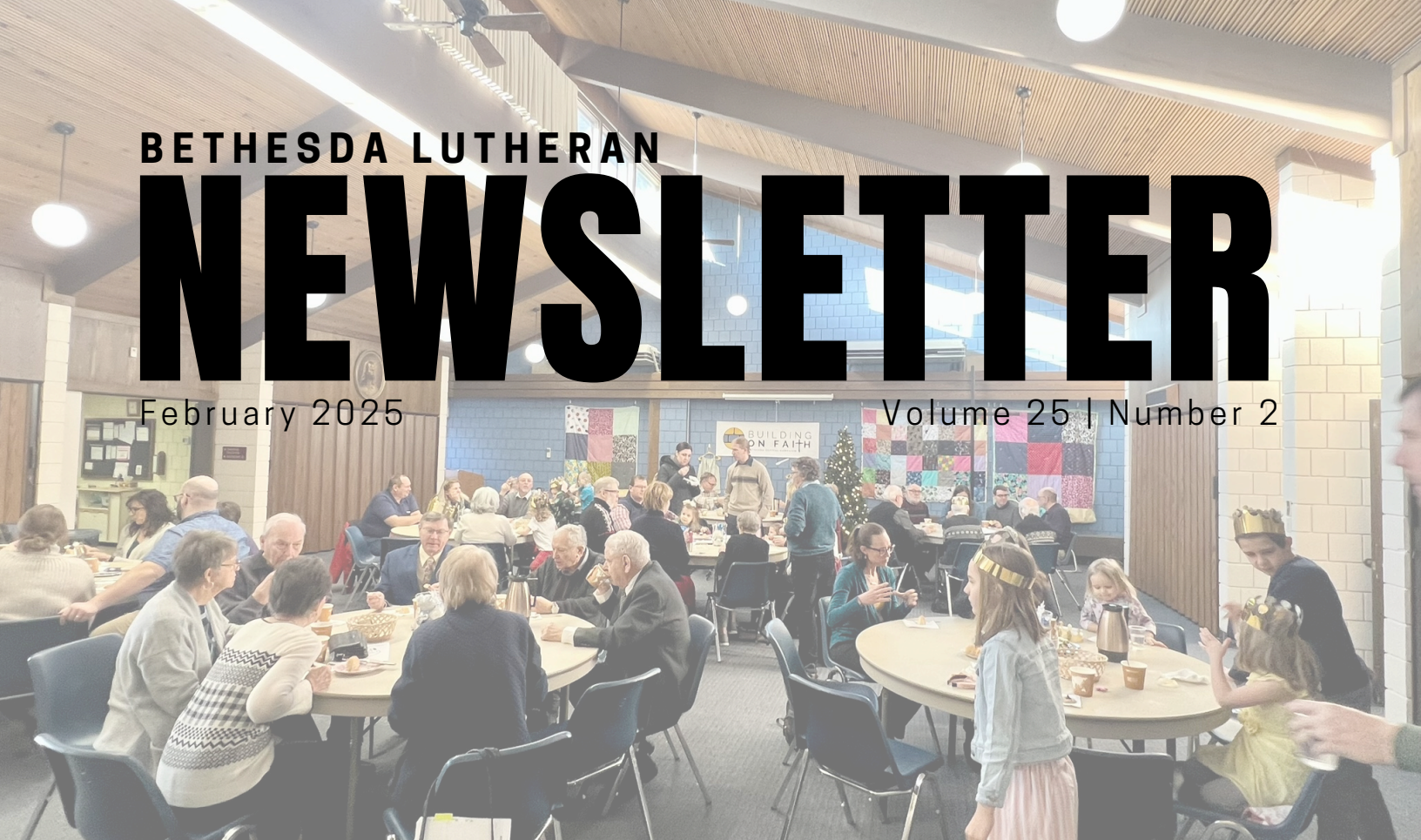


BETHESDA LUTHERAN

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Grant Vanderford

*"It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon, my hometown."*

Garrison Keillor began each episode of *A Prairie Home Companion* with this turn of phrase. I often think about those shows, those monologues and stories about the lives of the people from Lake Wobegon, MN. Lives, which, on the surface, seem exceedingly ordinary, but upon a closer look, a longer conversation, a walk down Main Street, or a drive around the lake, listeners quickly realize that there is nothing ordinary about their lives, and loves, and follies, and faults, and graces, and ultimate meanings - nothing at all!

In seemingly insignificant, habitual moments of our days, God's grace and love shine bright, illuminating where our so-called "ordinary" lives and Christ Jesus' extraordinary salvation and hope for us meet. And there's nothing ordinary about life in Christ.

*"It looks like a quiet February at Bethesda Lutheran Church, my home congregation."*

*Weekly*  
AT BETHESDA

MONDAYS AT 10 A.M.  
**LECTIONARY BIBLE  
STUDY**

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE  
MONTH AT 9:30 A.M.  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAYS AT 9 A.M.  
**QUILTING**

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 P.M.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | 10:45 A.M.

# ANNUAL MEETING

FELLOWSHIP HALL

second  
sunday of  
the month  
\*february<sup>9</sup>\*

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offering

BRING YOUR  
SPARE CHANGE!

BETHESDA'S CHILDREN COLLECT MONEY FOR LOCAL CAUSES

## upcoming music

Sunday, February 16 | 9:30 a.m. worship  
our Bethesda choir members will be joined by the Bethlehem choir

Wednesday, March 19 | 6:30 p.m. lenten worship  
special music by the Concordia Chapel Choir



# WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEALS COMING TO A FELLOWSHIP HALL NEAR YOU!

*By the Parish Life Team*

In preparation for Lent, we are looking for volunteers to help with Wednesday evening meals! Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex for the remaining dates that need volunteers (March 5 and April 9):

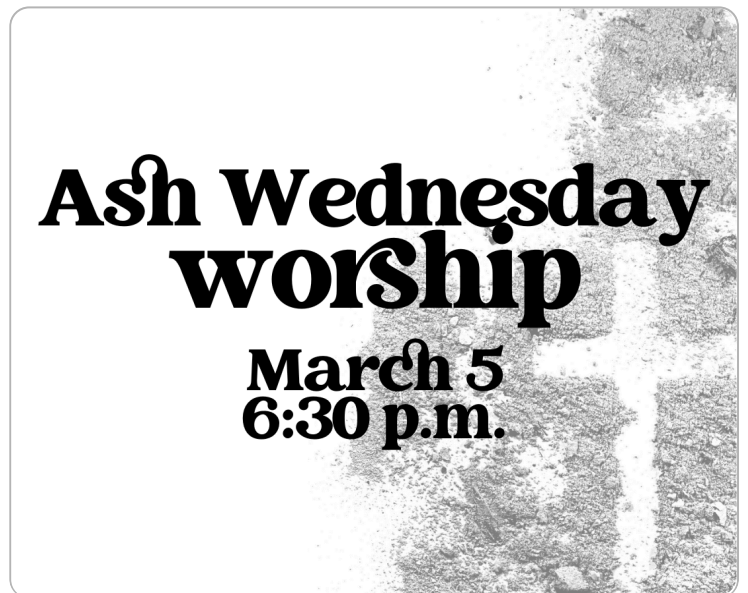
- Cooking a meal of your choice (enough for 45 people)
- Serving food during dinner
- Post-meal clean up

Thank you to the groups who have signed up already - church council, choir members, "Bethesda Dudes," "Bethesda Babes," the Knutson sisters, and Emma Tennyson!

Have fun and get creative putting your group together.... maybe find all of the Cobber alumni or NDSU vs UND fans. Your willingness to help means that we get to have homemade meals and break bread as a community.

If you have questions or are newer to the kitchen and want to learn where things are, reach out to any of your Parish Life Team Members!

Sharon Olson  
Laurie Anderson  
Linnea Dimmich  
Katherine Graham  
Kristine Olson-Johnson  
Shannon Vanderford  
Mary Wenaas



## PRAYERS + VISITS

PASTOR GRANT LOVES TO VISIT,  
BUT HE ONLY KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE  
IF YOU CALL HIM OR THE OFFICE




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**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be 3 years old
- Must be potty trained

## CHURCH STAFF

Pr. Grant Vanderford	Pastor
Olivia Kelly	Administrative Assistant
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Billi Jo Townsend	Financials

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