

# The Lebanon Letter

February



Lebanon Lutheran Church

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## February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 GNC 3pm	2 Sheridan Story 9:30am  Superbowl Outreach Noon - 6pm	3
4 Matthew 17:24-27  Worship (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am) <i>SUPERBOWL</i>	5	6  Lake Street Outreach 11am  Prayer 7pm	7  Bible Studies (2pm)	8  GNC 3pm	9	10  LCW 10am
11 Matthew 18:1-9  Worship (9:30am) Sunday School (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am)	12	13  Lake Street Outreach 11am  Prayer 7pm	14 <b>ASH WED</b> Luke 22:63-65  Valentine's Day Bible Studies (2pm) Soup Supper 6pm Ash Service 7pm	15  Folwell Food Shelf 2pm  No GNC	16	17
18 Luke 22:66-71  Worship (9:30am) Sunday School (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am)	19	20  Lake Street Outreach 11am  Prayer 7pm	21  Bible Studies (2pm) Council (4pm)	22  GNC 3pm	23	24
25 Paul Anderson Broken Heart Ministries  Worship (9:30am) Sunday School (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am)	26	27  Lake Street Outreach 11am  Prayer 7pm	28  Bible Studies (2pm)			

## Did you know?

### Budget Report thru December

Income: \$77,469  
 Expenses: \$65,275  
 Surplus: \$12,194

### ONLINE GIVING

You can give your offering online at  
[lebanonchurch.org](http://lebanonchurch.org)



Valentine's falls on...

Greater love has no one than this,  
 that he lay down his life  
 for his friends.

John 15:13



Ash Wednesday!

February Birthdays	
Day	First Last
5	Ellen Grigsby
13	Lori Brill
16	Nancy Ruffedt

### PRAYER LIST



Dave & Sandi Dyrstad, Barry Peltier, Mardell Bingman, Cassola Bowman, Gladys Johnson, Bette Christy, Gloria Bakken, Clarice Gudmunson, Lorraine Rindfleisch, Orville Hatlestad, Marion Phelps, Marilyn Tummelson, Lenny Zierman, Jordan Schesvold, Pastor Saul Mejia, Fred Owens

## GNC (Good News Club) Thursdays



We are off and running a new semester of GNC (Good News Club) each Thursday. Please contact Pastor Russell if you are interested in volunteering. As always, thank you for your prayers for this important ministry!

## Super Bowl Outreach: Fri, Feb 2



Join Pastor Russell and the Firebase Movement at **noon on Friday, February 2**, for an afternoon Super Bowl outreach. You may meet at the Firebase,

located at Olivet Methodist Church: 3620 43rd Ave North, or carpool from Lebanon at 11am. We will pick up lunch along the way. Please contact Pastor Russell for more information.

## LCW: Sat, Feb 10

All ladies are invited to our next LCW (Lutheran Church Women) gathering on **Saturday, February 10, at 10:00am**. Please see JoAnn Knowlton with any questions.

## Lenten Sermon Series: No Greater Love



Beginning **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, we will pause our journey through the Gospel of Matthew and enter the Passion narrative as recorded in Luke's Gospel for our Lenten Sermon Series: *No Greater Love*.

This will be a meaningful opportunity for us to meditate on the sufferings of our Lord on our behalf. Be prepared for an enriching experience as we sit with Jesus at His arrest, trial, denial, sentencing, and finally crucifixion. Between sentencing and crucifixion, we are afforded a welcome breather on Palm Sunday as we go back to the triumphal entry. The following Sunday we get to experience more than a 'breather,' but actually the pinnacle of our hope, the resurrection! You are encouraged to read and reflect on the scriptures ahead of Lent:

2/14	Luke 22:63-65	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY - Jesus Mocked</b>
2/18	Luke 22:66-71	Jesus Before the Council
3/4	Luke 23:6-16	Jesus Before Herod
3/11	Luke 23:18-25	Pilate Delivers Jesus Crucifixion
3/18	Luke 23:26-43	The Crucifixion
3/25	Luke 19:28-40	<b>PALM SUNDAY - Triumphal Entry</b>
3/30	Luke 23:44-49	<b>GOOD FRIDAY - Death of Jesus</b>
4/1	Luke 24:1-12	<b>EASTER SUNDAY - Resurrection</b>

## Folwell Food Distribution: Thurs, Feb 15



Cheryl at Folwell needs helpers at 2pm for the next distribution on **Thursday, February 15**. Please contact the office if you can help. Many Thanks!

## Paul Anderson (Broken Heart Ministries): Sun, Feb 25

We are excited to welcome back Chaplain Paul Anderson to lead worship on **Sunday, February 25**. Broken Heart Ministries brings God's love, compassion, and hope to people in nursing homes, homeless shelters, prisons, and chemical dependency treatment centers.

## A Word from Our President...

I read an article recently entitled "Only God Could." We at Lebanon have our own list:

### **Only God Could...**

1. Balance the budget without Rummage Sales or Lutefisk
2. Heal people we've prayed for including Pastor Russell with the help from doctors whom we prayed for wisdom.
3. Put it on Pastor Russell's heart to go to Messenger Boot Camp and be sent to Los Angeles to witness for Christ.
4. Raise up people in a small congregation to handle everything that needs to be done including taking care of the property.
5. Give assignments to the ones to do the Lake Street Outreach.
6. Provide churches to rent from Lebanon who preach the gospel.
- 7 Allow the Good News Club to bring the gospel to the children at the school.

Although we would like more people to come to Lebanon, we pray for God's will and timing. We are thankful for our small congregation as we all know each other by name and can pray for each other's needs. We get to know each other though fellowship over coffee, at Bible Studies, etc. God is good -- we are blessed. Looking into 2018 I believe the main focus should be on prayer and praising God for what we already have. Pray as you are led, but I have a few suggestions:

### **Pray For...**

1. Pastor Russ, Jenna, Haddie, and Rhoda -- that they will be in God's will and plan for their life -- for encouragement, good health, and strength.
2. Balanced budget for 2018 -- God can provide.
3. Hedge of protection over Lebanon and everyone who enters.
4. Unity in the church and also the churches who rent from us.
5. CiC - which is a ministry of Lebanon but with a separate budget, to have a balanced budget - bless those who give.
6. As the Holy Spirit leads and convicts, that souls will be saved through CiC, Lake Street Outreach, or Church.
7. Keep our members and friends healthy -- give them strength -- and their youth will be renewed like the eagles.
8. Last but not least pray for the 2018 Council.

### **Remember...**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, my strength and my Redeemer. -Psalm 19

I can hardly believe I've been on the Council for six years! It has been an amazing experience to see how God works.

Your Fellow Servant,  
*Arlene Olson*