



# In Word & Deed

*“God With Us”*



**May & June 2026**

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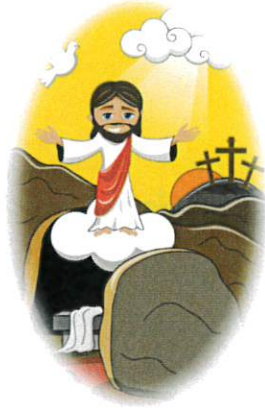
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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **The Reversals of Resurrection**



It's good that the season of Easter is 50 days long (49 if you want to be exact), because it takes some time to adjust to the life changing news that Jesus is risen. And though through the course of human history we've had over 2000 years to get used to it, in many ways we're still trying to understand what it means

for us. With that stunning news that the women received upon entering the empty tomb, all their fear and disappointment, their grief and despair are suddenly turned upside down. Jesus's horrible death on the cross had brought them to the lowest point they had ever known, and yet with that impossible news, "He is not here, he is risen!" their greatest hopes and dreams were fulfilled beyond their wildest expectation. And in Matthew's gospel, as they are running to tell the disciples the news, Jesus himself meets them, and they see and touch him and worship him face to face. He meets them beyond the grave with the promise that death is not the end for him, or for them. He has made a way through death to life with God forever. Alleluia, that wonderful Easter word, is the only response that makes sense when given a gift so amazing!

Because Jesus is risen, we too are like those women on that first Easter, grappling with what it could mean that he has taken in the worst that we or this world could throw at him and turned it around for good. Faith in Christ changes everything and suddenly life itself takes the shape of Jesus's death and resurrection. We become witnesses to this amazing news. His surprising life beyond the grave is ours, brand new, every day. Like a fountain overflowing, we live in that promise of abundant life, the promise flowing from our baptism into lives where sadness can open to joy, fear into confident trust, even death into life for all.

There's a prayer from St. Francis of Assisi that portrays this surprising gift of Easter beautifully, naming the reversals of resurrection for a people whose lives are shaped by Jesus. Praying the prayer itself can be one way to grapple with this stunning news, and to be tuned, like an 'instrument of peace,' to the reality that Jesus is risen.

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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**Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

Lord, Make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy;  
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

~ Peace in Christ, *Pastor Nathan*

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**Worship & Music Board**

The Lenten Season brought blessings to our entire community. Our shared services with Peace and Orleans Lutheran Churches were particularly meaningful, offering opportunities for fellowship and collective worship. These gatherings allowed us to deepen our connections with neighboring congregations, sharing prayers, music, and reflections that enriched the spiritual journey for all involved.

One of the highlights of Easter Sunday was the Fountain of Living Water, lovingly crafted by The Masters Hands. This beautiful centerpiece was placed at the front of the sanctuary, with water flowing gently from the stone, symbolizing renewal and hope. The visual and auditory experience of the fountain touched many hearts, creating a powerful moment of spiritual reflection and reminding us of the enduring promise of new life.

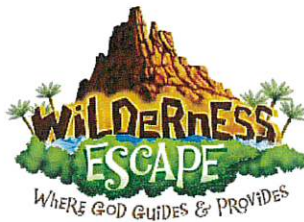
Our almsgiving offerings during Lent were truly generous, with 45 lbs of food and 104 lbs of non-food items collected. Thank you to Gary and Marti Ferrie for graciously delivering these donations to the Food Pantry, ensuring that our contributions reached those in need.

We also wish to recognize Charlotte Hebrink, who has resigned from the Worship & Music Board. Charlotte's heartfelt dedication and service have left a lasting impact on our fellowship - she will be deeply missed. We hope to fill her vacancy soon and invite anyone feeling called to serve to consider joining us. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Worship & Music Board, please reach out to Barb Larsen or Mary Olson after Sunday services. Your involvement will help us continue to nurture our worship life and musical ministries.

We are grateful to everyone who participated in our Lenten journey and for those who continue to serve our community with dedication. Your warmth, generosity, and spirit are the foundation of our shared faith.

# Faith Formation & GLOW

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2026  
(Sponsored by Immanuel, Orleans & Peace Churches)



Hosted at Peace & Orleans Churches  
July 19 - 22, 2026 ~ 6-8 p.m. - FREE!!

Sunday (19th) - Orleans ~ Kickoff/Campfire  
2969 Co Rd W14, Cresco  
Mon - Wed (20th-22nd) ~ Peace - 745 Co St, Ridgeway

Transportation provided ~ Come out and enjoy!!  
To register - fill out form [online-forms.gle/hAMnCyw2qV195Hxm7](https://forms.gle/hAMnCyw2qV195Hxm7) or  
email: [ridgewayparish@gmail.com](mailto:ridgewayparish@gmail.com) or call Darcy 563.387.7098!

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F3 IS CALLING ALL YOUTH  
IMMANUEL, ORLEANS & PEACE  
(GRADES 7TH - 12TH)



F3 is Faith, Fellowship & Fun!!

**May 15th - 16th - Lock-In**  
*Hosted at Immanuel Lutheran*  
(RSVP by May 1st - Thanks!)

An evening of praise, games, and  
spiritual connection



# Rogation Sunday – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

“So God  
made a  
Farmer!”



~ Paul Harvey  
1978 FFA  
Convention  
Published in 1986

*And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, “I need a caretaker.” So God made a farmer.*

*God said, “I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the field, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board.” So God made a farmer.*

*“I need somebody with arms strong enough to wrestle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild... somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait for lunch until his wife’s done feeding visiting ladies – then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon – and mean it.” So God made a farmer.*

*God said, “I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt... and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say ‘Maybe next year.’ I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. Who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon and then, painin’ from tractor back, put in another 72 hours.” So God made a farmer.*

*God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double-speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor’s place. So God made a farmer.*

*God said, “I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to wean lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadowlark.”*

*It had to be somebody who’d plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed, and brake, and disk, and plow, and plant, and tie the fleece and strain the milk, and replenish the self feeder... and finish a hard week’s work with a 5-mile drive to church.*

*Somebody who’d bale a family together with the soft, strong bonds of sharing... who would laugh, and then sigh... and then reply with smiling eyes when his son says that he wants to spend his life doing what Dad does. So God made a farmer.*



# 15th Annual "Back to School" Clothing Give-Away

**Thursday - Saturday, July 30, 31 & August 1**

**Thursday ~ 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Friday ~ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Saturday ~ 8 a.m. - Noon**

**Donations being taken NOW  
for preschool through adult/"teen appropriate"  
"gently used" & clean shirts, jeans, coats  
& tennis shoes!!**

**Please - NO ADULT CLOTHING OR SHOES!**

**(Feel free to drop off at the north door of Immanuel)**

**(Monetary donations always appreciated to buy  
NEW socks & underwear!! *Thanks!*)**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church (The Church with the Clock)  
305 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave West, Cresco, IA**

***NO DONATIONS TAKEN AFTER JULY 26th!***

**Any questions please contact:  
Church office at 563/547-2108  
Sue Easler at 563/379-9293  
Martha Rasmusson at 563/203-0400**

## SUMMARY OF IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES – April 9, 2026

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** The Website is done except the “Shared Ministry of Immanuel, Orleans and Peace” needs a bit more work. The Website will go live April 15 or 16. Motion passed to pay Nordic Tech of Decorah the remaining balance of \$965.54.

This is the year for the biennial C3 Event of the Northeastern Iowa Synod. It will be held June 6<sup>th</sup> in Waverly and is an opportunity for clergy and laymen to share ideas. This week Pastor Dan attended Continuing Education and Wartburg Seminary Reunion. Pastor Dan has been invited to give a presentation on Holy Listening at the Northeastern Iowa Synod meeting. The consensus is that the shared ministry is going well. Easter service at Immanuel was well attended and the new Fountain of Living Water at the front of the church was very popular.

**MISSION CONVERSATION:** The proposed new mission statement is “By God’s grace Immanuel Lutheran Church is a faith community striving to love and serve as disciples of Jesus.” The accompanying Bible verse is “Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:11. Members are encouraged to discuss the statement before it is voted on at the July Semi-Annual Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Steering Committee was developed as a result of the Shared Ministry. There are three members from each of the three churches. Immanuel’s committee members are Bob Omar, Judi Bina and Bill Seele. The Steering Committee reported everything is going well and there are no complaints. However, they are concerned about having enough income to meet budget requirements.

Board members learned about the new handbook they will need for transitioning to the new Board/Council structure that will begin in August.

Motion passed to have one youth account debit card and that it be in Pastor Dan’s name.

Motion passed to accept the resignation of Charlotte Hebrink from the Board of Worship and Music.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Endowment/Memorial Committee proposes spending \$2,520.00 of Endowment interest as follows: Grandpa Tom’s Barne (at the Howard County Fairgrounds) \$840.00, Riverside Bible Camp \$840.00, and GoServ Global (grain bin houses) \$840.00. Motion passed to approve the distribution of Endowment interest as proposed.

### **BOARD REPORTS:**

Stewardship & Finance – The board needs another member. The board is looking for ideas to encourage giving, to give out of love and to tie the three congregations together.

Worship & Music – Plans are being made for services at the Old Stone Church this summer. A survey form has been developed asking congregation members what volunteer positions they are interested in. The board recognizes there has to be better coordination of carrying in the flowers and distribution of communion on Easter morning.

Church Properties – The sewer has backed up at the rented parsonage.

Evangelism & Social Concerns – The freezers will be cleaned after the last GLOW community meal. Clothing racks will be set up in preparation for the Back to School Clothing Giveaway July 30, 31 and August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Youth Ministry – Youth will tie the blankets that will be given to the graduating high school seniors.

Christian Education – April 29<sup>th</sup> GLOW will end for the season but Faith Formation will continue into May. Vacation Bible School will be held in mid-July at Peace Lutheran Church. There are plans to have a Watermelon Feed in the parking lot.

Parish Fellowship – The board will print placemats. Plans are being made for High School Senior Recognition Sunday.

*This is a summary of the minutes of the April meeting.*

*Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting.*

**Treasurer's Report Summary**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	
Beginning Balance	<b>-\$10,930.01</b>	<b>\$3,148.92</b>	<b>General Fund</b>
General Fund Income	\$18,149.55	\$46,896.55	<b>Savings Account</b>
Reimbursed Income	\$991.94	\$15,123.25	<b>\$33,870.44</b>
Reimbursed Expenses	-\$2,880.00	-\$3,407.67	
Miscellaneous Income	\$14,729.92	\$27,096.31	
Miscellaneous Expenses	-\$278.94	-\$335.94	<b>Rent 2026</b>
Coffee Fellowship	-\$49.87	-\$190.04	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
General Fund Expenses	-\$7,367.90	-\$39,169.50	
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-\$21,328.16	-\$58,125.35	<b>ILC Miller Fund</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>-\$8,963.47</b>	<b>-\$8,963.47</b>	<b>Account Balance</b>
Operating Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$374,722.12</b>
Savings income	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>28-Feb-2026</b>
Savings expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>General Fund Ending Balance</b>	<b>-\$8,963.47</b>	<b>-\$8,963.47</b>	
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>			<b>A Sommer CD</b>
Beginning Balance	<b>\$223.72</b>	<b>\$276.72</b>	<b>\$14,102.90</b>
Men's Breakfast Income	\$268.00	\$495.00	
Men's Breakfast Expense	-\$174.44	-\$454.44	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$317.28</b>	<b>\$317.28</b>	
<b>Hands of the Master</b>			
Beginning Balance	<b>\$2,687.59</b>	<b>\$2,687.59</b>	
Hands of the Master Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hands of the Master Expense	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,187.59</b>	<b>\$1,187.59</b>	
<b>BENEVOLENCE FUND</b>			<b>Sent to the ELCA</b>
Beginning Balance	<b>\$2,409.70</b>	<b>\$1,730.57</b>	<b>March</b>
Income	\$2,879.50	\$10,558.63	<b>\$1,554.50</b>
Expenses	-\$1,904.50	-\$8,904.50	<b>2026</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$3,384.70</b>	<b>\$3,384.70</b>	<b>\$7,804.50</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>			<b>Pledged</b>
Beginning Balance	<b>\$15,058.42</b>	<b>\$8,704.42</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>
Income	\$200.00	\$6,554.00	
Expenses	-\$4,800.00	-\$4,800.00	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$10,458.42</b>	<b>\$10,458.42</b>	
<b>Luther League Account</b>			
Beginning Balance	<b>\$5,099.63</b>	<b>\$5,099.63</b>	
Youth Income	\$376.00	\$376.00	
Youth Expense	-\$35.95	-\$35.95	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$5,439.68</b>	<b>\$5,439.68</b>	
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$11,824.20</b>	<b>\$11,824.20</b>	

## Nominating Committee Update

With our semi-annual meeting quickly approaching, the Nominating Committee would like to introduce the new staggered election process that will be implemented. This year marks the beginning of the staggering of positions. To clarify this process, the committee developed a graph to help visualize and understand how the staggered elections will flow.

All positions will transition to a three-year election cycle starting in 2029. As the Nominating Committee begins the task of reaching out to members to find nominees for the 2026 election, this graph will serve as a helpful tool for understanding the new election structure.

### Role of At-Large Members

Since At-large members on the council are new this year, it is important to summarize their purpose and role. At-large members are elected by the congregation to ensure the church council reflects the diversity of the congregation in age, gender, race, and life experience. They bring fresh perspectives to the council's governance.

Because At-large members are not tied to any specific ministry, they are able to focus on the council's overall mission, vision, and administrative needs. Their presence helps ensure that the council is representative of the congregation and attentive to its evolving needs.

## Council Positions & Terms Guide

Council Position and Term	2026	2027	2028	2029
President, 3 yr	Elect Year 1 of 3	Year 2 of 3	Year 3 of 3	Up for election for 3 yr
V.P./Secretary, 2 yr	Elect Year 1 of 2	Year 2 of 2	Up for election to 3 yr term	Year 1 of 3
Treasurer, 1 yr	Elect Year 1 of 1	Up for election to 3 yr term.	Year 2 of 3	Year 3 of 3
At Large #1, 3 yr	Year 1 of 3	Year 2 of 3	Year 3 of 3	Election, Year 1 of 3
At Large #2, 2 yr	Year 1 of 2	Year 2 of 2	Election, Year 1 of 3	
At Large #3, 1 yr	Year 1 of 1	Election, Year 1 of 3	Year 2 of 3	Year 3 of 3

At-large members have full voting participation and offer flexible leadership, filling gaps in expertise and assisting with strategic planning.



The purpose of the **mutual ministry committee** is to provide support for the pastor and staff. The committee acts as a sounding board for the pastor and staff, providing Immanuel Lutheran Church members an avenue with which to express concerns, conflicts and successes as they arise. This committee can be a way to keep members informed about the church's mission and goals.

As we proceed through our trial year of shared ministry with Orleans and Peace, please keep this committee in mind. You can express the positives and the negatives to the mutual ministry committee as we journey together down this path of opportunity for shared ministry.

Members of this committee are Rod Bakken, Judi Bina, Lee Lindstrom, Jenny Matt, Jackie Tallman and Dale Vagts. They are always available to talk!

Their next meeting will be **June 14th at 4:45 p.m.** in the Conference Room.

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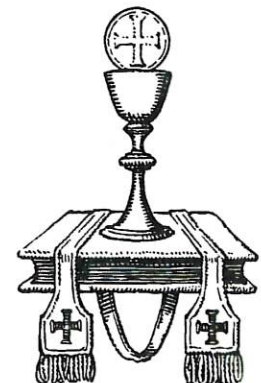
***Pastor Dan is celebrating an Anniversary!!***

*(No, not that it's time to cut his hair again!)*

***But the 10th Anniversary of his Ordination!***

*Come out on Sunday, May 24th as we celebrate the 10 year Anniversary of the day Pastor Dan was ordained as a Lutheran Minister!  
(Actual date is May 22, 2016)*





***Congrats to Pastor Dan  
& we look forward to seeing you all  
on the 24th to celebrate***





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<p><b>Pastor Dan Office Hours:</b>  <b>Mon Off</b>    <b>Tues - 1-4 p.m.</b>  <b>Wed 9-10 Staff Mtg - Peace</b>  <b>Wed 11-Noon/Visitations</b>  <b>Thur 9-Noon/Visitations</b>  <b>Thur 9:30 Staff Mtg - ILC</b>  <b>Fri - by appt</b></p>	<p><b>Cindy's Office Hours</b>  <b>Mon - Thurs</b>  <b>8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Fridays -</b>  <b>Office Closed!</b></p>		
<p>3            7:45 a.m. Adult Study (ILC)            9:00 a.m. Worship (ILC)            10:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (ILC)            10:30 a.m. Worship (P)            6:00 p.m. - Bible Study with Pastor Dan (ILC)</p>		<p>4     <i>Pastor Day Off!</i></p>	<p>5</p>  <p><i>4:30 - until food is all gone!</i>  <b>Mobile Food Pantry</b>  <b>Fairgrounds</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Nathan Cont Ed</i> →</p>
<p>10    7:45 a.m. Adult Study (ILC)            9:00 a.m. Worship (ILC)  <b>Senior Recognition Sunday!</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (ILC)            10:30 a.m. Worship (O)            6:00 p.m. - Bible Study with Pastor Dan (ILC)</p>	<p><b>Happy Mothers Day!!</b></p> 	<p>11     <i>Pastor Day Off!</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Pastor Nathan Vaca 11-13th</i></p>
<p>17            <b>Rogation Sunday!</b></p> <p>7:45 a.m. Adult Study (ILC)            9:00 a.m. <b>Rogation Worship (ILC)</b>            10:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (ILC) - <b>Bring a Rhubarb Treat!!</b>            10:30 a.m. Worship (P)  <b>2:00 p.m. CHS Graduation</b>            6:00 p.m. - Bible Study with Pastor Dan (ILC)</p> 		<p>18     <i>Pastor Day Off!</i></p>	<p>19</p>
<p>24    7:45 a.m. Adult Study (ILC)            9:00 a.m. Worship (ILC)            10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/Celebration (ILC)            10:30 a.m. Worship (O)            6:00 p.m. - Bible Study with Pastor Dan (ILC)</p>	<p><b>PENTECOST</b>            (Wear Red!)</p> <p><b>Congratulations</b>  <b>Pastor Dan</b>  <b>10-yr Anniversary</b>  <b>Ordination!!</b></p>	<p>25    <b>Office Closed—Holiday!!</b></p> <p><b>Memorial Day Celebration!</b>            10:00 a.m.—Court House Lawn!</p>  <p><i>Pastor Day Off!</i></p>	<p>26</p>
<p>31    7:45 a.m. Adult Study (ILC)            9:00 a.m. Joint Worship (I, O, &amp;P)            10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (ILC)            6:00 p.m. - Bible Study with Pastor Dan (ILC)</p>		<p>Pastor Nathan            Vacation            31 May - 6 Jun</p>	

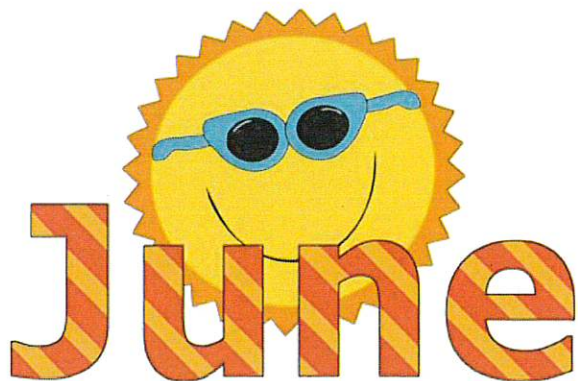
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Radio Broadcasts on KCZQ radio FM 102.3: Sunday morning services at 9:00 am  
 and "Devotions to Begin Your Day" Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:05 am

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>No Wednesday Night Worships (WoW) May - August 2026</i></p>		<p>1</p> <p><i>Office Closed!</i></p>	<p>2</p>
<p>6</p> <p>5:30 p.m. GLOW Wrap Up Mtg</p> <p>6-7:30 p.m. Faith Formation</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Build/Deliver school backpacks</p>  <p>6:30 p.m. Board Meetings 7:00 p.m. Church Council (ILC)</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Office Closed!</i></p> <p><i>uij</i></p>	<p>9</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Circle of Grace Meeting/Devotion</p> <p>6-7:30 p.m. Faith Formation</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Build/Deliver school backpacks</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Office Closed!</i></p> <p><i>Newsletter Calendar Items Due</i></p>	<p>16</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Backpacks—FINAL DAY!</p> <p>6-7:30 p.m. Faith Formation</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p>  <p>5:00 p.m. Hymn Selection</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Last 1/2 Day of School!!</p> <p><i>Office Closed!</i></p>	<p>23</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Office Closed!</i></p>	<p>30</p>



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<p><b>7</b>            8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Adult Study (ILC)            9:00 a.m. Worship - Chicago Folk Service (ILC)            10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (ILC)            10:30 a.m. Worship (P)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Dan (ILC)</p>	<p><b>8</b>    <i>Pastor Day Off!</i></p> <p> <b>FLAG Day!!!</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p> <b>FOOD PANTRY</b>  <b>4:30 - food is gone!</b>  <b>Mobile Food Pantry</b></p>
<p><b>14</b>    <b>God's Work ... Our Hands Sunday!!</b> (Wear Your Shirt!!)            8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Adult Study (ILC)            9:00 a.m. Worship (ILC)            10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (ILC)            10:30 a.m. Worship (O)            5:45 p.m. Mutual Ministry (ILC)            6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Dan (ILC)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Day Off!</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>21</b>    <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Adult Study (ILC)            9:00 a.m. - Worship (ILC)            10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (ILC)            10:30 a.m. Worship (P)            6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Dan (ILC)</p>	<p><b>22</b>    <b>WIC 8:30-4:30</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Day Off!</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Adult Study (ILC)            9:00 a.m. Worship (ILC)            10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (ILC)            10:30 a.m. Worship (O)            6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Dan (ILC)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Day Off!</i></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>






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<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<p>3 8:30 a.m. Circle of Grace working on Clothing</p> <p><i>No Wednesday Night</i></p>	<p>4 7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast</p> <p><b>6:30 p.m. Board Meetings</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Council Mtg (ILC)</b></p>	<p>5 <b>2026 NEIA Synod Assembly @ Cedar Falls, IA</b></p> <p><i>Office Closed!</i></p>	<p>6 <b>2026 NEIA Synod Assembly @ Cedar Falls, IA</b></p>
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<p>17 8:30 a.m. Circle of Grace working on Clothing</p> <p><i>No Wednesday Night</i></p>	<p>18 7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast</p> <p><b>19 - 21 June City Wide Garage Sales</b></p>	<p>19 <i>Newsletter Calendar Items Due</i></p> <p><i>Office Closed!</i></p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24 8:30 a.m. Circle of Grace working on Clothing  <b>24 - 28 June</b>  <b>Mighty Howard County Fair</b></p>  <p><i>No Wednesday Night</i></p>	<p>25 7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast</p>	<p>26 <b>Youth in Moo Mobile 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m</b></p>  <p><i>Office Closed!</i></p>	<p>27</p>

## May 2026—Worship Assistants

	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
May 3, 2026 Sunday	Charlotte Hebrink & Mary Olson	Gary & Sharon Johnson	Sue Easler	Sharon Johnson	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Jenny Matt
May 10, 2026 Sunday	Steve & Wendy Johnson	NO WEDNESDAY Rod & Nancy Bakken	WoW WORSHIP Cindy Yslas	NO WEDNESDAY Rod Bakken	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Bob Gast
May 17, 2026 Sunday	Kenny & Wendy Lueschow	NO WEDNESDAY Bill & Cheryl Seele	WoW WORSHIP Sonia Ollendieck	NO WEDNESDAY Bill Seele	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Matt Gates
May 24, 2026 Sunday	Mary Gunhus & Martha Rasmusson	NO WEDNESDAY Merle & Marge Sovereign	WoW WORSHIP Lindsey Johnson	NO WEDNESDAY Cindy Yslas	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Bob Omar
May 31, 2026 Sunday	Kelly Praska & LaVonne Beck	NO WEDNESDAY Dave & Jenny Matt	WoW WORSHIP Dale Vagts	NO WEDNESDAY Dale Vagts	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Al Voyna

***Whoever loves a brother or sister abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. 1 John 2:10***

What does it mean to belong to an ELCA congregation in Northeastern Iowa? While each of our 138 congregations has a unique story, we also share common challenges and opportunities, especially as many of our communities experience population decline.

The **2026 Northeastern Iowa Synod A/B/C3 (Abiding, Belonging, Creative, Collaborative Congregations)** will help congregations understand their local context and imagine new ways to be places of abiding and belonging. Participants will gain insight into demographic realities, learn how communities are responding creatively, and reflect on current trends in ELCA congregations. Dr. Megan O'Toole of **Iowa Shrink Smart (ISU)** will share demographic data and teach how contracting communities can work together for the good of all. We will conclude with worship and recognition of the first cohort completing the synod's lay training program.

**What:** Abiding, Belonging, Creative, Collaborative Congregations (A/B/C3)  
**Where:** St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 301 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, Waverly

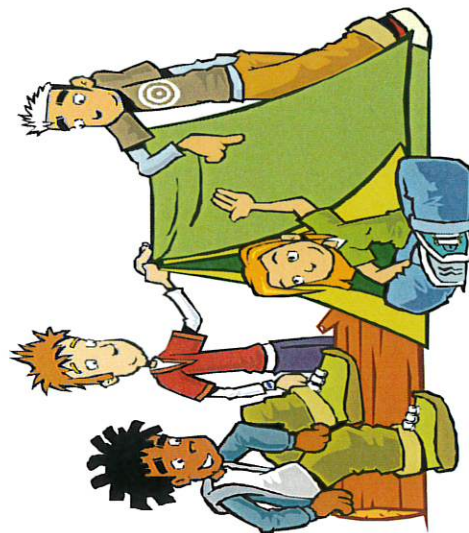
**When:** Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Who:** ELCA congregation members and rostered leaders

**Cost:** \$50 per person (including lunch). (ILC covers cost) This event replaces a Synod Assembly. Registration deadline is May 22.

**See the office or either Pastor if interested in attending or with any questions you may have!**

## June 2026—Worship Assistants

	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
June 7, 2026 Sunday	Doug Berg & Kelly Buehler	Manley & Linda Bigalk	Tanya Fencil	Judi Bina	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Kenny Lueschow
NO WEDNESDAY MAY—AUG							
June 14, 2026 Sunday	Lewie & Thea Perkins	Cindy Yslas & Matt Hemann	Sue Easler	Sharon Johnson	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Jenny Matt
NO WEDNESDAY MAY—AUG							
June 21, 2026 Sunday	Mike Henry & Leonard Zeller	Sharon Ollendieck & Judi Bina	Sonia Ollendieck	Sue Easler	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Bob Gast
NO WEDNESDAY MAY—AUG							
June 28, 2026 Sunday	Mary Olson & Charlotte Hebrink	Phyllis Barth & Sonia Ollendieck	Dale Vagts	Dale Vagts	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Matt Gates



### SUMMER CAMP!!

**FINAL CALL** to register your kiddos for EWALU, Riverside or any other local bible camp!

See the office to apply for scholarships awarded to all our kids to ensure an amazing experience and life long memories!!



### Senior Recognition & Blanket presentation ...

Join us on May 10th when we will honor our 2026 Graduating Seniors!!

Need each Senior to contact the office to RSVP & discuss final graduating information and expectations!!

Thanks & See you all then!



## Radio Broadcast Sponsorship - May & June 2026

- May 3, 2026 In gratitude for the dedicated teachers, helpers and cooks associated with our GLOW and Faith Formation program this year. Prayers for all those and our kiddos as we end a busy school year and enter an even busier summer!
- May 10, 2026 In memory of Shirley Lueschow. Shirley was born on May 14, 1936 and passed away on January 18, 2021. By Kenny & Wendy Lueschow and family
- May 17, 2026 In loving memory of Mike Pierce. Mike was born on May 16, 1952 and passed away on March 29, 2011. Sponsored today by his sister LeAnne Lewis & family.
- May 24, 2026 Sponsored by Sue Easler in loving memory of her parents Evelyn and Vernon Gronbach. Evelyn was born on May 30, 1922 and passed away in 1979 and Vernon was born in Oct 9, 1916 and passed away in 2000.
- May 31, 2026 In loving memory of Agnes (passed in 2011) & Cletus Meyer (passed in 2006) and Peter Olsgard Sr. (passed in 2025). Sponsored by Tom & Connie Meyer and family.
- June 7, 2026 in loving memory of Ray & Mary Ann Vobr. Ray was born on June 7, 1925 and passed on February 13, 2022 and Mary Ann was born on January 9, 1927 and passed on April 16, 2000. Sponsored today by Dennis & Rhonda Vobr & family.
- June 14, 2026 In loving memory of Ellen Halstead. Ellen was born on June 12, 1935 and passed away on April 2, 2016. Sponsored today by her husband Wayne Halstead and family.
- June 21, 2026 In loving memory of Dawn (Davis) Meyer. Dawn was born on December 31, 1974 and passed away on June 25, 2007. Sponsored by her mother Sue Easler and family.
- June 28, 2026 In loving memory of JoAnn Hale (Franks) born May 3, 1938 and she passed on June 25, 2015. Sponsored by her daughters Barb Larsen and Vicky Reicks.

### Adult Education Opportunity

**Sunday morning Adult Education** is watching *The Chosen (when available)* & enjoying amazing conversations each week & it's impact on each member. All are invited to join at 8:00 am - 8:45 am



### Sunday Evening Adult Study

**Adult Bible Study** meets with Pastor Dan on **Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m.** Continuing in the Word, we share in-depth discussions of the impact of that word on our daily lives. Adding prayer and communion to each evening, we join in a complete time of worship & fellowship!

### Prayers of Healing, Comfort and Guidance

Stacey Anderson, Sara Breitsprecher, Megan Bruess, Judy Carman, Sammy Evenson, SueAnn Ferrie, Dick Franks, Jordon Grube, Derek Grube, Charlotte Hebrink, Ron Herbison, David Jacobson, Ben Kalainoff, Malissa Kappes, Jennifer Klein, Bill Kosters, JoAnne Kratz, Greta Kulju, Paula Lopic, Sheri Lyons, Brad McCarroll, Charlotte McCarroll, Marinus Mlady, Sandra Peter, Connor Rustad, Jason Smith, Gary Stoddard, Sean Vagts, Stewart, Christie, Jim, Maria, Nicholas, Paul & Tim  
*(Please see the office if anyone currently listed on the Prayer List no longer needs to be listed or you would like to list someone new to the list! Thanks!)*

### Loved Ones Serving Our Country

Connor Rustad

*For all our service men & women serving our Country ~ Families ... please let the office know of your family member currently serving to be listed here by name. Thanks!*

### Friends & Family in Care Centers or RSHHC

Sara Breitsprecher, Dick Franks, JoAnne Kratz, Sandra Peter & Helen Schmauss

## A testimony from a grateful family:



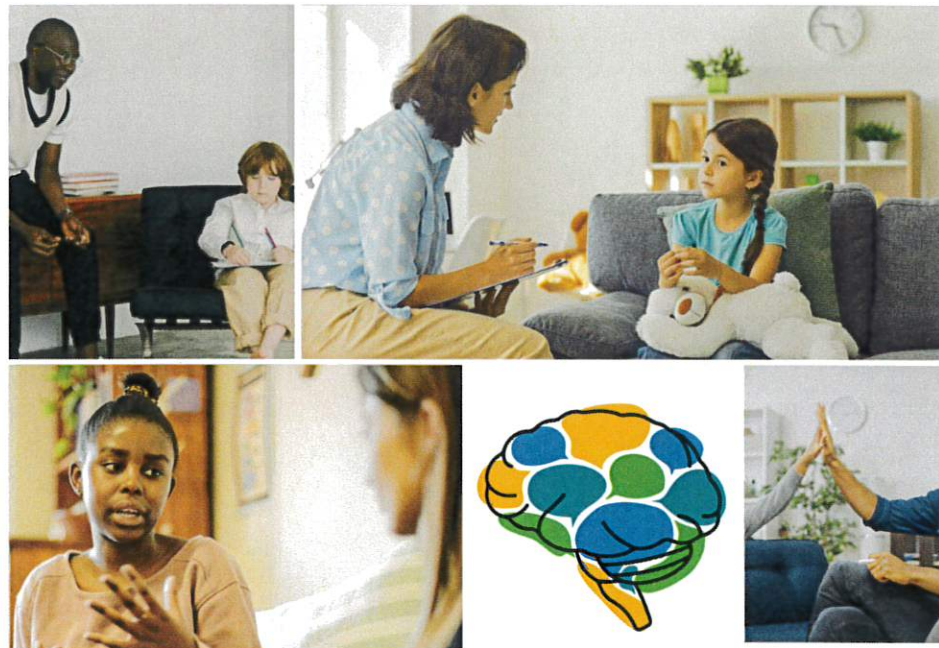
“We first learned about LSI’s school-based therapy program through our son’s school counselor. We had wanted to get him into therapy for a long time, but it often felt out of reach. We do not have many extra resources, and finding a provider in Dubuque with availability for a child under 12 was incredibly difficult. On top of that, we both work and did not know how we would manage getting him to appointments during or after the school day.

When we found out that therapy could take place right at his school, it truly felt like an answer to our prayers. He did not have to miss much class, we did not have to take time off work, and he was able to meet with someone in a place where he already felt comfortable.

Even after getting connected, we still had concerns. Our insurance included a copay that was difficult for us to afford. LSI let us know that financial assistance was available to help cover those costs, as long as we remained committed to his treatment. That support made all the difference. Without it, I do not think we would have been able to continue.

Our son has only been in therapy for about six weeks, but we are already beginning to see small changes. He seems to be learning new ways to manage his emotions and is starting to talk more about what is bothering him instead of shutting down or acting out. We know he still has a long road ahead, but for the first time in a long time, we feel hopeful.

We are so grateful for this opportunity and for the support LSI has provided to our family. Without this program and the financial assistance, I truly do not know if our son would have been able to receive the help he needs.”



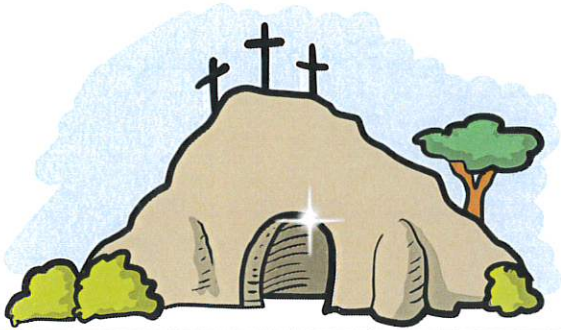
*LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.*



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