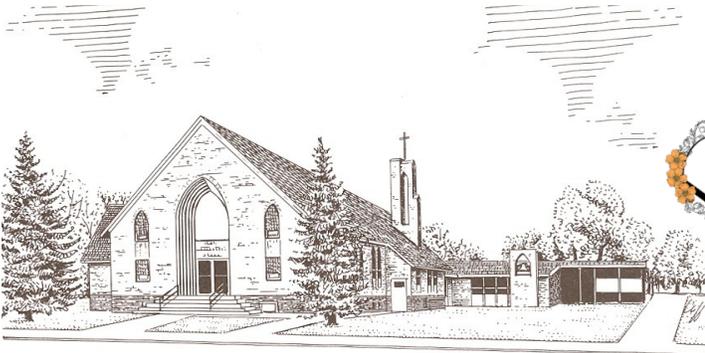


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2026 Newsletter  
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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have any articles to contribute to the **April Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than the morning of **Thursday, March 19th**. This should provide enough time for article placement and proofreading if all articles are received by the due date. Any articles received after the due date will need to go into next month's newsletter and/or bulletin if it is time sensitive. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out Monday of the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with time sensitive articles.

If you have any articles or information you would like to submit, please send them either by email to [compres@3rivers.net](mailto:compres@3rivers.net) or mail to:  
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123 4th Ave SW  
Conrad, MT 59425



**\*Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM\***

**\*Secretarial Office Hours\***  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM



**\*Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00AM\***

**\*Monday Handbells @ 6:00PM\***

**\*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5th Tuesdays**  
**Prayer Ministry @ 12:00PM\***

**\*Wednesday Learn 2 Sew Class**  
**@ 3:30PM to 5:00PM\***

**\*Wednesday Adult Discipleship**  
**Class @ 6:00PM\***

**\*Wednesday Children/Youth**  
**Program @ 6:15PM to 7:45PM\***

**\*YOUTH GROUP UPDATE INSIDE!\***

**\*Thursday Bible Study @ Horizon**  
**Lodge @ 2:00PM**

**\*Thursday Choir @ 7:00PM\***

**\*1st Friday of Every Month Free**  
**Community Meal @ 11:30AM to**  
**1:00PM\***



## **Mark Your Calendars!!**

***Come and enjoy a home cooked meal and an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new friends on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:30AM to 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Conrad. The menu will be BBQ Meatballs, Chessy Potatoes, Corn Salad, and Lemon Dump Cake. Everyone is welcome at our tables.***



# PASTOR'S CORNER



As we enter the Season of Lent, I am reflecting on something that one of our Lenten Luncheon hosts said. He commented that when Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, he offered Jesus power that he already had through his Father, God. He could have turned the stones into bread if he wanted to. He could have jumped off the peak of the Temple and called the angels to spread a net for him, if he wanted to do that. God had already given him dominion over Heaven and Earth. He didn't need to take on these tests. He needed to be faithful to God's Word.

Lent is a time when we so often try to give up something we particularly like, to show our devotion to Jesus. He sacrificed his life for us. Surely we should give up something special to remember Him. I prefer to "give of" something rather than "give up" something. For example, which would be more meaningful to Jesus - our giving up ice cream for 40 days or our giving of forgiveness to someone from whom we have been estranged from because of an argument - large or small? What would have more real value - giving up a TV program or giving of your volunteer time at the Food Pantry?

My point is simple. Sacrificing sugar is certainly a good thing to do for yourself and it might prompt you to think of Jesus' sacrifices for us, although if you're like me, giving up sugar or a dessert simply makes me think more about what I'm trying to give up than about Jesus' sacrifices. "Giving of" an act of service once a week or once a day to help a neighbor or a stranger reminds me that Jesus called me to love God with all my heart, mind, and strength and love my neighbor as myself. It reminds me of Jesus' unconditional love, humility, and generosity. Isn't that what we are supposed to meditate on during this time preparing us for the joy of Easter? I think so.

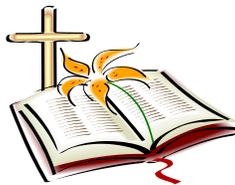
Gracious God, help us be more like Jesus.

Pastor Judy



## FEBRUARY LAY READERS

March 1	Pat Keil
March 8	Phil Springer
March 15	Martha Orcutt
March 22	Della Kellogg
March 29	Jan Carter



## DEACON'S LIST

March 1	Ralph & Karla
March 8	Kim & Phyllis
March 15	Karla & Mike
March 22	Ralph & Roma Lee
March 29	Arlene & Jeanne



Tim Lanham will be hosting a Lenten Bible study, beginning March 8th at 5:00 PM, MST. We will be continuing our exploration of Peter-the person and the two New Testament books that bear his name. For more information, contact Tim at [timothy@glaciercamp.org](mailto:timothy@glaciercamp.org).

## **You're Invited to the Community Lenten Luncheons!**



**Everyone is welcome to attend this short time of fellowship which begins with prayer at noon on Thursdays during Lent.**

**Soup and bread will be served at NOON and it is intended that we will finish by 12:50 PM so that those who are on their lunch break can attend.**

**February 19th & 26th will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church @ 123 4th Ave SW**

**March 5th & 12th will be hosted by St. Michael Catholic Church @ 110 S Maryland**

**March 19th & 26th will be hosted by Pondera Valley Lutheran Church @ 518 S Delaware**

**Hope to see you there!**

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The meeting was called to order by Karla Wittmier. Carol Dayrider led the opening prayer, and Phyllis Hammermeister led the devotion. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried. A thank-you note from the Allen Wittmier Family for the reception after the memorial service. Presbyterian Women are scheduled to work the Blood Drive on October 8th, 2026.

The Presbyterian Church will host the Lenten Luncheons on February 19th and February 26th. Signup sheets for soups (3 per luncheon) and bread were passed around. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. The tablecloths from First National Laundry will be used, and the centerpieces will be the wooden crosses with the crown of thorns on them.

There was no report for Church Women United. The Bazaar workshops will resume in April after Easter is over and Wednesday Night Church School is finished. Jane Arends reported on the trip to Winterfest at Glacier Camp. Five young people attended from Conrad and had a wonderful time. The visit to camp has sparked some interest in more of our students attending summer camp. A fundraiser will be held on Palm Sunday to raise funds for camp. It was moved and seconded that PW pay expenses of \$137.17 for food and gas. Motion carried.

Under committee reports, more stamps were purchased for the card ministry. The committee received a set of blank cards from Phyllis to be used for the ministry. 92 meals were served at the last First Friday meal. The Presbytery's mission is to provide funds for the Housing Authorities of the Salish/Kootenai tribes and the Little Shell tribe. It was moved and seconded to donate \$500 to the Mission project, \$250 from checking and \$250 from reception. Motion carried. Discussion on a rummage sale in June was tabled for now.

Presbyterian Women may have to consider purchasing a new cordless vacuum for the Fellowship Hall. The current one is not holding a charge. Camp scholarship funds were discussed. The amount available per child will be contingent on the number of youth going. There being no further business and the meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be held March 8th, 2026. Carol Dayrider will be the hostess and Karla Wittmier will lead the opening prayer.



## **GLACIER CAMP NEWS**



It's time to start thinking about attending Glacier Camp this summer. The theme for this year's camp is "Abundant Life" and is based on the scripture Psalm 25:5-6: "You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Camps are available for youth, Grade 1-12. Below is a list of camps, dates, age levels, and prices.

<b>June 21 - June 26</b>	<b>Classic Camp 1</b>	<b>Junior, Jr. High</b>	<b>\$675</b>
<b>This is what an authentic summer camp is all about.</b>			
<b>June 21 - July 3</b>	<b>Leader-in Training</b>	<b>Sr. High</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>A two-week program (including weekends) for budding young leaders.</b>			
<b>June 28 - July 1</b>	<b>Mini-camp</b>	<b>Grades 1-2</b>	<b>\$375</b>
<b>A first taste of sleepaway camp. Just 3 nights away packed with a whole lot of fun!</b>			
<b>July 28 - July 3</b>	<b>Adventure Camp</b>	<b>Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High</b>	<b>\$675</b>
<b>Based at our tent site where campers experience the relaxation and beauty of outdoor living.</b>			
<b>July 5 - July 10</b>	<b>Classic Camp 2</b>	<b>Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High</b>	<b>\$675</b>
<b>Classic Camp with a Christmas in July twist.</b>			
<b>July 12 - July 17</b>	<b>Outbound Camp</b>	<b>Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High</b>	<b>\$775</b>
<b>Off-site adventures to experience Glacier Country &amp; the Flathead Valley.</b>			
<b>July 19 - July 31</b>	<b>Counselor-in-Training</b>	<b>Grades 11-12</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Two weeks of exclusive programming, privileges, &amp; responsibilities for wannabe counselors. (LIT a prerequisite)</b>			
<b>July 19 - July 24</b>	<b>Classic Camp 3</b>	<b>Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High</b>	<b>\$675</b>
<b>The fun never stops: if it ain't broke, don't fix it.</b>			
<b>July 26 - July 31</b>	<b>H2O Camp</b>	<b>Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>Boat trips, tubing water games, and water activities.</b>			

For more information for any of these camps, or to register for camp, go to the Glacier Camp website at [glaciercamp.org](http://glaciercamp.org). Scholarships are available. **REGISTER TODAY!!!** Some camps fill up quickly.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE**

We have some great things planned in the next few months, and we hope you will consider partnering with us to enhance fellowship and spiritual growth in your children's lives.

First of all, I want to thank those of you who sent your kids to the Winterfest weekend at Glacier Camp. It didn't feel like winter, and there wasn't any snow on the ground, but they had a fantastic time! The group overall was small, but that gave the youth leaders lots of time to take the kids on hikes, play indoor/outdoor games, and get to know one another. We had a sack lunch on Saturday by a campfire, and singing around a bigger campfire Saturday night with S'mores.

All Children and Youth from 1st grade up has the opportunity to join in a Summer session at Glacier Camp at a greatly reduced cost. We are joining Glacier Camp in creating scholarships to get any young person who is interested in a one-week session at camp to make it happen.

On Palm Sunday, March 29th, our Youth Group will be serving lunch for donations toward Glacier Camp fees.

Please contact Jane Arends with any questions. You can also visit [glaciercamp.org](http://glaciercamp.org) for more information.

# Winterfest





# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CONRAD



## Session Highlights - From Meeting Held on Feb. 16

### THE CHURCH FINANCES FOR JANUARY 2026:

<b>Operating Income:</b>	<b>\$8,243.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	<b><u>(\$10,073.50)</u></b>
<b>October Balance:</b>	<b><u>(\$1,830.00)</u></b>
<b>Year-to-Date Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,830.50</b>

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- February 18 – Ash Wednesday.
- February 19 – Lenten Luncheon at Presbyterian Church.
- February 22 – 1st Sunday in Lent; David will preach.
- February 26 – Lenten Luncheon at Presbyterian Church.
  - March 1 – Communion; Pastor Judy will preach.
  - March 8 – 3rd Sunday in Lent; Gary will preach.
- March 15 – 4th Sunday in Lent; Pastor Judy will preach.
  - March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent; David will preach.
  - March 29 – Palm Sunday – Pastor Judy will preach.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN

Bazaar workshops will resume in April.

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- We served 92 meals on February 6th.
- If you haven't yet attended a First Friday Meal, please come. Great Food and wonderful fellowship every month.

THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in to help with our workload in February.  
You are very much appreciated.

**The next Session meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.**



### **PRAYER LIST**

**Please remember to pray for** Family & Friends of JoAnn Sanders, Family & Friends of Donna Warwick, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Amy Zimbelman, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

If there is a name that you would like to add or remove from the prayer list in the bulletin, please call the church office, 406-278-3043. For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-271-5295.

# KID'S CORNER

## Lent



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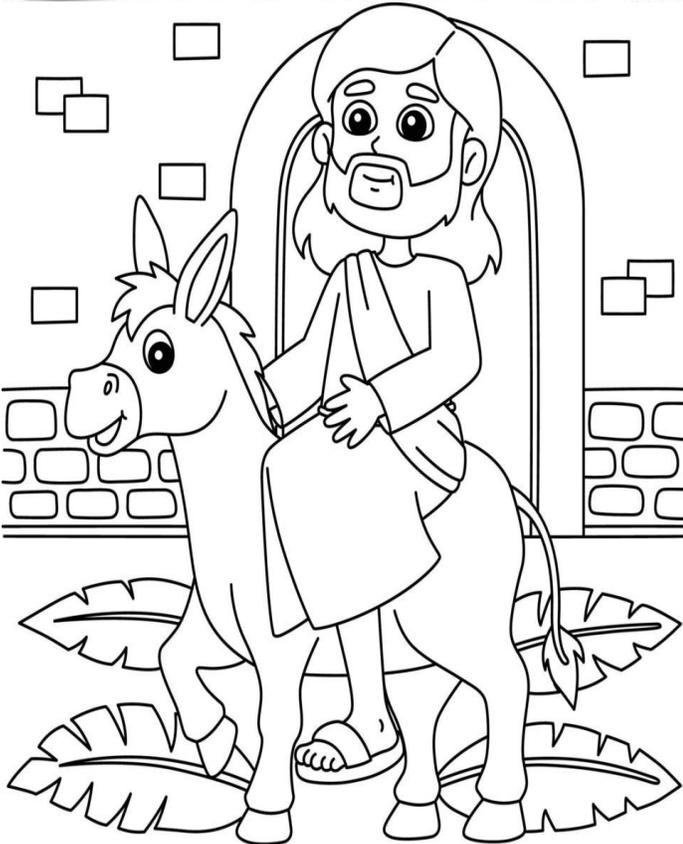
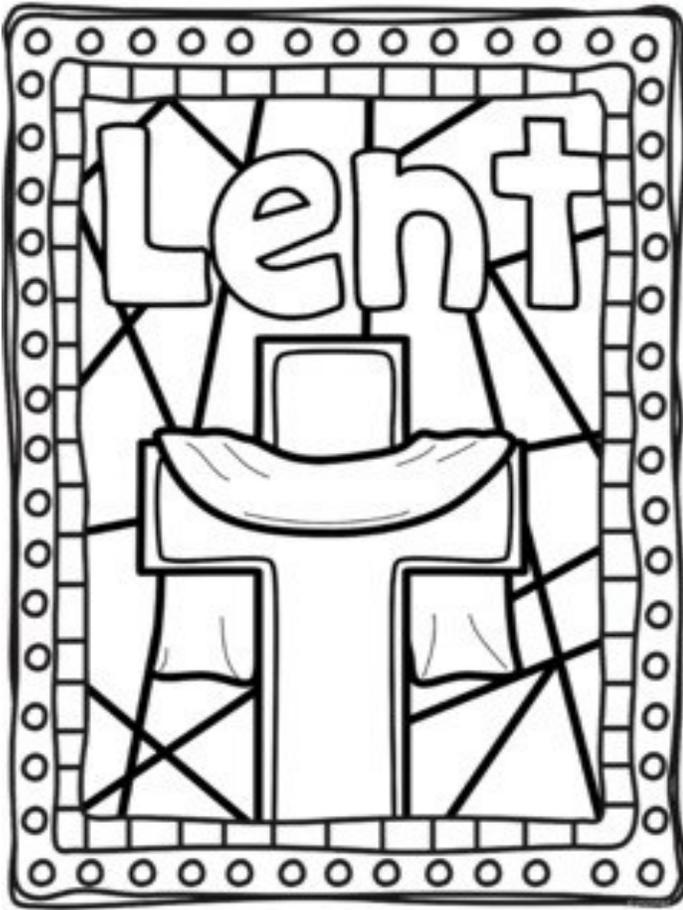
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# Kid's Corner Coloring Time



# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Worship 11AM 2nd Sunday in Lent Communion 10AM Bible Study</p> 	<p>2 10AM Exercise Class  6PM Handbells</p>	<p>3 10:30AM Worship Committee  12PM Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>4 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class  6PM Adult Discipleship Class  6:15PM Youth Program</p>	<p>5 12PM Lenten Luncheons - Catholics  2PM Bible Study  7PM Choir</p>	<p>6 10AM Exercise Class  11:30AM to 1PM Free Community Meal</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Worship 11AM 3rd Sunday in Lent 10AM Bible Study 12:30PM Deacons' Meeting</p>	<p>9 10AM Exercise Class  6PM Handbells</p>	<p>10 10AM Finance Committee</p> 	<p>11 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class  6PM Adult Discipleship Class  6:15PM Youth Program</p>	<p>12 10:30AM PW Meeting  12PM Lenten Luncheons - Catholics  2PM Bible Study  7PM Choir</p>	<p>13 10AM Exercise Class</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Worship 11AM 4th Sunday in Lent 10AM Bible Study</p> 	<p>16 10AM Exercise Class  6PM Handbells  7PM Session</p>	<p>17 12PM Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>18 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class  6PM Adult Discipleship Class  6:15PM Youth Program</p>	<p>19 12PM Lenten Luncheons - Lutheran  2PM Bible Study  7PM Choir</p> 	<p>20 10AM Exercise Class</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Worship 11AM 5th Sunday in Lent 10AM Bible Study</p>	<p>23 10AM Exercise Class  6PM Handbells</p>		<p>25 3:30PM Learn 2 Sew Class  6PM Adult Discipleship Class  6:15PM Youth Program</p>	<p>26 12PM Lenten Luncheons - Lutheran  2PM Bible Study  7PM Choir</p>	<p>27 10AM Exercise Class</p> 	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Worship 11AM Palm/Passion Sunday 10AM Bible Study Palm Sunday Brunch</p> 	<p>30 10AM Exercise Class  6PM Handbells</p>	<p>31 12PM Prayer Ministry</p>				

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**YOUTH GROUP  
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*March Birthdays*

- 4 Kale Martin
- Jody Habets
- 8 Marlene Hill
- 11 Irva Jean Schultz
- 12 Alan Finlayson
- 18 Carla Clarke
- 21 Tyler Bucklin
- Douglas Moritz

- 22 Juanita Prewett
- 27 Mary DiBiase
- David Elings
- 28 Karli (Martin) Redd
- 31 Ralph Fuson



*March Anniversaries*

- 3 Dana & Marie Ahmed
- 27 Mark & Maureen Orcutt

