

SCANDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Windows

June



The Seniors

Back row **Hunter Swift, Noah Schoenfelder,
Josiah Knutson, Jake Austin**

Front row: **Harper Wattier, Taylor Lindgrin,
Tessa Eide, Madison Carstensen
& Pastor Elan Ashby.**



CONGRATS!

PASTOR ELAN'S MESSAGE

I love to go outside when the air is soft. Perhaps you have felt this as well. It's not too hot, not too cold, the air moving gently. There might be a faint glow in the air, the reflection of a setting or rising sun. Maybe it's when I'm near the ocean or a lake, or walking beneath pine trees or along an open meadow. It could be anywhere, any time. What all of them have in common is this deep-rooted knowing that we are connected to creation. It could be all of these descriptions or none of them; you might feel it best when the winds are gale force and the sound of thunder touches your soul in ways the quiet does not. But the same feeling of communion with the world runs through our veins and hearts.

In Paul's Trinitarian salutation in 2 Corinthians, he instructs us to be filled with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, overflowing with the love of God, and in communion with the Holy Spirit. This is our mode of operation, to live and be in the world: equipped, empowered, and filled with the Divine. When we are in the world, whether it's in the soft places we enjoy so much, or in hard places, we know that we are beloved children of God. We have purpose, we carry the preciousness of the ages with us, in us: saint, sinner, broken vessels though we be. (2 Corinthians 4:7, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." (KJV)

To be in communion with one another is not limited to sharing the Holy Eucharist. Being in communion with the Holy Spirit and with each other means being open to understanding and empathizing with one another, feeling each other's needs and desires. To be willing to offer ourselves in ways that show and share the love of God (and the grace of Jesus Christ!) with each other. This is what the Holy Spirit does individually with us and also corporately in the world through us. Through our caring conversations, our gentle encouragements, our spontaneous quips of humor... and a thousand other ways. Acts of love offered, received, and shared. It is very much a dance, a mental and physical interaction guided, empowered, and prompted by God.

As we go out and about our days, remember we are not alone; Jesus is with us always in the soft places and in the hard places. We are filled. We are blessed. Paul reminds us we are letters of love written by God's own hand!

2 Corinthians 3:2-3, "You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. ³ You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." (NIV)

PASTOR ELAN'S MESSAGE

These are some on-going, needs/projects on Scandia's wish list. Please consider donating towards these needs/projects.

Fellowship Hall carpet

Painting in Sanctuary

Clean and/or replace chair coverings in the Fellowship Hall

Outside Landscaping

Automatic Door Opener for South Entry.

Thank You to all who helped with the Spring clean-up inside & outside. It is much appreciated.



Sunday, June 21, is Father's Day . Be sure to wish the man in your life who has a special place in your heart. Whether he is your father, grandfather, uncle, teacher, pastor or mentor, if he has had a role in your life, be sure to let him know what he means to you on the day set aside for him ... Father's Day.



**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR
INFORMATION ON THE
MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT
SCANDIA CHURCH AND ITS
MINISTRY WITH YOUR DO-
NATIONS, WHILE ALSO
BENEFITING YOU AS A
DONOR?**



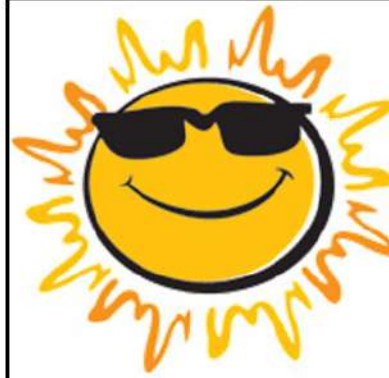
Scandia Council is working with Kathy McHenry, of Lutheran Planning Generosity, which is affiliated with the South Dakota Synod, ELCA to bring an informational meeting to Scandia following a Sunday service for everyone interested in learning about different ways to make donations to support the church.

MANY WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- * **CASH DONATIONS**
- * **NON-CASH GIFT**
- * **GIFT FROM A WILL**
- * **IRA DISTRIBUTIONS**
- * **LIVESTOCK OR GRAIN DONATIONS**
- * **AND MORE**

If you are interested in attending an informational meeting, Please contact Council President Chuck Oster at (605) 231-1438 or email coster@hccinet.net to register or for more details.

The meeting is purely informational with no further commitments required.



Meat and Meet at the parsonage on June 28 at 5pm
Meat (Taco baked potato bar) provided & you bring other sides or dessert!!
Summer is here!

Please let Pastor Elan know if you can

Scandia Church is looking for someone to be our Historian. You write down events that happen at Scandia!! If this sounds like something you are interested in, please contact Chuck or Sherrie.

Scandia Summer Reading Program runs from June 1st -August 31st. Children of all ages may participate. Sign up by putting your name on a reading log in the library. Books read must be from Scandia's library.
It's easy! It's fun!



If you would like to get the prayer chain on your phone just text 94000
Scandipray

If you have any trouble, call the office and we will get you hooked up!



BRENT'S MESSAGE

ROMANS 14:1 - Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.

14:12-13 - So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

"Church is not for sissies." That might sound like a very unchristian thing to say. On one level it is. The Gospel and the community of faith formed by the preaching of that Gospel is for all people. All manner of sinners and folks who need God's healing love are welcome. Yes, even sissies need God and are welcome. But have you noticed there are people whose sensibilities are easily offended by the presence of others. You meet them all the time. They often speak of the hypocrites in Church (as if hypocrisy never touched them). The very presence of an individual with whom they might have a disagreement is too much for them to enter the door of the building where the Word of God is encountered and the Sacraments administered. Some go so far as to abandon attendance at worship altogether, starving themselves of spiritual nourishment, they punish their own souls because of the offense of another. No person starved of food would behave this way. Physical starvation leads to an unrelenting drive for nourishment. So should spiritual starvation.

The Church has never been a perfect socially cohesive institution. There have been factions from the very beginning. But Jesus' command that we should love one another and so preserve the unity of the faith is paramount. In our text, Paul addresses some of these situations. "Accept the one whose faith is weak..." is the first thing he says. I wish to point out that this is a two way street. It includes not only the person who is offended by another but also the person who is the subject of the offense. Both offender and offeree are called to this discipline. Paul calls both parties to put away senseless disputations over non-essential matters. The question of who is "weak" in a particular situation is often the real issue. Of course both parties think they are right, they have the truth, they have the stronger claim. In non-essential matters Paul calls us to have the strength to 'give in' defer to the other. This is by no means easy, for we often have to assess the question of what is essential and what is not first. Are we claiming the moral high ground con-

of a personal matter about what we like and don't like or perhaps how we have been treated?

Paul's imperative is the same as Jesus'. He calls us to love and take care in pressing our claims not to throw stumbling blocks in another's way, Good judgment yes. Judgmentalism, no. It will take courage and a willingness to act against our own defensive instincts at times in favor of unity and love. It is definitely not for sissies.

Blessings, Vicar Brent



Brock Pingrey, Colton Langley, Gracie Langley, Allen Skotvold, Byer Martz, Roger Hofer, Walker Bendert.



Thank you to Sherrie and the six kids for helping us put flags on the Veterans' graves.
Centerville American Legion



Allen Skotvold & Oakley Martz

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 9:30am Church Service	1 9:30am Coffee Hour	2 7:00pm AA Meeting	3 11:15am CCRC Worship Service	4 9:30am Coffee Hour	5	6
7 9:30am Church Service  Flag Day	8 9:30am Coffee Hour	9 7:00pm AA Meeting	10 11:15am CCRC Worship Service 7:00pm Rachel Bible Study	11 9:30am Coffee Hour	12	13
14 9:30am Church Service	15 9:30am Coffee Hour	16 9:30am Ruth Bible Study 7:00pm AA Meeting	17 11:15am CCRC Worship Service / Buffet 6:30pm Council	18 9:30am Coffee Hour	19	20
21 9:30am Church Service FATHER'S DAY	22 9:30am Coffee Hour	23 7:00pm AA Meeting	24 11:15am CCRC Worship Service	25 9:30am Coffee Hour	26	27
28 9:30am Church Service 5:00pm M & M Taco potato ar	29 9:30am Coffee Hour	30 7:00pm AA Meeting	1	2	3	4

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Scandia Council held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Council members present included Chuck Oster, Daniel Knutson, Ruth Stevens, Connie Petersen, Shane Rist, Char Adamson, Philip Christofferson, Vonni Knutson, Kory Muller, and Joyce Vasgaard. Pastor Elan joined the meeting in progress.

Before the council meeting, members attended a Zoom session led by Kathy McHenry from the Synod office to learn about giving options that support the church's mission and also benefit donors.

President Chuck Oster called the council meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Daniel gave devotions.

Council members briefly discussed information presented on endowments during the Zoom session.

A family joined the Council to discuss items being given to the Church Library in memory of a loved one. The family requested permission from the Council to have a small nameplate placed in the library in recognition of memorials given. Vonni made a motion to have the decorating committee work with the family to place a small plaque in the library; Kory seconded the motion; the motion carried. The family thanked the council for their time and then left the meeting.

The Council President had requested that agenda, minutes, and financial reports be sent to members to review before meetings. After discussion, the Council agreed to continue providing printed copies at meetings and to email minutes and reports to members when they are completed each month for review.

Secretary's minutes from the March meeting, financial secretary's report, and treasurer's reports were reviewed. A motion to approve minutes with corrections as noted, and financial reports, made by Char, seconded by Daniel; motion carried.

President's report: Chuck thanked Shane Rist for sweeping parking areas and thanked everyone who helped with Easter events. Thanks to Dr. Darrell Mark for Lenten services and those who served the lunch after Lenten services, those involved in presenting the "Living Last Supper" at the church, and all those that helped with the Easter Services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter) and brunch served after Easter morning service.

Chuck updated the council on insurance coverage for stained glass windows. The current insurance policy will be reviewed and updated upon renewal and the council will be updated on the policy.

Chuck proposed that the June Council meeting be held on June 17th on his patio beginning at 6:30 pm. Spouses are also invited to attend.

Pastor's report:

7th- and 8th-Grade Confirmation is going great. These are such good kids! The 8th grade is pretty much done with their Confirmation requirements, and the 7th grade has most of this year's work done and a big head start on next year's requirements, too.

I am still interested in hearing what others think about continuing evening worship opportunities on Wednesday nights after confirmation ends (May 6th, 2026).

First Communion Classes are done. 11 youth received their first Holy Communion with bread they made and from the chalices they painted. It was a beautiful service with their families

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and then the congregation came to kneel at the rail in fellowship and community with all believers.

We are hosting M and M this Sunday, April 26, at 6 at the parsonage. Brent is barbequing ribs, and I am making my famous (infamous!) 3-layer lemon almond cake. March 29th, we hosted M and M with corned beef and cabbage. Though most folk enjoyed it, or at least pretended to, we did not have the turnout we usually do; I attribute this to the lack of Irish heritage in our largely Scandinavian community.

April 12-14, Brent and I attended and helped with the ELCA SD Spring Assembly in Yankton. It was the SE Conference Pastors' turn to host (every seven years). It was well attended, and the speakers were very interesting. The focus was on Intersectionality. I will be submitting expenses (halved with Brent's churches)

April 18th I will be going back to Yankton for WELCA

This past month (for us all) was filled with caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, comforting the mourning, life, death, and resurrection. (Easter!) Funerals, service, laughter, and tears.

Holy Humor Sunday is complete with memories of Deb and honor to our Lord and risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Peace to you all as we join in the unending hymn of our life with Christ.

Text study in Vermillion: weekly on Tuesdays; Weekly Wednesday services at CCRC with Holy Communion once a month. Men's Bible Breakfast is studying the Book of Genesis. Adult Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:30 at the Parsonage. Grief Recovery Classes are held weekly on Thursday afternoons at the Parsonage. (We recently changed the time back to 4:00 PM.) Also on Thursday: 3rd Thursday, Dean's call, Support Ministry

Reports:

Education – Senior Quilts will be presented on May 10.

Ministry Team – Noisy can offering raised \$938. A Thrivent grant was used for lunch following the Lenten Services.

Property – Cleanup is scheduled for May 2; alternate date in case of inclement weather is May 9.

Worship and Music – Committee met to select April music and will be meeting to select May and June service music.

Old Business:

A list of cleaning projects will be put together for Spring Cleanup and will be passed around for those who want to help. It was suggested that a reminder text message be sent out before the cleanup.

Vonni reported on the four "Living Last Supper" presentations. Scandia had 240 attendees, and \$1,417 was raised for Banquet West. Parker had 190, Beresford 180, and Harrisburg 160 people. Since 2014, "Living Last Supper" performances, which are held every other year, have raised over \$20,000 for local charities.

Chuck reported that the current bid for the outside carpet is \$3,300. He would like to obtain more bids to determine if a better price can be found. Grout must be applied to the area to smooth the surface before installing the new carpet. In addition, the handrails need repairs.

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Daniel updated the Council on the quote he had requested for informational purposes to expand the media system into the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen area. The bid he received was for \$16,800 and would include three TVs in the Fellowship Hall, a small unit in the kitchen area, and new speakers.

New Business:

The office copier/printer 5-year lease expires in June 2026. Council was given information on the proposal to either renew the lease for the current machine or lease a new model. The Council raised some questions that need clarification. The final decision was postponed until the May meeting.

Pastor Elan submitted a bill for her expenses to attend the Spring Assembly, April 12-14.

The pastor asked the council's thoughts about having a Wednesday evening service when confirmation is done for the summer. Services would be a mix of fellowship, service, and be family-friendly. Pastor is also thinking about starting a Cancer Support Group and gathering more information about Stephen Ministries.

Shawn Johnson has agreed to help with maintaining the Scandia Webpage.

The summer worship schedule was discussed. Motion by Daniel to have summer worship begin at 9:30 am starting May 31 through Sept 6, 2026; Kory seconded; motion carried. Coffee following services was discussed. The ministry team will prepare sign-up sheets for volunteers to host coffee after services.

Daniel reported on recent internet issues, including crashes during Humor Sunday and a funeral. After consulting with a technician, Scandia will be added to the list for fiber optic installation at the church, as the line is nearby and it is a church, not a residence. Installation will be free, and the council agreed to proceed.

Joyce requested permission from the council to print WELCA bulletins for both the spring and fall meetings, since WELCA no longer covers the cost of copies. She would need around 25 copies for each meeting. The council approved her request, allowing her to use the copier to make the necessary copies.

Chuck shared recent thank-yous received by the Church.

Donation to the Centerville Fire Department was discussed. Motion by Joyce to donate \$100 to Fire Department, Daniel seconded; motion carried.

The next council meeting will be held on May 20, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

President Chuck Oster adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Stevens, Secretary

So God Made a Father



At the dawn of time, God looked down on all He had made and said, "Now, I need a caretaker."

So, God made a father. God said, "I need someone to teach children to fish, and to ride a bike without training wheels, and to play catch in the backyard. It must

be someone who's tough enough to run a chainsaw and wield a machete and yet, gentle enough to join his little girl and her dolls for tea."

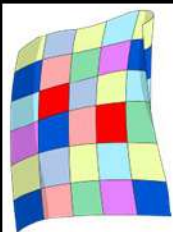
So, God made a father. "I need someone to bring the car around when it's raining, so everyone else can stay dry. Someone who will keep jumper cables in his truck, just in case he needs to help a stranger. I need someone to notice practical things, like how the tread on the tires is wearing and if the weather stripping around the front door needs replacing, for no one else will." "I'll create someone who's strong enough to open a tightly sealed jelly jar and tall enough to place the angel on top of the Christmas tree. Someone who will be gracious enough to let his son fish the best fishing hole or to let his daughter win at least one hand of gin rummy." God said, "I need someone brave enough to carve the Thanksgiving turkey, for no one else seems to want the job. Someone who's not afraid to go into Grandma's dark cellar, or to check on what goes bump in the night, or to remove the dead mouse from the mousetrap."

"I need someone wise enough to know when to let his child fail. Someone who will pick her up, dry her tears and say, 'Honey, I know you can do it! Give it another try.'" "I need someone who listens more than he talks. Who will stand by his family through laughter and tears, tornadoes and snowstorms, good times and bad. **Someone who will love his kids and love their mother even more.**"

So, God made a father. God said, "I need someone to provide for the family. Someone who will get up early and stay up late and never complain. I need someone who's willing to make unpopular decisions and stand by them. Someone to provide authority and discipline, as well as love." **"I need someone with broad shoulders, broad enough to carry a little child around town and broad enough to pull more than his fair share.** Yes, I need someone who will work the second-shift, or take second-best, or play second fiddle, so that his family can have it better than he did." "I need someone who is *willing* . . . willing to man up and provide the love, support and strength his family will so desperately need." *So, God made a father.*

"Sometimes, he will not feel worthy of the love his family gives him. There will be times when he fails to live up to my ideal standard. But when his family needs him, he will show up, or give up, or do whatever needs to be done." "Yes, that's exactly what I need," thought God as He shook His head. "A father to love my children, and if necessary, to lay down his life for them. Someone . . . *well, someone like Me.*"

So, God made a father.



Scandia, I want to express my appreciation and thank you for my Senior Quilt!
Thank you for all the spiritual support you have provided throughout the years!
God Bless you all, Noah Schoenfelder

Total Stop Gift Certificates are available at the grocery Store or the church office. Remember, Scandia gets 5% on all money spent on this project. Certificates are \$25. These certificates also make a thoughtful gift. Please participate as this is a wonderful way to contribute to your church without spending any extra \$\$.

Looking for Youth Leader or a couple!!
Please call Chuck if you would be Youth Leader or the organizer with the youth group activities.



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30am

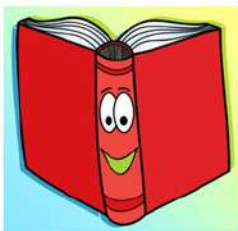
Coffee time & Fellowship after service

If you would like to help serve a Sunday please call the Office (605-563-2458).

Scandia Ladies, Thank you for the delicious salads and desserts.

God Bless You,
Jeanne Peterson,
Ruth Gustad,
Kelly Anderson,
LaVonne Isaak,
& Claudia Frey

A gentle reminder to check your books shelves to see if you have any Scandia books to return.



Altar Guild
Vonni Knutson
Communion Assistants
Carroll & Cynthia Marohl



USHERS for June

7 Allen & Kathy Skotvold
14
21 The Gerken Family
28 Christofferson Brothers

READERS for June

7 Jean Smith
14
21
28 Mark Christofferson



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is wrong, please call the office @ 605-563-2458 or call /text Sherrie 605-530-7910. Thank you!

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE for June

7 Bryer Martz & Turner Van Hull
14 Brooke Blake & Aubrey Hafner-Gerken
21 Walker Bendert & Wesley Moore
28 Oakley Martz & Bryer Martz



This is a requirement for your confirmation. If you cannot acolyte when you are scheduled, **you must find your own replacement** and let the church office (563.2458) know by Thursday so it can be posted correctly the bulletin.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship 9:00 am
Everyone Welcome!

TIME DATED MATERIAL

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



June 2

Daniel Knutson
Amanda Knutson

June 3

Brea Austin
Lydia Austin

June 5

Kathy Skotvold

June 6

Julie Junker
Jacob Skotvold
Josie Gruschin
Kasen Strand

June 7

Ann Peterson
Ryan Austin
Jessica Martz

June 8

Walker Bendert
Hailee Laska

June 9

Gary Adamson
Ruth Stevens
Evelyn Mark

June 10

Hesston Poppenga

June 11

Jan Anderson
Jamie Jo Johnson
Jen Bertrand

June 13

Sylvia Kroeger
Trent Sikkink

June 14

Avery Laska

June 15

Allen Skotvold

June 17

Dan Royle

June 19

Harper Wattier
Eli Leuthold
Hudson Leuthold

June 20

Dale Johnson
Christen Cunningham

June 22

Sharon Moore

June 23

Sage Martz

June 24

Preston Stevens
Madison Carstensen

June 25

Donna Austin
Jake Austin

June 27

Mackenzie Meyer

June 29

Brooke Blake

June 30

Noah Schoenfelder



June 2

David & Dianna Olson

June 5

Dale & Sherrie Knudson
Greg & Kristen Birgen

June 7

Jon & Patricia Eide

June 12

Carroll & Cynthia Marohl
Andrew & Janna Mark

June 21

Roger & Kathleen Blake

June 22

Neal & Tammy Bobzin

June 25

Dale & Connie Petersen
Michael & Maren Fischer

June 30

Larry & Marlene Erickson