



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2: Beth Arnold, Jim Brandt
- 3: Zachary Trent, Lynn Arnold
- 4: Gary Blue, Emma Venegas
- 6: Melissa Roberts
- 7: Joy Pratt, Steven Mingus
- 8: Alexander Hansen, **Lance & Rhiannon Camp**
- 9: Adison Punkham
- 10: Chad Wagner
- 11: Rick Timm
- 12: Marian Johnson
- 14: Vincent Phompong
- 16: Ratana Phiwthong, Rick Weiss, Erik Jewsbury
- 17: Marilyn Eggers
- 18: Jadon Moss
- 21: Trent Sielaff, **Loran & Janet Seiser**
- 22: Casey Brueggeman
- 25: Lois Petersen
- 26: Jared Stricker
- 27: Zachary Mingus, Amanda Miner
- 29: **Emily & Blakely Bochmann**
- 30: Naomi Pierson

## THOSE SERVING IN



### Elders/Ushers:

- 2: Bill Breitenkamp, Dale Blue (Maundy Thursday)
- 3: Rick Rasmussen (Good Friday)
- 4: Richard Rieck (Holy Saturday)
- 5: Rick George, Ryan Branning, Ryan Irvin (7am Service)
- 5: Bill Breitenkamp, Darryl Pagel, John Vulgamott (10am Service)
- 12: Rick Rasmussen, Harrison Hayes, Ryan Branning
- 19: Richard Rieck, Ryan Irvin, Darryl Pagel
- 26: Rick George, John Vulgamott, Harrison Hayes

### Altar:

Steve & Diane Doering

### Screens:

- 5: Beth Brandt (Easter Sunrise)
- 5: Emily Bochmann (Easter 10:00 AM)
- 12: Lorilee Seiser
- 19: Arlene Blue
- 26: Nancy Long

### Organists:

Lavonne Breitenkamp

### Greeters:

- 5: Duane & Diane Madoerin
- 12: Wayne & Roberta Johnson
- 19: Bill & Marilyn Eggers
- 26: Bill Breitenkamp & Jo Reaman

### Audio/Visual:

- 2: Linda George (Maundy Thursday)
- 3: Jasmin/Lila Venegas (Good Friday)
- 5: Will Breitenkamp (Easter Sunrise)
- 5: Renate Venegas (Easter 10:00 AM)
- 12: Linda George
- 19: Jasmine/Lila Venegas
- 26: Will Breitenkamp

### PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR MARCH

Baptized: 460

Confirmed: 296

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### Worship Times

Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 am  
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 Lao Sunday School & Bible Class @ 12  
 Lao Divine Service @ 1:00 pm

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## From the Pastor's Desk

April 2026

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This morning as I drove back from teaching at St. Paul Lutheran School in Fort Dodge, I saw something on the highway that announced loud and clear that spring has arrived: a farmer towing a cultivator. It reminded me that it's really about time I cultivated my garden. I try and take my cue from the professionals when it comes to seed time and harvest, being an amateur myself.

It got me thinking about the whole business of cultivation. The dictionary definition for cultivation starts with the act of breaking up the soil to form a suitable seedbed, but goes on to list secondary definitions that include caring for plants throughout their lifecycle. From that agricultural definition, we derive the sense that applies to personal traits or habits e.g., "she cultivated a taste for fine literature". We cultivate what we cannot force.

In the case of seeds, we cannot force growth. We can give the seed the ideal conditions, we can apply the appropriate treatments, we can follow the instructions, but we cannot grab the roots or the shoot and yank them out of the hull. In the case of cultivating habits, we cannot wake up one day and decide to be instantly familiar with the collected works of Shakespeare or experts in all the varieties of Japanese teas: one would have to spend countless hours steeped in the material to gain an appreciation for the particulars.

The same dynamic exists in sharing the good news of Christ Jesus with others. St Paul writes to the church in Corinth,

"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

I Corinthians 3:5-9

## April Events

Tuesdays: **Christians In Action** @ 9:00 am  
**Food Pantry:** April 7, 14, 31  
 @ 4-6:00 pm  
**Mobile Food Pantry** April 21 at St. Thomas

### MEETINGS:

**Board of Trustees:** April 7 @ 6:00pm  
**Board of Ed:** April 1 @ 4:30pm  
**Board of Evangelism & Fellowship:** April 1 @ 6:00pm  
**Board of Elders:** April 13 @ 7:00pm  
**LWML:** April 20 @ 1:30pm  
**Council Meeting:** April 15 @ 7:00pm  
**Voters Meeting:** April 29 @ 7:00pm



## March Report

as of 03/24

**Food Pantry:** 130 Families 433 Individuals  
**Mobile Food Pantry:** 130 Families 281 Individuals

For April, we would like donations of  
 Canned Fruits, Pasta, Pasta Sauce and Toothbrushes  
 Thank you to everyone who helped with the  
 food pantry or mobile food bank!

Contact Phyllis Bisbee if you can help with the  
 Food Pantry

### 2026 Bible Reading

#### April

- 1 - I Corinthians 9-10
- 2 - Exodus 1-4
- 3 - I Samuel 16-20
- 4 - Psalms 39-41
- 5 - Job 27-28
- 6 - Jeremiah 7-11
- 7 - Mark 7-8
- 8 - I Corinthians 11-12
- 9 - Exodus 5-8
- 10 - I Samuel 21-25
- 11 - Psalms 42-44
- 12 - Job 29-30
- 13 - Jeremiah 12-16
- 14 - Mark 9-10
- 15 - I Corinthians 13-14
- 16 - Exodus 9-12
- 17 - I Samuel 26-31
- 18 - Psalms 45-47
- 19 - Job 31-32
- 20 - Jeremiah 17-21
- 21 - Mark 11-12
- 22 - I Corinthians 15-16
- 23 - Exodus 13-16
- 24 - II Samuel 1-4
- 25 - Psalms 48-50
- 26 - Job 33-34
- 27 - Jeremiah 22-26
- 28 - Mark 13-14
- 29 - II Corinthians 1-3
- 30 - Exodus 17-20

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It is very easy for us, in our desire to be in control, to get impatient and frustrated about our efforts to bring people to Christ and the apparent ineffectiveness of our labor. We want to sow the seed and see it spring up that very hour. Now it is true that there are times when speaking the Word of God to someone, bringing Scripture to bear on a situation, will have an immediate and lasting effect. We should always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15). But it is usually the case that these things take time. It may take months or years of showing Christ's love to a person in word and deed for them to see the light. It may be that others will see the fruits of the seeds you sow. An anonymous Greek proverb states that "societies grow great when men plant trees in whose shade they will never sit." Christians do well when we cultivate the ground and sow the seed of God's Word according to His command, content to wait patiently for God to give the growth. The power to give and increase faith is the Lord's; we are but unworthy servants doing the master's work according to His command (Luke 17:10)

As we continue to grow in Christ, let us cultivate the fruit of the spirit in our homes, the love of the Lord and His gifts in our congregation, and faithful witness to His saving grace offered to all.

Pastor Joe Pierson

On March 3, Julie Mann, IOWAY ( Individual Outreach with Adults and Youth ) visited CIA to inform us of IOWAY activities. LERT ( Lutherans Emergency Relief Training ) is important for disaster clean up. The Swadling project is becoming a real need in the District. Julie suggested starting with diapers and wipes available to the community needs. Global Missions, Minneapolis takes our bandages. She is planning a 2-day trip to volunteer to see the facility and work. She mentioned the Rose Bowl parade float information will be available in August. The Moulton school in Des Moines and another school in the area have 500 students of various nationalities who are needy. Part of what Julie picked up today will be going there. Julie went home with 21 fleece blankets, 130 loom hats, and 2,151 rolled bandages. We thank the Lord for his many Blessings on these projects. Everyone is invited to join CIA on Tuesdays, 9-11 am to work on the projects.

