

*Our Savior's, Gilmanton &
Montana Salem United Methodist
Churches*

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Return Service Requested

Community Events

Mondovi Sharing Table



Wednesday, February 11
4:30—6:00 pm
Central Lutheran Church

Ruby's PANTRY

Thursday, February 19

4:00—5:30 pm

Mondovi County Shop

OUTREACH

FEBRUARY 2026

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week's extreme weather made it difficult for many of us to gather for worship in person. While the temperatures have eased slightly, winter is still very much with us, and February carries its own weight. Our bodies grow tired, concerns about health linger, and when we miss worship due to weather or circumstances beyond our control, a quiet sense of burden can settle in our hearts.

At times like these, we may find ourselves asking,
"Shouldn't I be stronger?"
"Shouldn't I be holding my faith together better?"

Yet the God revealed to us in Scripture is not one who waits for us to become strong before drawing near. God meets us as we are, tired, worn down, and carrying more than we expected. God does not come only when we are ready, but especially when our strength feels thin. Worship is not a place of achievement; it is a place of grace. Faith is not about perfection, but about trusting ourselves back into God's hands.

There are times when our health or the weather makes it difficult to be present in the sanctuary. In such moments, worship and prayer offered from home are received by God with grace. At the same time, we remember that gathering together in one place on Sundays remains a vital center of our life as a faith community. Worshiping together is a gift that cannot be replaced, a time when we encourage one another simply by being present. God knows our circumstances and continues to draw us back into shared life and worship.

As we slowly approach the season of Lent, this is not a time meant to pressure us into doing more. Lent invites us instead to slow our pace, to let go of what weighs us down, and to gently realign our hearts with God. In the weeks ahead, it may be helpful to ask ourselves quietly,
"What might God be inviting me to release this season?"
"Where is God calling me not to strive more, but to trust more?"

Though we worship in different places and walk through this long winter in different ways, we remain one community, held together in prayer and grace. Even when we are apart, we are connected. You are not alone.

As we continue through this long winter season, I pray that God grants each of you rest and peace. May we move through this season grounded in grace and quiet trust. May God's presence sustain you and your loved ones in the days ahead.

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." -
Matthew 11:28 (NRSV)*

Grace and peace to you,
Rev. Hyuntae Kim, Ph.D.

Happy Birthday!

2/2	Harrison Bachmann	2/11	Sonny Sandberg
2/2	Jenna Gibson	2/14	Jaylynn Frei
2/2	Brystal Thompson	2/14	Brad Pehler
2/3	Heather Werner	2/14	Sofia Sandberg
2/4	Brendan Williams	2/18	Christopher Miller
2/5	Gabby Scott	2/17	Andrew Sandberg
2/6	Donald Fimian	2/19	Austin Poeschel
2/7	Rick Allemann	2/20	Randy Poeschel
2/8	Randy Bechel	2/21	Kay Johnson
2/11	Mike Bruning	2/23	Jason Reuter
2/11	Sharon Fimian	2/24	Amanda Schaffner
2/11	Karen Lisowski	2/25	Linda Sandberg
2/11	Mark McDonough	2/28	Mike Fillmore

**Happy Anniversary!**

2/14	Joel & Sue Ernst
2/21	Brandon & Chelsey Saxe

Keep in Prayer:

Members who are in long-term care facilities
Military veterans
Firefighters, EMTs, police, and military personnel
Brothers and sisters in Christ around the world

Lenten Soup & Study

Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 pm

Our Savior's UMC

- February 25
- March 4, 11, 18, 25



We will enjoy a light lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary at OS to bring soup, cheese, or crackers. People will be called to bring bars. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Lenten & Easter Season Events

- Ash Wednesday Service at Gilmanton: February 18 at 6:30 pm
- Lenten Soup & Study: Wednesdays February 25-March 25 at noon
- Lorn & Royce Gospel Band (Special Guests) at Joint Worship Service in Gilmanton & Potluck: March 29 at 10:30 am
- Maundy Thursday Service at Our Savior's: April 2 at 6:30 pm
- Good Friday Community Service at Central Lutheran in Mondovi: April 3 at 1:30 pm

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Joint Worship with Holy Communion at Gilmanton; choir sings	2	3	4 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship	9	10 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting at OS	11 2:00 pm UWF 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation	12	13	14
15 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship	16	17	18 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship at Gilmanton	19 6:00 pm OS Council Meeting	20	21
22 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship	23	24 7:00 pm Dartball Tournament at Central	25 12:00 pm Soup & Study at OS 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation	26	27	28

Refreshments will be served before church at Our Savior's on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, starting at 10 am. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

February Worship Helpers at Our Savior's

	Greeters/Ushers	Worship Leader	Money Counters
Feb 1	Joint Service/Gilmanton	Joint Service/Gilmanton	Joint Service/Gilmanton
Feb 8	Bob & Sue Stoughton	Mary Beth Pichler	Jay Branger & Katie Sandberg
Feb 15	Jim & Gloria Williams	Katie Sandberg	Jan Bechel & Stephanie Stamm
Feb 22	Leah & Mary Beth Pichler	Ann Yelle	Mary Beth & Leah Pichler

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