



Valerie (Val) Monson came to Pilot Knob Lutheran Church as a visitor because she had been invited by best friends, Billie and Angie Laurence. This proves, once again, invitations work. She also remembered her dear Uncle Severin Severson, a member here at PKLC and now an eternal member of the Church Triumphant in Heaven, who had once told her what a nice church PKLC is. She still remembered his words along with the Laurence's invite. She comes to PKLC from her membership at First Congregational Lutheran Church and First Baptist Church.

Val was born in Albert Lea, MN, and baptized as an infant at Winnebago Lutheran Church, then had a reaffirmation Baptism at First Baptist in 2012. She received her confirmation education at both Bethel Lutheran and Zoar Lutheran churches. Her faith has kept her strong her entire life. She is glad to have that Christian church education to fall back on through life.

Val met her husband Craig when he worked at the local post office with Angie Laurence. They were married in July of 1995 at the First Congregational Church in Forest City. They have three adult children: Isaiah Monson, Andrew Monson and Syreeta Monson Groves, plus 10 grandkids.

Val is a victorious Lymphoma Cancer survivor and gives God the Glory, plus credit to doctors, for being cancer free today.

Val worked for the City of Forest City for 27 years and is currently retired. Her favorite hobbies and things to occupy her time are: socializing, shopping, organizing and helping others. She would reach out to help anyone in need if money were no object; thus allowing her to do whatever she wanted. Val expresses her warm heart and caring attitude openly to any who she approaches. This mentality works well to help her fit right in at PKLC. As she says, she's drawn here by the warmth of all attending, the straightforward honest mentality, great messages from the pulpit and strong family dynamics. With Jesus Christ in the midst of it all, it's a win-win.

She is an easy-going, friendly person who hopes to make a good influence in others. If she could meet anyone from the bible it would be Jesus- to be able to ask him tons of questions and receive an understanding of His wishes for her life.

Her favorite verses are Isaiah 46:13 His Salvation is clear, Revelation 3:20 He knocks on the door, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 there is a time, and, of course, John 3:16 the ultimate message for us all. Her favorite songs are: Oh Holy Night, and Merry Christmas with Ed Sheeran & Elton John.

It is interesting she mentions the most influential person in her life is her brother Vaughn Severson. She states he is the best brother ever and it was his mission that she and the entire family know all about Jesus. Vaughn lived his life faithfully to our Lord Jesus through 3 kidney transplants and many other obstacles, which offered Val, as well as others, wisdom in keeping faith no matter the circumstance.

Welcome to our church family, Val!



Sama Believer Youth Camp

We wanted to send out just a quick prayer request that Luke's trip to help with a ministry youth camp would go smoothly. Luke, Ruth's brother Noelson, and her older sister Sitti will be traveling across the island and helping out with a youth camp for Sama believers. Pray for safety in their travels and that they would be used by God in their location.

Sinama Bible Verse Album

Pictured on the right is our makeshift studio in Luke's closet. Ruth recorded two songs, 2 Corinthians 5:20 and Numbers 6:24-26. On Luke's travels, he hopes to record John 3:16, parts of Romans 8, Hebrews 12:1-4, 2 Thessalonians 1:11, and possibly a few other of songs we have prepared for Sinama Bible verses. Ruth's family members will be a big part of this project. Pray for its success.



Our Volunteer



We have a visitor. You can see him pictured on the left. Phil came from one of our supporting churches and has been helping the kids with homeschool, particularly Physics. It has been fun having him here. Pray for the success of his class and that he would finish his time here well. Continue to pray for the kids schooling. Ruth's Bible translation has been consistent since his coming.

Skipping Church Is Costing You More Than You Think

- God commands believers to gather (**Hebrews 10:25**)
- Church strengthens your faith (**Romans 10:17**)
- You were never meant to follow Jesus alone (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**)
- The church is the Body of Christ (**1 Corinthians 12:27**)
- Jesus loves the church (**Ephesians 5:25**)
- Worship is powerful when done together (**Psalms 95:1-2**)
- Church helps protect you from spiritual drift (**Hebrews 3:12-13**)
- God uses church to mature believers (**Ephesians 4:11-13**)
- You receive encouragement when life is heavy (**1 Thessalonians 5:11**)
- Church helps correct and guide you in truth (**2 Timothy 3:16**)
- You grow through biblical teaching (**Acts 2:42**) @fishersofmen21
- God designed church for accountability (**Proverbs 27:17**)
- Spiritual gifts are meant to serve others (**1 Peter 4:10**)
- Church helps you resist sin (**James 5:16**)
- You learn how to love like Christ (**John 13:34-35**)
- Corporate prayer brings strength (**Matthew 18:20**)
- Church reminds you of God's truth weekly (**Colossians 3:16**)
- It helps raise the next generation in faith (**Deuteronomy 6:6-7**)
- Church provides godly leadership (**Hebrews 13:7**)
- Faith grows when it's practiced, not isolated (**James 2:17**)
- Church helps you stay rooted in sound doctrine (**Titus 1:9**)
- You experience unity in Christ (**Psalms 133:1**)
- Church prepares you for spiritual battles (**Ephesians 6:12-13**)
- The early Christians prioritized gathering (**Acts 2:46**)
- God's presence is uniquely experienced in community (**Matthew 18:20**)



Riverside Bible Camp

Mission: *“To know Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to all.”*



- ★ Consider spending one week at camp: it could change your life for the better!
- ★ Ages begin for those who enter 3rd grade in the Fall of 2026 through 12th grade.
- ★ Check out all the events, details and online registration forms at: www.RiversideLBC.org
- ★ Camp is located in Story City, IA
- ★ There is financial assistance from the church to pay the registration fee.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5- Bobby Snitzer
13- Matt Keel
14- Cooper Dontje
30- Nicki Gray-Holland
31- Melissa Snitzer

▶ *We will again be supporting the Caring Pregnancy Center in Mason City for our Lenten offering. We will be doing this by filling baby bottles with loose change or what ever the Lord puts on your heart. Below you can read the work and support they provide to hurting women. They are making great strides in saving innocent lives. Please take a bottle or two and sign your name and number that is on the bottom of the bottle and return it by Easter or before. Thank you for supporting life.*



Caring Pregnancy Center

Your Go-To Resource (Mason City)

We're your shame-free, judgment-free, go-to place for unplanned pregnancy solutions.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We know that each person's situation is unique. You will never be judged or pressured by our staff. We are here to listen, answer questions, and support you in any way we can.

We are here to empower and equip you no matter what circumstances bring you through our doors.

All our services are available to anyone regardless of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

CONFIDENTIAL + FREE OF CHARGE **Services include but are not limited to:**

- Pregnancy tests
- Options consultations
- Abortion information
- Limited ultrasounds
- Pregnancy support and education
- Parenting classes and education
- Support for men
- Abortion recovery
- Sexual health education
- Referrals

March Sermons/Scriptures

● March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship Service and Holy Communion

Sermon: Learning to Lament

OT Lesson: Job 3:1-26

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:1-7

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

● March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: One Detail

OT Lesson: Job 14:1-19

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:8-18

Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:11-17

● March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship Service

*Sermon: Understanding How it all
Works Together*

OT Lesson: Job 23:1-27

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-32

● March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: A Good Pilot

OT Lesson: Job 38:1-11

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:22-25

● March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

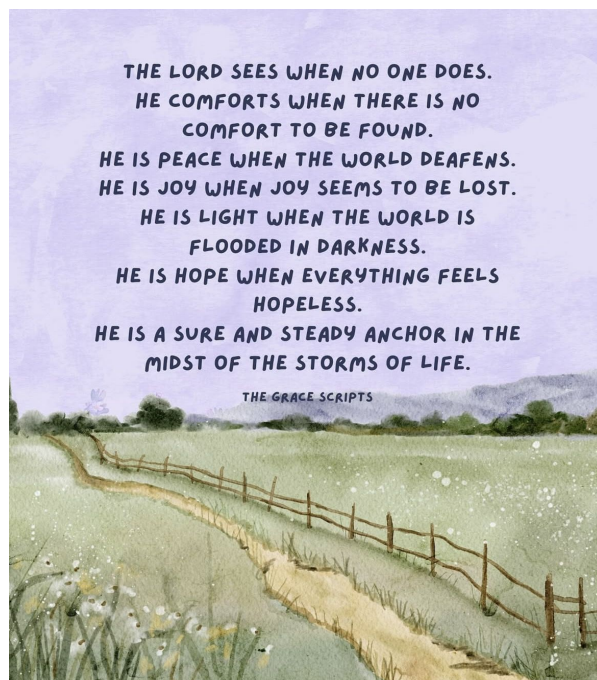
Morning Worship Service

Sermon: On Earth is not His Equal

OT Lesson: Job 41:20-34

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:37-41



March Volunteers

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Communion:	Don R				
Reader:	Connie	Nick	Sue	Jeff	Nick
Greeters	Steve/Jan	Jim/Kayla	Matt/Diane	Joel/Jack	Tony/Lydia
Ushers	Corey/Randy.....				
Computer	Bobby	Donna	Dave	Rachel	Donna
Sound	Matt	Greg	Devon	Steve	Brandon
Acolyte	Zade	McKenna	Kinsley	Ella	Kazra
Custodians	Donna/Jeff.....				
Pianist	Sheryl	Marcia	Val	Sheryl	Marcia

★ If you find that you have been scheduled for a ministry time that you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let pastor know. Thank you!

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday Greeters: Steve/Jan Reader: Connie Acolyte: Zade	2	3	4 Confirmation: 4:30pm	5	6	7
8 Greeters: Jim/Kayla Reader: Nick Acolyte: Makenna	9	10	11 Confirmation: 4:30pm	12	13	14
15 Greeters: Matt/Diane Reader: Sue Acolyte: Kinsley	16	17 Women's Bible Study- 2pm	18 Confirmation: 4:30pm Deacons Mtg: 5:45pm Council- 6:30pm	19	20	21
22 Greeters: Joel/Jack Reader: Jeff Acolyte: Ella	23	24	25 Confirmation: 4:30pm	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Greeters: Tony/Lydia Reader: Nick Acolyte: Kazra Living Last Supper 4pm	30	31	1	2	3 Good Friday Evening Communion Service- 6:30pm	