

Faith News and Notes for February 8, 2026

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Welcome, welcome, welcome in the name of the Lord! We are so glad you are here with us and our prayer is always that the sweet presence of the Lord would be manifested here every time we gather together. May you be encouraged and equipped in your faith today!

Sunday, February 1

Cold Weather Worship Service

Even as the temperatures drop, our church family stays warm through worship, fellowship, and faith.

Thank you to everyone who braved the winter weather to join us in person—
and to those who stayed cozy and worshipped with us online.

Whether in the room or on the screen, we're grateful for you and your continued faithfulness.



Traditional and Contemporary Service congregants



Holy Communion

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. Jesus instituted this when he celebrated Passover with his disciples, and assures us that each time we receive it, we again remember his death and receive the full benefits of His grace and all that he offers. In keeping with the Scripture and the teachings of the Lutheran church, we ask each person to consider these questions:

- *Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sins?
- *Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?
- *Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full forgiveness and strength through this Sacrament?
- *Do I believe and agree that the body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine?
- *With the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my sinful life and live in conformity with His holy will?

If you answer yes to all these questions and are baptized, you are welcome to come and receive all that Jesus offers in Holy Communion. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing.

We offer assistance for the **hearing impaired**. Just speak to one of our ushers, who will be able to help you. Please return the hearing device to an usher as you exit. We have a **Nursery** for infants through age 3 that is available during of our services for you to use. The nursery is through the hall on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar).

Old Testament *Isaiah 58:3–9a*

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

Epistle *1 Corinthians 2:1–12*

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Gospel *Matthew 5:13–20*

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

February 8 (Epiphany 5) – “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). God’s people do wonderful things before the world: march for life, support local pregnancy resource centers, speak up on behalf of the unborn and vulnerable. However, we must always remember that we are to shine our light before men, not to earn favor with men or with God. Such self-serving works “will not make your voice be heard on high” (Isaiah 58:4). Instead, knowing Christ crucified and having the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2, 16), we let our light shine before men to give glory to God (Matthew 5:16), that all might have life now and forever.

February 8 “God loves you in your vulnerability so much that He subjected Himself to conform to a vulnerable human body. So today ... remember that Jesus, in whom all things hold together, loves you, individually. He is fully present with you just as He was in His mother’s arms. God’s peace be with you this day, this night.” *Andrea Delwiche – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Right Now Media

RightNow Media's mission is to work with the global church to inspire people to love others before self and Christ above all.



Here are three different ways to sign-up for “Right Now Media”

1. Custom Link: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithlutheranchurchnp>
2. Text the code **FAITHNPB** to **49775** and you will receive a text back, welcoming you to “RightNow Media” and provides you with the invite link to register.
3. Use this QR code: Hover your phone’s camera over the code and it will prompt you to open a mobile browser, select that prompt and the registration page will appear for you to sign up.

Outreach Through Faith Collects Items for Needy



There’s still time to share warmth with those in need through the Outreach Through Faith Committee’s coat and clothing collection for members of our community experiencing homelessness.

We welcome donations of gently used coats, jackets, and sweaters, as well as packages of *new* socks.

If you’re purchasing new outerwear this season, please consider donating your gently used items.

Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex.

Thank you for your generosity and care.

Prayer Requests



Our Homebound: **Sandy** Aiken (Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter); **Alma** Coates; **Carla** Sesola (now living in Missouri); **Donna** Van Bommel (Palm Beach Memory Care, NPB); **Gordon** Lerner (Luxe Rehabilitation in Jupiter); **Ernie** Munter (Concordia Village in Tampa)

Other Requests: **Faith Lutheran Teachers, students and their families;** **Gail** Bolognese, **Jessica** Dillahun; **Andrea** Emde, **The family of Judith Gonnerman**, **Dave** Johnson, **Rick** Knudtson, **Istvan** Krisko, **Kathy** McCoy, **Nancy** Meyer, **The family of Ron Nilsen**, **Carole** Satterthwaite, **Tricia** Shankin, **Sally** Schwartz, **Bob and Laura** Tegart, **Walt & Sharon** Wiley, **Lynn** Wilke, and **Ron** Woita.



After the breakout success of the song “I Can Only Imagine,” MercyMe’s Bart Millard (John Michael Finley) is living the dream—sold-out arenas, a devoted fan base, and a thriving career. But behind the spotlight, Bart’s past threatens the family he’s built, especially the fragile bond with his son, Sam (Sammy Dell). When hopeful newcomer Tim Timmons (Milo Ventimiglia, “This Is Us”) joins the band for their biggest tour yet, he unknowingly brings a renewed gratitude to Bart’s life through their unlikely friendship. Based on the heartfelt true story behind the hit single “Even If,” I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 2 is the inspiring next chapter of faith, family, and finding God in the fire.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 2 will be in theaters beginning Feb. 20, and the best way to show Hollywood that there is a market for films like this is to have a great opening weekend. More info regarding tickets and locations will be coming soon!

WOF – WOMEN OF FAITH

Who are the Women of Faith? All of us! All of you! We are a group of women who meet a few times a year to work on ways we can help our church and community both financially and through fellowship activities.

Below, please find some examples:

WOF finished up 2025 with a BANG! In the last quarter of the year, we’ve hosted two baby showers, a Christmas luncheon, two funeral receptions, and organized a huge rummage sale. In addition, donations were made to A21, (organization to combat human trafficking), Habitat for Children’s Ministries, donated to Faith Lutheran School to help with their Farm Day Fundraiser, donated to help pay for the school’s playground resurfacing, paid for the installation of the new flooring in the Michel Building, and other smaller expenses as the need arose.

The Women of Faith hold a rummage sale three times a year which provide us with the funds to achieve all the above, while being an outreach to our local community who patiently await the next sale.

Just imagine what we could accomplish with more volunteers!! We would like you to prayerfully consider being a part of this group of dedicated ladies or at least attend the next meeting to see what it’s all about.

Women of Faith Meeting
Tuesday, February 24th, 2026
6pm
Multipurpose Room

In Pastor’s recent sermon, he stressed the need for all of us to make a course change. This is one small way you can make that happen. You will feel the joy of coming together in Christ to make a positive difference in our church and community.



Be sure to visit the **Sharon Hess Book Nook**, located on the second floor of the Michel Building above the gym. The Nook features a wide selection of both fiction and non-fiction titles.



Ash Wednesday Service
February 18th
7:00 PM

Tim Richter ordained

Members of our church traveled to Tampa last weekend to attend the ordination of Faith's former Youth Pastor, Tim Richter. Those representing our congregation included Bert and Linda Seitz, Matt Henshaw, and John and Lisa Fortini. During the celebration, our group presented Pastor Richter with a card filled with heartfelt congratulations and warm wishes, signed by many members of our church family.



AARP FOUNDATION Tax Aide will do Federal Income tax returns for almost anyone. Volunteers are all IRS certified and prepare the returns which are reviewed for quality and accuracy before they are e-filed for FREE. A printed copy is given to each client. Sites are open from February 2 to April 15, 2026.

In the Northern Palm Beach County area there are six sites:

Lake Park Library (561-881-3330) - 529 Park Ave, Lake Park - Saturday 10:00 to 1:30 Closed 4/4
Feb 7 to April 11

North Palm Beach Library (561-841-3383) – 303 Anchorage Dr Wednesday & Friday 9:00 to 12:30
Feb 6 to April 15

Gardens Branch Library (561-626-6133) - 11303 Campus Dr. PBG Thursday & Friday 9:00 – 12:30
Feb 5 to April 10

North County Senior Center (561-694-5435) - 5217 Northlake Blvd, PBG Monday & Wednesday 12:00 - 3:00
Feb 2 to April 15

Jupiter Community Center (561-741-2400) 210 Military Trail Jupiter - Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 – 12:30
Feb 10 to April 15

Okeechobee Library 5689 Okeechobee Blvd WPB, Thursday 10:00 – 7:00 Friday 10:00-5:00
Feb 5 – Apr 10

2026 Flower Chart

Be sure to post your important dates on the 2026 Flower Chart, now displayed in the Narthex.

In Memory of / In Honor of / To the Glory of God

This week's altar flowers



Carla Sesola
Dr. Istvan Krisko



To the Grace of God
by Kiela Harvey



Fred & Cathy Vandercook

Volunteers needed for Friday morning Coffee & Donuts

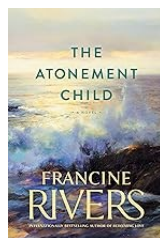


On the first Friday of each month, we welcome our school parents during morning drop-off (7:00–9:00 AM) with a fresh cup of coffee, donuts, and fruit.

Volunteers are needed to greet families at the entrances to our 555 (Pre-School) and 301 (Toddler) programs.

The morning begins at 7:00 AM and is a fun, simple way to connect with our school community.

We'd love for you to be part of this special event! Sign up in the Narthex today.



Faith's Book Club February book of the month:

The Atonement Child
by Francine Rivers



Date: Monday, February 23rd / **Dinner:** 5:30 PM @ Venezia, NPB / **Book Discussion:** 7:00 PM in church office

College student Dynah Carey knew where her life was headed. Engaged to a wonderful man, the daughter of doting parents, a faithful child of God—she has it all. Then the unthinkable happens: Dynah's perfect life is irrevocably changed by a rape that results in an unwanted pregnancy.

Her family is torn apart and her seemingly rock-solid faith is pushed to the limits as she faces the most momentous choice of her life: to embrace or to end the life within her.

This is ultimately a tale of three generations of women, as Dynah's plight forces both her mother and her grandmother to confront the choices they made. Written with balance and compassion, this family drama brings a new perspective to the widely debated topic of abortion.

- A moving Christian women's fiction novel
- Poignant themes of wrestling with God, forgiveness, and redemption
- Explores sensitive topics in a thoughtful, nuanced manner

Support our School!!

We recently received word from the beach that it is requesting the sand from our playground be returned ASAP!

Since our school wing was constructed in 1985, we have always used sand as a soft surface, however, over the years the sand has ended up in the classrooms, in your cars, and in the shoes of our little ones. In celebration of our school's 64th Anniversary, we have decided to replace the sand with a soft surface material like in our playground at our 301 campus.



Total cost including
sand removal is

\$47,000

Donate by check or
Vanco



See Mrs. Tucker or Ms. Slavin for more information

This Week at Faith

Sunday, February 8

- 8:45 AM Traditional Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School (Ages 3-7 in Classroom3. Ages 8-12 in Conference Room)
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Service
- 12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Practice

Monday, February 9

- 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Michel Building classrooms)
- 6:55 PM—8:45 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Campus wide)
- 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous (Chapel)

Tuesday, February 10

- 12:00—2:00 PM Lifewise (Classroom C)
- 6:00 PM Lay Leader's Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:00 PM—9:00 PM Via de Cristo Meeting (Gym)

Wednesday, February 11

- 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry

Thursday, February 12

- 9:00 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building/Classrooms A and B)
- 10:30 AM Canasta Club (Upper Room)
- 7:00 PM—9:00 PM Via de Cristo (Michel Building /Classroom C)

Friday, February 13

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building/Classrooms A and B)

Saturday, February 14



- 6:15 AM—10:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship Leader's Meeting (Chapel)
- 8:00 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building/Classrooms A and B)

Sunday, February 15

- 8:45 AM Traditional Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School (Ages 3-7 in Classroom3. Ages 8-12 in Conference Room)
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Service
- 12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Practice

Memorial Gift

A memorial gift in memory of Judith Gonnerman was received from Ed and Debbie Moore.

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| Office | Jen Iacobucci |
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FAITH LUTHERAN PRE-SCHOOL — 561-842-2487

Lisandria Slavin: Administrative Director

Pilar Tucker: Director — Evelyn Lawrence: Assistant/After School Director

NEW DAY ADULT CARE CENTER — 561-844-0012

| | 8:45 AM | 10:45 AM |
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| Altar Guild | Mary Jo Petterson | Karen Hernandez |
| Communion Assistant | June Johnson | Matt Henshaw |
| Greeter | Jim Beermann | Jane Blevins |
| Lector | Magdala Ray | Linda Seitz |
| Usher | Watson Ray | Mark Leininger |

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OUR VISION

We believe God calls us to engage, encourage and equip our church, community and world with His unfailing love.

We will **engage** all people in meaningful relationships with God's unfailing love as the foundation.

We will **encourage** all people to a closer relationship with Jesus.

We will **equip** all people to live a loving, powerful, Spirit-filled life.