

SCANDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *Worship Windows*

### *March 2026*

LENTEN SERVICES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 FAITH ALONE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 CHRIST ALONE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 SCRIPTURE ALONE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 GOD'S GLORY



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AT 10:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 AT 7:00PM

5TH Grade First Communion

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 3 AT 7:00pm**



## HOLY WEEK

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EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 5 at 8:30am

Once upon a time I would get up very early, while the household members were mostly still asleep. After greeting my little dog, Lady Binks, and cuddling my beloved cats. I would settle down in front of my dining room window with a cup of coffee and the sure knowledge of an upcoming sunrise. Most mornings it was beautiful, there was an uninterrupted view facing East. Sometimes when I go back to the farm I can sit in front of the same window and immerse myself in the memories of this place and this house. Nostalgia can be a bitter companion if you think only of what went before with a lens of loss. Or, in my case a beautiful reminder of the blessings shared here, the events and people still holding place in my heart.

I thought of this last night as I sat in a different room with different people. I was in the back; self-secluding myself to protect all present from any possibility of catching whatever version of a cold I was recovering from. Others assured me that after 24 hours of having a normal temperature I was not contagious. But, since I was still coughing, still sneezing you can understand my concern and overabundance of caution.

Darrell Mark was presenting the first lesson for our Lenten Journey, and though I could have watched it online I wanted to be there. I hope all of you will try to come and enjoy his sharing on the Five Solas. Last night was Sola Gratia. (Latin for Grace Alone.) From my vantage point I could see the whole room, all of the precious people coming together for this evening, this fellowship, this message. To my right were tables with small children, their noises and motion always welcome here. Past them were the stained glass windows, muted in the darkness.

The absence of light does not diminish what they are. Just our ability to discern the beauty hidden. I know, just like I knew when I sat down in the still dark room at the farmhouse window the light would come, the sun would rise and the view would change. Does it take a measure of faith to hold this knowledge?

If so, it is a negligible amount. It is something we can stand on without every realizing we do. It is not a matter of taking it for granted, just a comfortable soul-deep understanding. The sun will rise, is rising in fact, even if we can't see even a tendril of the predawn glow. Even in the night when sunrise is still hours away.

Last night's message reminded me of the acronym GRACE. God's Righteousness At Christ's Expense. Darrell explained grace is not something we earn, or deserve. It is given, imputed. Sheer and total gift from God. It is not something we need to get better to receive. It is ours by God's intention and design. And Jesus paid the price for us to have it.

Are you wondering how this ties into the sunrise at the farmhouse, or the stain glass windows barely hinting at their possibilities in the dark? I'll go ahead and spell it out:

This faith takes no effort to act upon. The soul-deep knowledge, that saturates your very being. To act without conscious intent of the understanding we live and breathe and have our being in God's Grace. To step out into the world knowing we walk with our Father God who loves us and it's at work (even in the dark) to bring goodness to the world. Right now, though we can't see it or feel it, God is here. And things are changing. We are surrounded with kaleidoscope colors, some too bright for us to see with our earthly eyes, our (currently) limited vision. Grace Upon Grace abounds.

Even in the dark.

You'll see!

Pastor Elan Ashby



The Centerville Community Arts Council proudly presents:  
**“The Living Last Supper”**

We are extending a warm welcome to your congregation, confirmation class and youth group to attend this moving presentation!  
 Performance dates include:

Sunday, March 29, 2026-5:00 pm Scandia Lutheran-Centerville

Monday, March 30, 2026-7:00 pm Grace Lutheran-Parker

Tuesday, March 31, 2026-7:00 pm Emmanuel Lutheran-Beresford

Wed., April 1, 2026-7:00 pm Shalom Lutheran-Harrisburg

A free will offering each night will go towards a local charity of our choosing. Make plans to attend!

Come see this wonderful, amazing performance. All are welcome!



**First Communion**



The fifth grade Sunday School students will be celebrating their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2. Pastor Elan will be meeting with parents and students on Sunday March 1, for lessons on “A Place For You” at 11:45. They will also bake the bread for the next communion service on March 29. An informational letter was sent out to the parents of 5th grade students. If you did not get one, please call the office (605-563-2458).

**Easter Service will be at 8:30am on April 5.**

The church will be decorated with Easter lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to bring one to share, please fill out a form in the church bulletin & leave at church.

**All are Welcome!**

Let's fill the pews as we celebrate the resurrection of our LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!



Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.


Here it is, one of those succinct pithy sayings that encapsulates pretty much an entire moral code. Like the Golden Rule, so often used to sum up what the Ten Commandments have to say about our relations to others, this thumbnail rule tells us all we need to know about how to react to evil - give back good for the evil you have received. Is it easy to practice? No, for we shall have to work against instinct at times. Instinct tells us to give back as good as the 'hits' we have taken (then more we usually add in on the side). And of course the question: Are we not to think of legitimate defense in the face of onslaught? There are indeed arguments to be made concerning self-defense and the defense of the helpless especially, but reactive retribution should not be the automatic and universal response of the Christian. Someone once noted that the Church, and we as individual believers, should act as shock absorbers in the world. Ever drive a car that badly need new shocks? Not very comfortable and at some point the lack of good shock absorbers becomes dangerous. We live in a world that needs to be fitted with new shocks. The level of reactive outrage has driven much of the culture to a dangerous destination. Let us think and act as those absorbers rather than passing on and amplifying the jolt of outrage.

The history of God's dealing with humanity has been gracious from the get-go. God did not reactively terminate Adam and Eve for their rebellion, though that had been the warning. Jesus would, for us, give nothing but light and life in exchange for our sin and evil. How much more should we in gratitude begin here to learn how to love in this way? Need a challenge and adventure to spice up your life? Try taking this challenge. Respond (do not react) to the next person who hurts you with kindness. Then record your experience. Try working at this and see what comes of it.

Blessings, Vicar Brent



President's Corner Greetings fellow Scandia Church members, I am very much looking forward to working with a great group of church council and committee individuals this year of 2026. The continuing needs of the church locally and worldwide must have all of our members join in our mission to worship God and care for others. As we are entering this Lenten season, I hope we all will cause ourselves to pause our busy lives and join in attending the Wednesday evening Refocus Services and the Sunday morning services. These pauses will be great for refreshment leading up to Easter Morning worship and fellowship. I hope many of you have experienced the excitement of following the great music and sporting events of our local youth. We are proud of you Scandia Youth. We need to encourage this large group to participate in our Worship and Fellowship here at Scandia. Please seek out our church wish list needs and watch for committee requests for help and contributions to projects and events through this next year. Please come to our council members with your suggestions and concerns. Come Holy Spirit and see you in church, Chuck Oster



**Our Prayer Concerns** ..... Virginia Rist; Julie Junker; Jean (Paul) Peterson; Stacy Knudson; Floyd Anderson; Joan Knutson; Stephanie Rutter; Ruth Schmidt; Jeannie (Roger) Peterson; Jayne Ratzlaff & Gary Johnson (Steven's relations); Annette Sarringer; Adam Nelson; Amy (Norling) Peterson; Elaine Tatge (Floyd Anderson's sister); Curtis & Patti Tesch in hospice (Kathleen Blake's brother & sister-in-law); World Leaders; those whom we name in our hearts.



**ARE YOUR CANS FILLING UP?**  
 Lent is a time to be reminded of what we have & how we can help others!

# MARCH 2026

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

<p>8:45am Pancakes 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1:30 Brent's Bible Study</p> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p>9:30 Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:00pm AA</p>	<p>11:15 CCRC Worship Service</p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00 Lent</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>8:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Time change </p> <p><b>7</b></p>
<p>8:45am Pancakes 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship / Kids sing</p> <p><b>8</b></p>	<p>9:30 Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:00pm AA</p>	<p>11:15 CCRC Worship Service</p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00 Lent</p>	<p>9:30 Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p>8:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>14</b></p>
<p>8:45am Pancakes 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p> <p><b>15</b></p>	<p>9:30 Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:30am Ruth Circle</p> <p>7:00pm AA</p>	<p>11:15 CCRC Worship Service</p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00 Lent 8:00 Council</p>	<p>9:30 Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p>8:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>21</b></p>
<p>10:30am Worship/ 1:30pm Brent's Bible Study M &amp; M</p> <p><b>22</b></p>	<p>9:30 Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:00pm AA</p>	<p>11:15 CCRC Worship Service/ Buffet</p> <p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:00 Lent</p>	<p>9:30 Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p>8:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>28</b></p>
<p>8:45am Pancakes 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship / Kids sing</p> <p><b>29</b></p>	<p>9:30 Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:00pm AA</p>				

The Sanctuary for Lent 2026 provides readings for each day during Lent that include scripture, a short devotion, and a daily prayer. The booklets are in the back of the church.



## Easter Lilies

## and Spring Plants

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for the Easter Service, please fill out this insert and put in the offering plate or give to Sherrie in the church office. Please have your plant to the church by 10:00am Sat., April 4<sup>th</sup>. If you want the name listed in the Easter bulletin, I need this insert **by Wed., April 25<sup>th</sup>**. You are encouraged to take your plant home after the worship service so your family may enjoy it. Thank you!

In MEMORY  
of \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR  
of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

# Scandia Lutheran

## The Five Solas: A Lenten Perspective

*We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to scripture alone, for the glory of God alone.*

**Rediscover the foundation of the Lutheran faith**

**Apply theological beliefs to everyday life**

**Refocus Lent to what God has done for us**

## Scandia Fellowship Hall

**7:00 pm**

**Feb 25 Grace Alone**

**Mar 4 Faith Alone**

**Mar 11 Christ Alone**

**Mar 18 Scripture Alone**

**Mar 25 God's Glory**



## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Scandia Council held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, following Ash Wednesday Service. Council members present included Chuck Oster, Daniel Knutson, Ruth Stevens, Connie Petersen, Shane Rist, Char Adamson, Philip Christofferson, Kory Muller, Vonnie Knutson, and Joyce Vasgaard. Pastor Elan was not able to attend.

President Chuck Oster called the meeting to order.

**Secretary's minutes:** Secretary's minutes from January were reviewed. A correction was noted. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Char, seconded by Philip; motion carried.

Annual Meeting Ballot was reviewed and verified for church records.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kim Preheim joined the meeting to give the January treasurer's report. Motion by Kory to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Daniel; motion carried. Council briefly discussed utilizing different types of automated giving, such as Venmo. Kim then left the meeting.

The monthly Financial Secretary's report was reviewed by the council.

**President's report:** Chuck thanked council members for serving and emphasized the importance of meeting attendance. He asked members whether the meeting schedule works for everyone, if the newsletter is reaching congregation members, and whether the email list for newsletter needs updating. He also inquired about interest in the Synod newsletter and thanked members for their efforts with the media system.

### Committee Reports

**Education** – 5th graders will paint chalices on February 22 in Sunday School and will receive first communion on Maundy Thursday.

**Mission/Fellowship/Stewardship** – Coffee and cookies will be served after Lenten Services. A Thrivent grant has been obtained to assist with purchasing supplies.

**Property** – Cost estimates will be obtained for carpet project options.

**Worship and Music** – Pastor Carroll Marohl is organizing a committee meeting. Lenten Services will be in Fellowship Hall at 7 pm. Easter Sunday service will be at 8:30 am.

**Old Business:** Scandia Rental Agreement terms were discussed. Deposit checks will be held until event and returned after Council approval. Facility rent checks will be deposited upon receipt by Financial Secretary. Council tabled further discussion until March meeting.

A bid from Quint Pease for a replacement office computer was reviewed; price quoted was \$650–\$700. The bid does not cover software upgrades or any set-up/transfer charges. Motion made by Char, seconded by Joyce, to approve the purchase of new computer, upgraded software as needed, and setup; motion carried.

Carpet project was discussed. Cheryl Drew will obtain estimates for various carpet types to help determine project costs. Council members discussed replacing out

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door and ramp carpet. Motion by Daniel, seconded by Char, to get estimates for outdoor and ramp carpet; motion carried.

**New Business:** Members were updated on a SD Synod Zoom meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, which is a learning/training experience for council members. Joyce will register those who indicated an interest in taking part in the meeting.

Members discussed team/committee council representatives. Assignments are Char Adamson and Kory Muller (Christian Education); Joyce Vasgaard and Philip Christofferson (Ministry Team); Vonni Knutson (Worship and Music); Shane Rist and Daniel Knutson (Property).

Daniel informed the council that a TV was received for the family room, and a cordless mic system was given to the church for use in the Fellowship Hall.

Council discussed updating bank account access following officer elections. Motion made by Vonni to add President, Chuck Oster and Treasurer, Ruth Stevens as authorized signers for Scandia accounts and to remove Kim Preheim and Daniel Knutson as authorized signers for Scandia accounts; seconded by Char. Motion carried.

Contact information for credit card fraud notices was discussed per bank request. Motion was made by Vonni to add Ruth Stevens to credit card in addition to Courtney Blake; Kory seconded; motion carried.

Council reviewed policy for checks received from Funeral Homes for use of Fellowship Hall for visitations and funeral lunches. The Financial Secretary will deposit checks received for funerals into the budget funds, to cover facility use expenses.

A request for donations from Centerville After Prom Committee was discussed. Daniel made a motion to donate \$100 to After Prom, seconded by Vonni; motion carried. Centerville Ambulance request for donations was discussed. Daniel made a motion to donate \$50 to the Centerville Ambulance; seconded by Shane; motion carried.

The council addressed plans for brunch following the Easter Service. A sign-up sheet will be distributed during services to facilitate contributions of fruit and cinnamon rolls.

Joyce informed the council that she had been approached by a family interested in using memorial funds for shelving in the library. The family had talked with Roxanne Evans, who supported the idea. The council requested that the family submit detailed plans for the shelving to the Decorating Committee for approval before proceeding with the project.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, following Lenten Service.

President Chuck Oster adjourned the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Stevens, Council Secretary

## SIGN UP for Summer Camp!!

The brochures are on the board by the office or on line  
www.inspirationhills.org  
www.shetek.org.  
www.campoffice@myslcc.com

Scandia gives \$100.00 to help with camperships.



These are some ongoing needs/projects on Scandia's wish list.

- Fellowship Hall Carpet
- Paint the Sanctuary
- Clean and /or replace chair coverings in Fellowship Hall
- Outside Landscaping
- Replace carpeting on outside ramp
- Automatic Door Opener for south entry

If you would like to get your newsletter emailed to you please call the office or text Sherrie at 605-530-7910. We have been having problems with the email that we hope to have resolved. You may get the email from scandialutherangmail.com until Quint gets the email problem fixed. Thank you for your understanding.

We are working on the email at Scandia at this time (Office@scandialutheran.com). If you want to email something to the church please send to scandialutheran@gmail.com. Thank you so much we will let you know when Quint has it fixed.

**Our text messaging service** enables you to receive announcements directly to your phone via text message.

Text **"Scandia to 94000"** to opt in. **"Prayer Chain to 94000"** or **"Confirmation to 94000"**

If you have questions, please contact Sherrie(605-530-7910).

The residents of CCRC thank Scandia members for the salads and desserts, Comments heard: "Oh, I like that Salad!"

"That tastes like more, please." "That dessert was delicious!"

"I'll take TWO deviled eggs please."

## Altar Guild

Kathy Anderson &  
Jane Knutson

## Communion Assistants

Darrell & Heidi Mark

## USHERS for March

1 Nick & Courtney Blake & Family

8

15

22

26

29

## READERS for March

1 Lois Jean Smith

8

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If you would be able to usher a Sunday in March please call Allen Skotvold (605-359-9793).

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE for March

1 Jace Muller & Brooke Blake

8 Jace & Carter Muller

15 Drew Moore & Wesley Moore

22 Oakley Martz & Bryer Martz

26 Brooke Blake & Ellie Mark

29 Walker Bendert & Oakley 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 right in the bulletin.

**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 for your patience!**

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Pancakes 8:45am  
Sunday School 9:15am  
Worship 10:30am

Pastor  
Elan Ashby  
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Office Administrator:  
Sherrie Knudson

### March BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



#### March 4

Joan Knutson

#### March 5

Glenda Carlson  
Kelli Voog  
Vada Stevens  
Harrison Reif

#### March 6

Brody Moore  
Colby Moore

#### March 7

Riley Moore

#### March 10

Cory Simonsen  
Covin Wattier

#### March 12

Shalee Stevens

#### March 13

Miles Eide

#### March 14

Elaine Ostrem 80  
Grant Meyer

#### March 15

Kari Ostrem 50

Carleigh Reif

#### March 20

Owen Blake  
Trinity Ellis

#### March 21

Jan Stevens  
Troy Knudson

#### March 23

Leah Wiese

#### March 26

Heather Dangel  
Cheyenne Goodin  
Adam Hoelsing

Justin Van Hull

#### March 28

Harlan Knutson  
Justin Martz

#### March 29

Molly Pingrey  
Ian Nelson

#### March 5

Chris & Andrea  
Anderson

#### March 9

Cody & Jenni  
VanHull

#### March 27

Jon & Joan Peterson

