

# EBENEZER HAPPENINGS



# MARCH 2026

The Monthly Newsletter of  
Ebenezer Reformed Church  
of Morrison, IL

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## Dear Friends of Ebenezer,

As we enter the month of March, our church community turns its heart toward the sacred season of Lent—a time for reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal. Lent invites us to pause, examine our lives, and draw closer to God, preparing ourselves for the hope and joy of Easter. Many of us are choosing to fast, pray, and serve others, seeking to follow Christ's example and cultivate a deeper relationship with Him.

The Bible reminds us of the importance of this season: **"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me"** (Psalm 51:10). Lent is a journey that encourages us to lay aside burdens and embrace God's mercy. As Jesus said, **"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me"** (Luke 9:23). Through prayer and thoughtful acts of kindness, we live out these words in our daily lives.

This month, we are also journeying together through our special sermon series, exploring the **"Famous Last Words"** of Christ from the cross. Each week, we will reflect on these powerful statements and their meaning for our faith, finding hope and inspiration in the words Jesus spoke in His final moments.

Let us walk this path together, supporting one another in faith and love. May this March be a time of meaningful growth, as we seek God's guidance and celebrate His enduring grace. **"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you"** (James 4:8). Wishing you a blessed Lent and a spirit-filled month ahead!

A Joy to Serve You,

# Sunday Worship - March 2026



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**Series:** Famous Last Words (Part 2)  
**Sermon:** "Today, You'll Be With Me in Paradise"  
**Scripture:** Luke 23:35-43  
**Speaker:** Pastor Craig Sipes



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**Series:** Famous Last Words (Part 3)  
**Sermon:** "Woman, Behold Your Son"  
**Scripture:** John 19:19-27  
**Speaker:** Pastor J.T. Bean



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**Series:** Famous Last Words (Part 4)  
**Sermon:** "Why Have You Forsaken Me?"  
**Scripture:** Matthew 27:45-54 & Mark 15:33-39  
**Speaker:** Pastor J.T. Bean



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**Series:** Famous Last Words (Part 5)  
**Sermon:** "I Thirst"  
**Scripture:** John 19:28-29  
**Speaker:** Pastor J. T. Bean



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**Series:** Famous Last Words (Part 6)  
**Sermon:** "It is Finished"  
**Scripture:** John 19:28-30  
**Speaker:** Pastor J. T. Bean

## Easter Lily Orders

If you are interested in purchasing an Easter Lily in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one(s), please complete an order form and return it to the office or put it in the offering or send in the mail or drop it off (with payment/checks payable to Ebenezer Reformed Church) by **Wednesday, March 18th**. Order forms are available at all the entrances. The cost is **\$20 each**. You may pick up your Lily after the Easter Service.



## YOUTH CHAPEL

We are starting something new this month. On **Sunday, March 1st** we are hosting a youth event for high school students on Sunday afternoon at **3:00 p.m.** For now we are calling it "Youth Chapel". It is an attempt to recreate the chapel experiences of youth at Camp Manitoqua. It will be held once a month with music, bible study, and spiritual challenge being the main focus. Help spread the word!





# March 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 9:30am Youth/Ed Cmt. 10:45am Youth Chapel 3pm	2 Church Life Cmt. Mtg. 10:30am	3  <b>Father-Son Banquet 6pm</b> Presentation in sanctuary at 7pm (all are welcome)	4 Lenten Lunch 12 Noon at 1st Presb Women's Bible Study 1:30pm AfterShock 5:30-7pm	5 Food Bank 9:45am Worship Team Mtg 5:15pm Exec. Team 6:30pm	6	7  Men's Bible Study 7:30am  Daylight Savings
8 Worship 9:30am Mid-High Class 10:45am	9 Elders/Deacons 6pm Consistory 6:30pm	10 O.M.E. Task Force 3:30pm All Church Prayer Mtg 6-7pm 	11 Lenten Lunch 12 Noon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church AfterShock 5:30-7pm	12 Food Bank 9:45am	13	14 <b>IRON SHARPENS IRON</b> 8am-4pm
15 Worship 9:30am Mid-High Class 10:45am	16 FCA "Passion" Pizza Party Night for Youth 5-8pm	17  Saint Patrick's Day	18 Lenten Lunch 12 Noon at UMC Ladies Aid 1:30pm AfterShock Pool Party 5:30-7pm	19 Food Bank 9:45am Diners Night Out 5pm	20 First Day of Spring 	21  Men's Bible Study 7:30am
22 Worship 9:30am Mid-High Class 10:45am	23	24	25 Lenten Lunch 12 Noon at Ebenezer	26 Food Bank 9:45am	27	28  Men's Bible Study 7:30am
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	30  HOLY WEEK	31	APR 1	APR 2 Food Bank 9:45am Maundy Thurs Service 6pm	APR 3 GOOD FRIDAY The Witness @ Crossroads 7pm	APR 4 Men's Bible Study 7:30am

## March Birthdays

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|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3/4 Kathy Vanderlaan | 3/10 Jefferson Weaver  | 3/24 Dailey Damhoff   |
| 3/5 Em Schroeder     | 3/10 Phil Tichler      | 3/24 Vernon Tichler   |
| 3/5 Marjorie Gorzny  | 3/12 Randi Heusinkveld | 3/26 Dave Hook        |
| 3/6 Gary Gray        | 3/15 Cole Bland        | 3/27 Barb Domdey      |
| 3/8 Pat Zuidema      | 3/15 Darlene Schipper  | 3/27 Patrick Schaefer |
| 3/9 Barbara Prins    | 3/20 Violet Pitcher    | 3/29 Stacy Worth      |
| 3/9 Linda Heiden     | 3/20 Randy Stuart      | 3/29 Ted Bush         |
| 3/10 Bailey Morine   | 3/22 Bob Brands        | 3/30 Sue Bond         |

➔ Please contact the church office to make sure your birthday is on our list.

♥ Also: If you are married, tell us your wedding anniversary.



## *“How do I remain faithful to Christ in a world that is changing so quickly?”*

I hear this concern often, sometimes stated plainly and sometimes hidden behind other questions, such as: **How do we hold to biblical truth when culture keeps shifting? How do we love people well without compromising what God says is right? What about our children and grandchildren growing up in a different world? Where is all this heading?**

If you have wondered these things, you are not alone—and you are not weak in faith. In many ways, these questions are the natural response of thoughtful Christians who care deeply about honoring the Lord. We are living in a time of rapid change, and it can feel disorienting. The encouraging news is that while everything around us seems to move, God has not moved at all. Scripture assures us, **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”** (Hebrews 13:8). Our stability is not found in society, politics, technology, or even our own strength, but in the unchanging character of Christ.

Remaining faithful, then, is less about heroic effort and more about staying close to the Lord in ordinary, daily ways. We anchor ourselves in His Word, which still shines as **“a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”** (Psalm 119:105), even when the path ahead looks uncertain or dark. You do not need to master the entire Bible overnight; simply opening it regularly allows God’s voice to shape your thinking more than the noise of the world does. We speak to Him in prayer—not necessarily in long, formal speeches, but in honest dependence throughout the day. Jesus said, **“Apart from me you can do nothing”** (John 15:5), which reminds us that faithfulness grows out of connection, not self-reliance. Sometimes the most sincere prayer is simply, “Lord, help me,” whispered in the middle of an ordinary moment.

We also need one another. God never designed the Christian life to be lived in isolation. Worship, fellowship, and even brief conversations in the hallway can steady the soul more than we realize. Hebrews urges us to

encourage one another **“all the more as you see the Day approaching”** (Hebrews 10:24–25), because discouragement thrives in loneliness while faith grows in community. At the same time, we are called to reflect Christ’s own beautiful balance of **“grace and truth”** (John 1:14)—showing genuine kindness and compassion without allowing the culture to redefine our convictions. We need not be harsh to be faithful, nor timid to be loving. As someone once said: “Dead fish float with the current; living ones swim.” Faithfulness may sometimes feel like swimming upstream, but we do not swim alone.

Finally, we remember how the story ends. Much of our anxiety comes from focusing only on the present chapter rather than the whole book. This world feels shaky because it is temporary, but believers are **“receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken”** (Hebrews 12:28). Christ is still reigning, His promises are still sure, and His church remains His chosen instrument in the world. The headlines may change daily, but the gospel has not lost one ounce of its power. Even on days when your grip on Christ feels weak, take comfort that His grip on you is not. Scripture reassures us, **“He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it”** (1 Thessalonians 5:24). Our hope ultimately rests not in our ability to hold on, but in His determination to keep us.

So do not panic, withdraw, or lose heart. Stay in the Word. Stay in prayer. Stay close to God’s people. Keep loving your neighbors. Keep your eyes on Jesus. The world may be spinning faster than it used to, but the Rock beneath your feet has not shifted even a fraction. And that, dear friends, is very good news indeed.

## March Meetings At-a-Glance

Sun. 3/1 - Youth/Ed Meeting. 10:45 a.m.  
 Mon. 3/2 - Church Life Cmt. 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. 3/4 - Women's Bible Study  
 Thurs. 3/5 - Worship Team 5:15 p.m.  
 Thurs. 3/5 - Executive Cmt. 6:30 p.m.  
 Mon. 3/9 - Deacons/Elders 6:00 p.m.  
 Mon. 3/9 - Consistory Mtg. 6:30 p.m.  
 Tues. 3/10 - O.M.E. Task Force 3:30 p.m.  
 Mon. 3/16 - "Passion" Pizza Party for Youth  
 Wed. 3/18 - Ladies' Aid 1:30 p.m.  
 Wed. 3/25 - Lenten Lunch at Ebenezer

## Father-Son Banquet

**\* Tuesday, March 3rd \***

**Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with  
 program to follow. \$20 for adults  
 and \$10 for those 12 and  
 younger. Program: Don Beebe,  
 Guest Speaker**

## Morrison Ministers' Council

### Lenten Lunches

**\* Wednesdays at 12 Noon \***

**March 4 @ First Presbyterian  
 March 11 @ St. Peter's Lutheran  
 March 18 @ United Methodist  
 March 25 @ Ebenezer Reformed**

## Nursery Schedule



March 1 - Beth Milnes & Kinlee Prins  
 March 8 - Angie Tichler / Allison Weaver  
 March 15 - Jackie/Alicen Wiersema  
 March 22 - Shawn/Kevin Soenksen  
 March 29 - Jackie / Alicen Wiersema

## Sunday Greeters



March 1 - Alan & Shelley Meurs  
 March 8 - Doris Bull / Barb Domdey  
 March 15 - Jane Haan / Diane Wiebenga  
 March 22 - Marilyn Tichler / Karen Landheer  
 March 29 - Susan Bland / Jenny Patton

## Welcome Center



March 1 - Dave & Darlene Schipper  
 March 8 - Jack & Susan Bland  
 March 15 - Nick & Melinda Hamstra  
 March 22 - Michael & Marcia Blean  
 March 29 - Ken Jansma & Sharon Reisenbigler

## Tech Team



March 1 - Will & Jen Patton  
 March 8 - Scott Meurs / Phil Ardapple  
 March 15 - Gregg W / Todd Kullerstrand  
 March 22 - Scott Meurs / Jovie Patton  
 March 29 - Gregg W / Todd K

## Fellowship Hour



March 1 - Jack & Susan Bland  
 March 8 - Schavers & Wiebengas  
 March 15 - Ken & Glenda Jansma  
 March 22 - Al & Shelley Meurs  
 March 29 - Arlyn & Marilyn Tichler

**\* Please call the church office if you would like to be added as a volunteer on any of these service teams.**



## Missionary Spotlight

### Jeff & Chelsea Lampen

We have recently received two updates from Jeff and Chelsea Lampen, who serve with the RCA in Hannover, Germany. In a November email, Jeff reported that the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), their major ministry partner in Hannover, completed its General Council with over 600 participants from 200 countries in Chiang Mai, Thailand. This Council represents over 180 million Reformed Christians! A staff of 12, which included Chelsea, coordinated food, lodging, arrivals and departures, not to mention assisting with the many sessions, workshops, worship opportunities and pastoral care for so many people. Chelsea served for three weeks at this event, not to mention the prep time spent in Germany before leaving. She came home exhausted but also knew she had done a good work for the Lord as she served at this event. (While she was away, Jeff and the three children enjoyed a visit from his parents.)

After returning from Thailand, Jeff and Chelsea have continued to invest in relationships with people who need to know the love of Jesus Christ. In a February 5<sup>th</sup> mail, Jeff reported several changes in their staff. They recently said goodbye to two talented interns, two administrative staff and

communication staff members, including an event coordinator and also to their Interim General Secretary, Dr. Nyomi. On a positive note, they welcomed the new General Secretary, Rev. Phillip Peacock, and had the joy of assisting at his installation service. The remaining vacant positions will be filled with people who God will draw to the Lampen's, but these times of transition are challenging.

**More Prayer Requests:** Pray for their children, Lorelei (12), Caspian (8) and Evander (3) as they learn the German language and make friendships at school. Also, pray for the RELISH (**R**eformed **E**nglish **L**anguage **I**nternational **S**ervice in **H**annover) congregation in Hannover as new worship service opportunities and discipleship groups are considered. Finally, pray for the World Communion of Reformed Churches at a time when there is much staff transition going on.

**CARDS OF SYMPATHY FOR THE KARP FAMILY:** Ryan Karp, who was serving with Chosen People Ministries, passed away January 31<sup>st</sup>, from stage 4 pancreatic cancer diagnosed last November. Ryan was 42 years old when he went Home to be with the Lord. Our church had just taken on the support of Ryan's ministry that was to be based in West Palm Beach, Florida. Our hearts go out to his wife, Jessica, and their young children, Benzi, Yoshi, and Talia. Please keep them in your prayers as they grieve this loss in their family.

**NOTE:** If you wish to send a card and/or a financial gift to Ryan's family, condolences may be addressed to: JESSICA KARP, c/o CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES, 1015 OLD BOYNTON RD., BOYNTON BEACH, FL. 33456. Any gifts you choose to give will go toward sustaining Jessica and the three children. Make your check out to the Jessica Karp and send it to the above address. The ministry will see that ALL monies donated go directly to Jessica. Chosen People Ministries (and their organization's President, Mitch Glaser) thank you for your generosity and prayers for Ryan's family.

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:** Ben & Kelita Johnson, who are serving in Honduras at GiveHope2Kids, celebrate birthdays in the month of March—Ben on March 16<sup>th</sup> and Kelita on the 29<sup>th</sup>! You can send birthday wishes to them at [ben.j@cornerstoneinternational.org](mailto:ben.j@cornerstoneinternational.org) or [kelita.j@cornerstoneinternational.org](mailto:kelita.j@cornerstoneinternational.org). Also, Violet Pitcher, celebrates her birthday on March 20<sup>th</sup>—you can email her a birthday greeting at [mizmorim@gmail.com](mailto:mizmorim@gmail.com).



### Classroom Lessons

**MAR 4** Freedom from the Philistines

**MAR 11** Easter Lesson

**MAR 18** Year End Celebration - Pool Party  
at Morrison High School

### Dinner Menu

**MAR 4** Baked ziti, garlic bread, salad

**MAR 11** Pizza and bread sticks

**MAR 19** Morrison HS Pool Party (no dinner)

### “Did You Know?” Facts...

**Did you know?** The Bible contains 66 books written over about 1,500 years by more than 40 authors — yet tells one unified story of redemption.

**Did you know?** Jesus quoted from the Old Testament more than 60 times.

**Did you know?** The Protestant Reformation is often dated to October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses.

**Did you know?** The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and is still used in many Reformed churches today.

**Did you know?** John Calvin began teaching in Geneva at just 27 years old.

**Did you know?** The phrase “Reformed and always reforming” means the church continually returns to Scripture as its authority.

**Did you know?** “Amazing Grace” was written by John Newton, a former slave trader who became a pastor.

**Did you know?** Early Christians often met before sunrise on Sundays for worship.

**Did you know?** The word “church” comes from a Greek word meaning “called-out assembly.”

**Did you know?** The practice of passing the offering plate developed centuries after the early church, which often gave gifts directly to the needy.

**Did you know?** The Christian tradition of Sunday worship comes from celebrating Jesus’ resurrection on the first day of the week.

**Did you know?** Many churches ring bells to call people to worship — a tradition that goes back over 1,000 years.

**Did you know?** Christianity is the largest religion in the world, with believers on every continent.

**Did you know?** The Bible has been translated into over 3,500 languages (full or partial), including sign language for the deaf.

**Did you know?** More Christians live in the Global South (Africa, Latin America, Asia) than in Europe or North America.

**Did you know?** The Bible records over 300 references to “fear not” or “do not be afraid.”

**Did you know?** Sharing a meal together was central to fellowship in the early church (Acts 2:46).

**Did you know?** Many church potluck favorites have been passed down through generations of members.



## Giving & Attendance

Here's an update on our numbers for the month of February:

Date	Attendance	Offering
February 1	120	\$10,856
February 8	118	\$5,850
February 15	118	\$29,380
February 22	117	\$7,008
	<b>Avg. 118</b>	<b>\$53,094</b>

### February Breakdown:

General Fund: \$53,094

Tithe.ly (online giving): \$2,180.<sup>74</sup>

Camp Fund: \$3,020

Organ Fund: \$25,140

**Total: \$83,435.<sup>74</sup>**



*The Lord loves a cheerful giver. -2 Cor. 9:7*

## Join the E-mail List

Stay informed of everything that's going on at Ebenezer: J.T. sends out a weekly **"Note From the Pastor"** as well as regular prayer chain emails as they come in to him. To get on the list, simply email Pastor J.T. and request to be added: [pastorjt@ercmorrison.com](mailto:pastorjt@ercmorrison.com)

## Note & Disclaimer

All *Ebenezer Happenings* article submissions need to be received by the 21st day of each month to guarantee inclusion in the next edition. We apologize for any missing or inaccurate information within this newsletter. If there are additions or corrections to be made, please call the church office at (815) 772-2472 or e-mail Sue Bond at [office@ercmorrison.com](mailto:office@ercmorrison.com)



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👍 Watch the Sunday morning Live-stream and post a comment to let us know who's watching and where you're watching from!

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### **Sunday Morning Worship:**

Worship Celebration - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hour - 10:45 a.m.

Youth Bible Study Hour - 10:45 a.m.

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2026 Consistory

**Elders:** J. T. Bean, Phil Ardapple, Barney Habben, Keith Hamstra, Melinda Hamstra, Jon Kophamer, Sandi Wilkens

**Deacons:** Jenny Patton, Randy Renkes, Darlene Schipper, Brian Tichler, Dave Weber, Gregg Wiersema

2026 Executive Team

J.T. Bean (Pastor)  
Sandi Wilkens (Vice President)  
Dave Weber (Deacon Chair)  
Gregg Wiersema (Treasurer)  
Melinda Hamstra (Clerk)

Consistory Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Absent were Jon Kophamer, Jenny Patton, Keith Hamstra and Dave Weber.

**Devotions & Prayer:** Pastor JT opened the meeting with devotions from Mark 4:35-41, followed by discussion and prayer.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor JT shared a leadership lesson - Whenever facing a problem we can get angry about the situation but ultimately, we need to be looking for solutions. He also shared with us everyone he visited with in the Nursing homes, hospital and in office counseling in January. He had a couple of funerals to officiate also. It was noted that Ron Wiersema moved to room 166 at Resthave. He will be going on vacation, leaving after the church service Feb 22. and returning March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pastor Craig Sipes will be delivering the sermon on March 1, 2026.

**Where have we seen God at work at ERC?** -Pancake supper raised \$2720 for Camp Manitoqua scholarships. -Organ contract was signed and donations are increasing. - New visitors on Sunday mornings

**Deacons Report:** Gregg Wiersema reported on the new chairs for the fellowship hall. The cost is looking to be \$9151. He will look at the financials and then determine how much would be available to help Ladies Aid with the cost so that their fund is not completely depleted. Hope Church in Clinton is moving to a new building and are inquiring about our old chairs, suggested charge per chair would be \$5. There was also discussion about an offering box being placed at the NE entrance foyer which has been done.

**Elders Report:** Melinda (see Elders minutes)

**Finance:** Gregg reviewed financial report/budget as of January 2026 **M/S to Approve Financial Report/budget MC**

**Building/Property:** Brian has been getting several bids to have the parking lot redone and is ongoing. The driveway from the door to the street will cost \$27,500 for the concrete but does not include the tear up and gravel. He reported the issues with the boilers are being resolved. They are still working on getting security cameras. TCS will be coming to look at a leak on the NE stairway. Weekly trash pickup, it has been suggested we switch from Republic to Green & Clean. The cost would be a little cheaper for us. **M/S to switch to Green & Clean M/C**

**Church Life:** Phil – there has not been a meeting yet this month so nothing to report at this time.

**Worship/Music:** Melinda reported there will not be an Ash Wednesday (Feb 18) service. First Sunday of Lent (Feb 22) communion will be served. Sunday March 1, Pastor Craig will fill in for Pastor JT who will be on vacation to celebrate their granddaughter's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. Wed March 25<sup>th</sup> Ebenezer will be hosting the Community Lenten Lunch. Maundy Thursday was discussed to have a foot washing service and celebrate the Last Supper. Good Friday a presentation of "The Witness" will be performed at Crossroads Church. Easter Sunday will be the First words of Christ since the Lent Sermon Series is the last words of Christ. Organ Fundraising – there was an issue regarding the oak finish of the new organ. It was discovered there would be a change in the cost to the original contract. Through further discussion with Steve who we are working with for the new organ, the original contract which was signed will be honored and no extra expenses will be incurred due to the change in the finish. It was suggested we have a hymn sing once the new organ is installed. Overall, the fundraising is going well! It was also mentioned that the blended music chosen has matched up well with the sermons. Pastor JT suggested to get a list of favorites from the congregation members (submitted a couple of years ago) so that this can be incorporated in the worship services. Follow up question about additional microphones for praise team - William has given his suggestion and Craig will follow up on this and report back.

**Youth/Education:** Sandi Wilkens reported There is a meeting set up with the Sipes', Pastor JT and the Youth & Education committee to talk about how to set up the Worship time for the Mid-High on Sunday afternoons. Planning on 3/1 being the first night. So far there hasn't been any registrations for Camp Manitoqua. 3/19 will be the aftershock swim party. FCA youth from the high school would like to watch "Passion of the Christ" on 3/16 in the fellowship hall. Will arrange to move couches from the upper room to the fellowship hall.

**Assistance/Memorial:** Greg- nothing to report at this time

**Sacraments:** Next communion will be February 22.

**O.M.E. Task Force:** Met with a few people from Emmanuel Church and talked about the program Fresh Expressions – Dinner Church. O.M.E. is planning to attend Crossview Church in Fulton to see how it is done while the group from Emmanuel will be attending one in Sterling. Then they plan on getting together to talk about possibly doing one here in Morrison.

**Approve minutes: M/S to approve January Meeting minutes. MC**

**Old Business:** Barney has mentioned he would like to have a "silent" auction to sell some of his paintings and donate the money to our organ fund. Pastor JT will send out an email to see if anyone would be interested in setting this up. The organ fund thermometer will be updated weekly.

**New Business:** - UMV Annual Network Gathering – June 12-13 in Sully, IA (would like some consistory members to attend)  
- ARC Gathering 2026 – Aug 19-21 in Zeeland, MI (suggested for some consistory members to attend, if interested let Pastor JT know.)  
- Monthly prayer meetings will be scheduled the Tuesday after consistory meeting  
- Health Savings Account for Pastor JT – discussion took place **M/S to create and fund \$9,750 Health Savings Account for 2026 M/C**

**Next Meeting:** Monday March 9, 2026

**Adjournment: M/S to Adjourn following prayer. MC** Greg Wiersema closed in Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Melinda Hamstra, Clerk

### Elders Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026

**Attendance:** Jon Kophamer was absent.

**Devotions & Prayer:** Pastor JT opened the meeting at 6pm with scripture from Mark 4:35-38 followed by questions and prayer.

**Constitutional Question:** The constitutional question was asked and answered in the positive with discussion.

**Grieving Members in need of care:** Members in need of care were discussed.

**Sacraments Update:** Communion served next on first Sunday of Lent (Feb. 22, 2026). At Home communion will be served the week of Feb 22.

**Membership Care Groups:** Reminder to review assigned care group and make proper contacts as needed.

**Elder Prayer Room Assignments:** Reminder to review assigned dates for prayer room.

**Approve Minutes from January Meeting: M/S to approve minutes from January. M/C**

**Next meeting:** March 9 @ 6pm

**Motion to Adjourn: M/S to adjourn after closing in prayer M/C** Phil Ardapple closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Melinda Hamstra, Clerk