



Blessed *to* Bless

Welcome!

February 15, 2026

SONGS & PRAYER

GOD'S WORD

Matthew 7:15-20

**Sermon on the Mount:
Counter Culture**

“Sheep, Wolves, and Trees”

PARTING

Song
God's Blessing

Prayer Pointer

*The Lord is good,
a stronghold in the day of trouble;*

*He knows those
who take refuge in him.*

- Nahum 1:7

Outline

Matthew 7:15-20

**Sermon on the Mount: Counter
Culture**

“Sheep, Wolves, and Trees”

1. Big Bad Wolf!
2. Examine the Produce
3. Bonfire or Bliss

Announcements

The second offering today, February 15, will be for Valley Christian Schools. Established in 1935 by local Christian Reformed Churches, Valley Christian Schools

(VCS) provide a Christian education for children and youth from preschool through grade 12.

In the light of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the authority of God's word, VCS is committed to educate each unique student in cooperation with the Christian community so that he or she is equipped and inspired to make a difference for Jesus Christ in the world. VCS depends, in part, upon the continuing support of the local Christian Reformed Churches, like Long Beach CRC, to provide tuition assistance to its students.

Next week, Sunday, February 22, we will celebrate the **Lord's Supper**.

Next Sunday, February 22, the deacons will be collecting household items for NLB. See the attached for some of those needs.

Council Nominations: Dear Congregation, the council requests your nominations for the office of elder and deacon. Please prayerfully consider these important roles and give any nominations to any elder, deacon, or Pastor Bryan. The last date to turn in nominations is March 15.

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/4339 to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.



The **GEMS** fundraiser dinner will be Wednesday, February 25. We will once again enjoy food graciously donated by Scott Williams and his team at Super Mex Restaurant. We will serve from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Our girls and leaders are so thankful for your support and look forward to serving you!

Part-Time Church Secretary Needed - Long Beach Christian Reformed Church is seeking a dedicated, detail-oriented individual who loves the Lord, to manage our church office. If you are a professional with strong Microsoft Office skills and a desire to serve our ministry, we encourage you to apply. Duties are varied, covering administrative, communications, records, and event support. This is a part-time position, averaging 25 hours per week. A full job description is available upon request. Contact the church office at 562-421-1721 or email John van Kooy at lbcrcadmin@lbcrc.org.

Dear partner churches and friends,

We extend our gratitude to God for His goodness and faithfulness in our lives. We are compelled to share with you the remarkable impact of your prayers and support on the lives of students and the medical field. Attached, you will find our January ministry newsletter, which provides how God has been working in Mexico.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership in making a big difference in Mexico for the kingdom of God. May you be filled with His joy and the presence of the Holy Spirit as you continue to be part of His mission work in Mexico. Together in Christ, James and Barbarita, and our children

You are invited!

Come join
Kidshine 2026

A Musical/Drama under the
Direction of Kay VanWeerhuizen

Rehearsals begin February 22, 2026

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.



For 1st - 8th grade

Presentations will be
April 18 & 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Call 562-421-1721
for more info.

Serving This Sunday

(February 15, 2026)

Greeters – Bill & Jeri Lynne Cullison

Ushers – Ken Bansberg,
Matt Anema

Prayer Leader – Jason LeMonnier

Children's Message –
Pastor Bryan Branderhorst

Nursery – Kate Rinker,
Catherine Stom

Helper – Grant Branderhorst

Children's Church – Chelsey Anema

Greeter – Leslie Grasmeyer

Campus Safety – Tyler McLurg

Campus Safety –
Tim Vander Schaaf

Serving Next Sunday

(February 22, 2026)

Greeters – Larry Vander Schaaf,
Ron Oldham

Ushers – John Bakker, Dan Brawdy,

Bruce Hecox

Prayer Leader –
Pastor Bryan Branderhorst

Children's Message –
Cyndie Struiksma

Nursery – Cheryl Stom, Eden Sprik
Helper – Violet LeMonnier

Children's Church –
Jennell van Kooy
Greeter – Leneé Struiksma

Campus Safety – Jason LeMonnier

Calendar

This Week

Sunday

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

Council 6:30 p.m.

Deacons & Elders meet following

Council Meeting

Wednesday

Coffee Break 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Anchor 6:30 p.m.

Compass 6:30 p.m.

Cadets 6:30 p.m.

GEMS 6:30 p.m.

Sunday – Communion Sunday

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School Classes 10:45 a.m.

KidShine Rehearsal 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming

February 22 – Communion Sunday

February 25 – All Church Night,

GEMS Fundraiser Dinner