

# The Cornerstone March 2026

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## Words from the Senior Warden

This was shared with me, and I thought it was worth sharing with you.

Pope Leo XIV on Lent

*"I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbors. Let us begin by disarming language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgements, refraining from slander, and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace."*

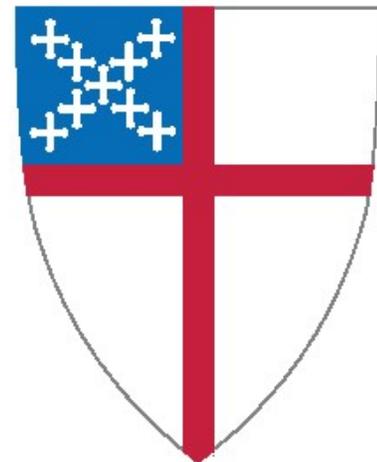
A practical practice for Lent.

Carolyn Beranek  
Senior Warden



## Thank You

Velvadena Chavis for cleaning and re-gilding the Stations  
David Adams for coordinating the Pancake Supper  
Our Pancake Supper crew for set-up, serving, and clean-up  
Church of the Living Word for your Ash Wednesday invite  
Mechille Chavis for doing altar



## Bishop's Visitation

The Bishop got iced out for our scheduled visit in February but was able to adjust his schedule to join us on March 15th. Since we are in Lent, we will remain in Rite 1, but he will confirm and join us for Christian Formation and our potluck.

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## Mardi Grad Potluck Was Festive

Participants really got into the theme and cooked a variety of dishes to help celebrate our way out of Epiphany. We had olive puffs, shrimp succotash (with lima beans, corn, peppers and tomatoes), a fresh baked turkey with dressing and gravy, Jambalaya (with chicken sausage and the "Holy Trinity"), New Orleans style dirty rice-a la Barbara Connolly with edge made of broccoli, Cuban/New Orleans picadillo, and Brunswick Stew. Our desserts were: lemon pound cake, cookies, select chocolates, Panettone, and a Christmas pudding from the UK. We used our multi-colored plates for more color.

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## March Birthdays

March 1 Seth Allen  
March 6 Joe Plitt  
March 8 Phoenix Lee  
March 12 Alicia Smithson  
March 18 Jeremy Moore  
March 21 Emma Morgan-Jones  
March 23 Matthew Lee

## March Anniversaries

March 30 Mechille and Velvadena Chavis

## Cupid was Busy

Seventeen valentines were made for patients at facilities who have no family in the area. They went to folks at the Hospice House, Morrison Manor, and to Scottish Pines Rehab.

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## Campaign begins for the Carpet

We have been so blessed to complete our organ campaign. We have also completed our campaign for replacing the three roofs. The Vestry, and David Adams have now focused on replacing the aging carpet in the sanctuary. Donations made be marked as "Carpet Fund" for them to be accurately designated. Thank you to all our dedicated givers for the beautification and preservation of our worship space and buildings.

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Photo by Carolyn Beranek

## Souper Bowl Tally

With some late arrivals from Carol Whitehead, we went over our goal! We received 55 contributions. Thanks to all who participated. We are always collecting food, diaper products and women's hygiene items for Scotland County Church Community Services.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Bryn and Ryan Osborne on the birth of their baby girl, Giulietta on Jan 16, 2026. There was a rosebud on the altar to celebrate this event at St. David's. Proud grandmother is Kyle Bethel.



Photo by Carolyn Beranek

## Lenten Soup and Bread Wednesdays

As is our tradition, we will have soup and bread on the Wednesdays in Lent. The sign-up sheet to make a soup (with meat, or meatless) or bring loaves of bread is in the narthex. We have scheduled two services of Stations of the Cross all the other Wednesdays will be Compline. There will be a short program between the meal and the worship. Come join us for a meaningful Lent.

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### Contributions for The Cornerstone

The Cornerstone deadline is the 19th of each month. All articles are invited. Please email articles to [bonnieglenn@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieglenn@gmail.com). The Cornerstone editor is Bonnie Glenn.

### Disclaimer:

The views expressed in these newsletter articles are those of the author only.

## Pancake Supper News

We received lots of compliments on the delicious pancakes, sausages, and baked apples. It was a good evening although we did not sell as many plates as in previous years. Our leftovers were taken to the freezer at Family Promise where families can enjoy them at a future date. It appears that we made a net of \$1285.00. That's great!

Carolyn Beranek



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# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Lent II St. David's Day Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am 12:30pm Parish Potluck</p>	2	<p>3 Full Worm Moon</p>	<p>4 Soup and Bread, 6 pm Lenten Program, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross, 7pm</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 Lent III <b>Spring Forward</b> – Daylight Saving Time Begins Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am</p>	9	10	<p>11 Soup and Bread, 6 pm Lenten Program, 6:30pm Compline, 7pm</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 Lent IV Bishop Rodman's Visit Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am Parish Potluck, 12:30pm Vestry, 1:15pm</p>	16	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day </p>	<p>18 Soup and Bread, 6 pm Lenten Program, 6:30pm Compline, 7pm</p>	<p>19 Church Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>20 Spring Begins</p>	21
<p>22 Lent V Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am</p>	23	24	<p>25 Soup and Bread, 6 pm Lenten Program, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross, 7pm</p>	26	27	28
<p>29 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist with Palm Branch Procession, 11am</p>	30	31				



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