



# 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](https://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](mailto: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 VanWeerthuizen

**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

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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