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Salt and Light

February 08, 2026
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #619 - I Love To Tell The Story

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship: (from Psalm 112)

Leader: Blessed is the one who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.

People: His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous one.

ALL: Good will come to them who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely they will never be shaken; a righteous person will be remembered forever.

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, we bring our petitions to you this morning and ask that you answer us when we call on you. Do not hide your face from us but quicken us with your presence and your peace. Join our worship service this morning. Let us say that it has been good to be in the house of the Lord. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might worship you in spirit and in truth. Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, and the great gift he has given us. Life abundantly here and now and eternal life with him. All our prayers we raise to you in his holy name. Amen.

Scripture Text: Matthew 5: 13 – 20 (NRSV)

Prayer Hymn - #611 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Kate DeWees
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Nancy Justice	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Malone-Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Joey Funkhouser	

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13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. **14** “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. **15** People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. **18** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. **19** Therefore, whoever breaks 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. **20** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Scripture Readings - Matthew 5: 13 – 20 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*Salt and Light*” — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology - #382 - Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #607 - Where He Leads Me

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

*The bread and the cup are distributed together.
Please hold until you are invited to partake together.*

*Hymn of Invitation - #614 - For All The Saints

*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended. Go into the world, you are the body of Christ.
And may the blessings of Almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and even forevermore.

People: Thanks Be To God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Wednesday, February 11th

6:00 p.m. - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, February 15th

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 2-2-26	5922.03
Expenses/Payroll x2	1292.22
Weekly Offering	3941.00
Difference	+ 2648.78
Ending Balance	8570.81

Announcements:

Week of February 1st - Attendance: 35 ; **Live Stream Views:** - YouTube Live: 20
Approx. Views: 20 - 55

Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday: will meet Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00
p.m. Meal provided by Ote & Marcia Wood. Thank you Marcia & Ote!

Our deepest sympathy: and prayers of love, comfort, and support go out to the
family of Sharon Arnold, who passed away Saturday, January 31, 2026.
Visitation and a service was held Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Jackson’s
FuneralChapel.

Our deepest sympathy: and prayers of love, comfort, and support go out to the

family of Diana Fleming, who passed away Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Visitation, service, and a Nurse's Honor Guard ceremony was held Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Jackson's Funeral Chapel.

Pork Chop Dinner: Bishop Dwenger 1881 Pork Chop dinner, "Benefitting Boy Scouts" tickets are being sold by Kade Ploughe. The tickets are \$15.00. Dinner includes: 1" Grilled Pork Chop, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, and Applesauce. Dinner is Saturday, February 21, 2026. Serving times: 5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 325 E. Vine Street, Rensselaer, In. Carry-Outs Available by calling 219-866-9938. If you plan on purchasing ticket(s) and are paying by check, please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus. Thank You!

Lenten Lunch Schedule: RAMA invites the community to join in the fellowship of the 2026 Lenten Lunches. Each luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. and concludes at 12:45 p.m. The recommended donation for each lunch is \$6.00.

Lenten Lunch Schedule

February 18th -TBA

February 25th - Trinity UMC

March 4th - First Christian Church

March 11th - St. Luke Lutheran

March 18th - St. Augustine

March 25th - TBA

April 1st - Hope Community will host an evening Seder dinner

February Birthdays

- 1 - Rick Williams, Dick Wiseman
- 2 - David Lintner
- 5 - Sarah Bailey, Susie Smith, Sarah Sutton
- 6 - Cole Dunlap
- 7 - Brandon Roberts
- 9 - Kolton Ploughe
- 10 - Katie Saylor
- 11 - Bob Wiseman, Conrad Smith
- 13 - Stan Bailey, Steve Bailey
- 14 - Rhonda Murphy
- 19 - Matt Phillips
- 21 - Bailey Craig
- 23 - Jim Lintner, Jim Donnelly
- 28 - Dinah Todd

March Birthdays

- 3 - Viana Lewis
- 4 - Kris Bailey
- 5 - Pauline Amsler
- 6 - Matt Beehler, Stephen Nicole
- 7 - Charles Griffin, Kalyn Hall
- 8 - Haylie Newcomb
- 9 - Andy Morris, Ali Phillips
- 10 - Cathy Eldridge, Addie Dobson
- 11 - Josh Eldridge
- 14 - Sandy Todd
- 15 - Regina Sanders
- 18 - Cody Lintner, Heidi Phillips
- 19 - Laura Lefler-Kinnaid, Jim Lefler
- 21 - Craig Jackson
- 23 - Casey Boose
- 25 - Travis Mattocks
- 26 - Jeff Phillips

February Anniversaries

March Anniversaries

- 3 - Dennis & Pam Saylor - 1973
- 6 - Marcia & Ote Wood - 1982
- 26 - Gary & Regina Sanders - 1988