



Edison Lutheran Church

THE PARISH VISITOR

MARCH 2026



Dear People of God,

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

-John 3:30¹

“I hope they forget about me and just remember Jesus.”

When I was a pastor in my first congregation, there was a Missouri Synod Lutheran (LCMS) pastor who served two congregations in towns on either side of mine. Though we were pastors in different Lutheran denominations that have not historically worked together, we had a good collegial relationship, even meeting for lunch together from time to time.

The churches, too, were more connected than you might expect ELCA and LCMS congregations to be. These were small towns, and so people in one congregation often knew people in the other congregations, and it was not uncommon for people to move from one congregation to another despite the denominational difference. When there aren't that many Lutherans around, I guess you can't be all that picky!

One of these “transfers” was a man named Bob. Bob was someone who had not grown up with any involvement in church and had only started coming to church when he married a Lutheran woman later in life. It was there at that LCMS church that the gospel of Jesus began to hit home for him, and after going through catechism classes with the pastor there, he became deeply passionate about Jesus and deeply rooted in faith. Even after he and his wife had become members of my congregation, Bob was always eager to sing the praises of that LCMS pastor that had done so much for him.

Shortly after Bob and his wife joined my congregation, I remember checking in with my LCMS colleague about all this. It can be awkward when members move from one congregation to another for all sorts of reasons, and I wanted to be open with him about the change and to also share with him just how highly Bob spoke of him. We pastors have egos, after all, and we are just as liable to bruising them as anyone else. His response, however, caught me by surprise: “I hope they forget about me and just remember Jesus.”

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Now, that might sound a bit cliché, as though he was just being humble and saying the things a pastor is supposed to say, but I think he truly meant what he said. As far as I could tell, he was genuinely happy that these two former members of his had found a place to worship, and he truly hoped that their love for Jesus would eclipse any love they had for him.

In the verse quoted at the top of the article, John the Baptist says something very similar. In this verse, he is responding to a complaint that his disciples are bringing to him regarding what Jesus and his disciples are doing. Jesus has gained quite a following, and people are flocking to him to be baptized. As a result, fewer and fewer people are coming to see John.

In response to their complaint, John reaffirms what he has said from the very beginning: “I am not the Messiah.” He then compares the situation to a wedding in which Jesus is the groom, the people are the bride, and John is simply one of the groomsmen: “He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom who stands and hears him rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled.” (John 3:29)

While John’s disciples see Jesus and his disciples as rival teachers in this religious revival, John recognizes that his call has always been to point people to Jesus. Just as it would be inappropriate for one of the groomsmen to try and steal the bride’s attention from her betrothed at her wedding, so it would be wrong for John and his disciples to try and come between the people and Jesus. The attendants in the wedding are there for the support of the bride and the groom; their joy comes not from being the center of attention, but of standing to the side and listening to the voice of the bride and groom declaring their love for one another. Though the attendants may receive lots of attention when they first process in, as the wedding continues they fade into the background. The bride and groom increase, but the wedding attendants decrease.

Pastors and worship leaders do well to remember this. Though we are in the front and are in some ways the center of attention, the goal of worship is for the congregation to meet with Jesus like a bride and a groom on their wedding day. The leaders, the music, the liturgy, even the space itself—all this should in some way fade to the background and make way for Christ. Easier said than done, perhaps; yet it is my recurring prayer every Sunday.

But this is true not only for formal worship leaders, but all Christians. Whether we know it or not, we are ambassadors of Christ in all that we do. Whoever we are and wherever we go, the Spirit of God goes with us. Our words and our actions become opportunities for the Spirit to work, drawing people to the God who in Jesus Christ has reconciled the world to himself. When this happens, it is for us to step aside and get out of the way, rejoicing at the words exchanged by Jesus and his beloved.

I am convinced that the Spirit does most of this without our awareness; what better way to keep our ego in check! And of course, that very same Spirit is using the words and actions of others to draw us anew to Jesus, refreshing us again in the Love who sustains us, wedding us again to the One who has betrothed himself to us so that our joy may be complete.

Your brother in Christ,
-Pastor John



Please Join Us For Worship
at
Edison Lutheran Church
Every Sunday at 10:30 am

Worship Attendance

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| February 1: | 130 |
| February 8: | 125 |
| February 15: | 96 |
| February 22: | 124 |
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| Average: | 119 |

Church Financial Update for January

January Giving: \$21,794 (Thank you!)
 2026 Budget Goal Through January: \$30,527
 2026 Total Giving Through January: \$21,794
(\$8,794 below goal)

The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation's ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!



| OUR CHURCH COUNCIL 2025—2026 | | <i>*Committee Liaison</i> | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Patsy Martin, President | <i>*Stewardship</i> | Cheryl Conner | <i>*Social Concerns</i> |
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Holy Week Worship – Mark Your Calendars



Palm Sunday Worship is **March 29 at 10:30 am**. Please gather in the Fellowship Hall, where we will begin our service by singing as we process into the sanctuary carrying palms.

Maundy Thursday Worship is **April 2nd at 7:00 pm** at Edison Lutheran Church.

Good Friday Worship is **April 3rd, Time & Location TBD**

Easter Breakfast is April 5th between 8:45 and 10:00 am. **Easter Worship** is at 10:30 am.

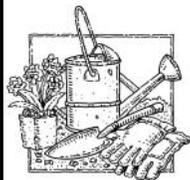


Wednesday Lenten Services

Please join us for our soup supper at 5:30 pm and Lenten Services at 6:15 pm on **Wednesday, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 6:15 pm.**

We are using the "Joyous Light Evening Prayer" booklet.

But first, join us at **5:30 pm for a soup supper** each week. Sign up to help with the soup dinner on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall.



Do you want to help the church look beautiful for Holy Week?

The Property & Management Committee has a deal for you. Yes, you can have fun in the sun with friends while helping the church! We would like to invite you to a "Spring clean-up" work party scheduled for **Saturday March 21st starting at 9:00 a.m.** This clean-up party will be packed with twice as much fun and excitement as the past Spring clean ups! We hope to see you there.

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements

One Parish One Prisoner: We are looking for 1-2 more people to join our church team. It only takes about 4 hours a month and can make a huge difference in a prisoner's life. This is certainly a way you can care for your neighbor. Contact the office or Pastor John for more information.

Martha's Place, the apartments built to provide stable living for previously unhoused people, requested mugs for their residents. Thanks to the donation of a couple large collections we already have 100 mugs to give to the cause. At this point we need to ask you to limit donations to **no more than 5 mugs from a household**. Martha's Place has added that they are in need of **plates (any size but no saucers), bowls, and silverware**. There is still opportunity to clear out some cupboard space! They welcome donations of **new or clean, gently used pillows** as well. Place items in the Narthex Hallway.

Thrivent members: Did you know you can apply for **two \$250 grants every year**? You are eligible if you have Thrivent investment products. If you would like help to tap into this member benefit that supports community ministries please contact Anne Kuntz (360) 424-9099.

Josephine Caring Community needs Birdseed: Josephine CC needs birdseed for the feeders. With the winter weather, the birds are relying on the feeders and the residents love watching them. Please bring birdseed to church, Josephine's, or consider donating money to buy birdseed. Write 'Birdseed' in the memo of checks. Contact the office or Anne Kuntz for more information.

Thanks to all who attended the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**. It was a wonderful event! A special thank you to everyone who organized, shopped, cooked, entertained us, and cleaned up! The free-will offering has added **\$1,750 to our Edison Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund**. We will keep the fundraiser open for two more Sundays in case you didn't get a chance to donate.

Easter Breakfast: We will be celebrating Easter on **April 5th**. Please join our church family for Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall. Our amazing Parish Life Committee will be serving breakfast on this joyful day from **8:45 - 10:00 am. All are welcome!**

Mark Your Calendar: Are you ready for some fun in the sun? You will love this one: **Saturday, March 21st from 9:00am-12:00pm is spring cleaning day** at the church. We have inside and outside jobs. Remember, **many hands make light work**. We guarantee you will have fun or your money back. Contact the Property & Management Committee or the church office for more information.

College Scholarship Applications are due April 15

There are several scholarships available for the **2026-2027 school year**, including the Einer & Ruby Knutzen scholarship we share with Burlington Lutheran. Complete applications must be **received** (not post marked) by the correct church office (hard copy or electronic) **no later than 11:59 pm April 15, 2026**. Applications are available on our website and in the narthex. You can start working on three letters of recommendation. Those are always those most difficult to get on time...start now! Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. **The key to success is to carefully follow the instructions and have the complete package, including letters of recommendation turned into the correct church on time.** Contact the church office for more information.

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

Pastor's Bible Study -- Mondays at 5:30 pm

Join Pastor John for Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays at 5:30 pm. We will study the text for the following Sunday. Look in the bulletin for the next Sunday's readings.

Contact the office if you have questions.

All Are Welcome!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on **Wednesday, March 18th at 10 am** in the Fellowship Hall. We are continuing our discussion on the attributes of the historical Jesus. "Jesus as a teacher of "alternative" wisdom is the topic this month, as we look at the many ways in which the wisdom of Jesus was counter to the conventional wisdom of his culture. **All women are welcome.**

Need a Name Tag? We have new members and visitors to our lovely church. Please wear your name tags everyday so we can get to know each other. It would be very helpful to leave them on during fellowship as well. Also, if you are a **regular visitor and would like a name tag**, please let the office know. We don't have temporary name tags, but we are more than happy to make you a name tag. It's as easy as making a temporary one!

Christ in Our Home devotional booklets: We have the **April-June Christ In Our Home** booklets available. We have a few large print versions. They are available in the narthex or contact the office.

Sunday School: Spring Break for Sunday School will be **Sunday, April 5th and 12th**. There will not be Sunday School on Easter; we will all be enjoying the Parish Life Easter Breakfast! For planning purposes, the last day of Sunday School will be **May 17th**, which will also be **Youth Sunday!**

Edison Lutheran Church Scholarship

Last year Edison Lutheran Church gave scholarships to 11 church college students. **Many of you have asked about the opportunity to give donations to help these students attend school in 2026.** The church council approved the opportunity for these donations to be added to an existing account in the Edison Lutheran Church's budget called ELC Scholarship Fund. Additional donations will be added to this account. These funds in addition to the church's regular scholarship funds will be distributed to applicants by the scholarship committee. **To give to the ELC scholarship for 2026**, please place checks in offering or mail to the office with 'ELC Scholarship' in the memo line.

Thank you for your amazing generosity!

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

Holden Village: May Youth Weekend at Holden Village will be **Saturday to Monday, May 23-25 at Camp Lutherwood**. Since Holden Village is not an option, Camp Lutherwood is happy to host!

A New Way to Give: You now have the ability to send offering directly from your bank account by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). **We can set up a recurring donation with no fee for you** and a very minimal fee for the church. It only takes a minute. If you are interested in having an automatic recurring weekly or monthly offering with no fees, please contact the office. **We still offer online giving through Tithely.com** (see QRC on page 3) if you prefer that method of offering. We are only adding a new way to give. Contact the office for more information.

Pastor John's Bible Study: Please join Pastor John for Bible Study on **Monday evenings at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. **All are welcome!**

Do you want a Newsletter with Good and Interesting Information? So do we! If you have information for the next Newsletter, please send it to the church office no later than **Sunday, March 22nd**. We are always looking for information from committees, partner ministries, and local events that our members are participating in...**we love to support our congregation members!** Our newsletter is only as good as the information we receive.

Young Adult Group: Everyone, high school through college age, are welcome. The group meets every **Tuesday at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us and bring a friend or two for food, fun, and fellowship!

Second Sunday Hymn Sing: Do you have a favorite hymn that you wish we would sing more often? Here's your chance! On the **second Sunday of each month at 10:15 am**, we will have a singalong, where you are invited to request that favorite hymn. It's a wonderful way to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! "How good it is to sing praises to our God!" Psalm 147.

Fellowship Hosts: We are looking for more people to serve as fellowship hosts. In the last 3 months, our fellowship time has been very well attended. We love this! However, **now we are scheduling three families to host fellowship** to ensure the increase in attendance doesn't cause a hardship for anyone. Please contact Linda Johnson (360-708-2481) or the church office for more information or to be added to our fellowship host list. Thank you!

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Thrivent members, thank you for directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Edison Lutheran Church. We appreciate your extra support. **Don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars at the end of every quarter**. You can do this on line or by calling 1-800-Thrivent and talking to a representative. Questions? Contact the office or talk to Anne Kuntz (360) 424-9099.

Livestreaming Help: We really need at least **1 more person** to help with the livestream. Please consider volunteering. Talk to Jenny Sheahan, Steven Dahl, Amber Lagerlund, or Carrie Omdal for more information and to find out **how easy it really is!**

Youth Programs: **We are looking for help organizing our youth programs**. We need help planning, organizing, and working youth projects and events. This is a fun way to get involved with our church! The more people helping, the easier the job, even a few hours a month make a big difference. Please contact the church office for more information.

Flowers: Want to help with Worship? Sign up to bring flowers for the altar. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Bringing flowers is a great way to make worship truly special. Although we don't have flowers during Lent, sign up for April and beyond.

Free Notary Public Service: The Church Office offers free notary services. Call or email the church office to make an appointment.

Edison Lutheran Church Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an easy and fun way to serve our congregation? Have we got a deal for you! It takes a lot of work to set up, run, and livestream our Sunday Worship service. **We need people to help greet, usher, serve as lector and assisting minister.** The more people we have, the less work there is for each person. **Join our team of fun-loving, happy Sunday workers!** We promise many smiles, lots of conversation, and a little work. To volunteer, contact the church office or Linda Johnson.

Josephine Caring Community: Your donations of sample size toiletry items and tooth brushes are welcome. JCC is always in need of reading glasses of any strength. If you would like to sew hand towels for residents to fill with toiletries please contact Anne Kuntz for a more complete description of this project. If you know anyone seeking employment please steer them to consider working at JCC.

Help Inform the Congregation: Although we try not to send too many emails, if there is something that you feel the **entire congregations needs to know**, please let the office know. We can send a congregation-wide email. We don't always know about events and **want to keep the congregation informed.** Just call or send an email to the office with all the details.

Family Promise Volunteer Opportunity: We will be hosting the Family Promise guests at Burlington Lutheran from **Wednesday, March 11th through breakfast, Sunday, March 15th.** Volunteers are needed to stay overnight on very comfortable cots, provide meals, and serve meals. The church has money to pay for food to make the meals for Family Promise. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for the rest of the year: May 31- June 2; October 1- 4; and December 6-8.

Camp Lutherwood



Elementary School Retreat: Camp Lutherwood is having an elementary school retreat from March 20-21. Visit www.camplutherwood.org/elementary-retreat for more information.

Summer Registration is Open! Do you remember all the fun you had at summer camp as a kid? I remember making friends, singing by the campfire, and playing in the woods. Now is the time to get your children, grandchildren, neighbor's children all registered for Camp Lutherwood. Go to www.camplutherwood.org for more information.

Camp Lutherwood: Our students are planning to attend camp from July 12-17 if you would like your student to attend with the Edison Lutheran students. **Register early to get a spot!**

Scholarships Available! We have \$4,600 to give in scholarships for Camp Lutherwood. **We want as many kids to go to camp this year as possible!** Please contact the office if you need a scholarship to pay for camp. To request a scholarship, send us an email with the name of your child, the price of the camp, and the amount you are requesting (all the way up to 100%). Any money left over at the end of May will be distributed equally among the campers who have shared their camp receipt with us. Email office@elcbow.org. Don't forget to send your camp receipt to the office by May 31st if you would like a partial scholarship. Last year, we were able to pay 100% of all camp fees for our campers.

Volunteer at Camp Lutherwood: go to <https://www.camplutherwood.org/volunteer> for more info.

From the March 2026 Edition of *The Spirit*



From the Bishop

We are living in times that would have felt unimaginable just a few years ago. We are surrounded by neighbors who are worried about sending their kids to school, seeking medical help, or gathering for worship – afraid of what might happen. We are also surrounded by neighbors who are anxious about people from other countries or people of different religions – uncertain about a changing world and unsure where they belong. Many people are afraid. And this fear, in all its forms, is shrinking our world.

Fear pulls us inward. It isolates us from one another. It tempts us to retreat into suspicion and guardedness rather than reaching out toward one another. It makes it harder to see one another as fully human. It becomes almost impossible to say that we are all beloved of God and all neighbors with one another. Truly, as followers of Jesus, we are called to a new way: a way of connection, courage, and community.

During this time of Lent, as children of God, let us practice these new ways through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charity (the traditional disciplines of Lent).

Prayer: Let us pray together for this world. Let us read scripture together and attend mid-week Lenten services. Let us light candles each night. Let us listen to one another's fears and longings. Let us gather on street corners and sing. Let us gather in churches and homes – and even in front of federal buildings. Prayer grounds us so we remember who we are and whose we are. Let us gather in prayer this Lent.

Fasting: You are welcome to give up luxuries during Lent – but fasting also invites us to examine what consumes us and what we consume in return. What are we holding onto that causes us not to see our neighbor? What holds our attention more tightly than the people right in front of us? This Lent let us choose practices that connect us rather than separate us. Let us fast from doomscrolling and performative outrage and instead read thoughtfully and be genuine in our allyship. Let us make space for joy, for creativity. Let us not only fast from junk food but let us prepare good, nourishing meals for those who are without. Let us fast expansively this Lent.

Charity: This is not simply about writing a check (though sometimes this is a faithful use of resources). Charity is also showing up. Let us share time, attention, and care. Let us reduce our focus on hoarding wealth or possessions and instead practice love for our neighbors in tangible ways. Let us use our voices for those who have been silenced. Let us help redistribute wealth so that those who are without receive what they need. And let us stand in solidarity with communities who are vulnerable. Charity makes visible Christ's love we proclaim. Let us show the love of God and neighbor through charity this Lent.

These practices alone cannot change the world – but we believe in One who is already changing this world. And so, as we practice these disciplines, we also live in the promise that the Holy Spirit is alive and active in this world. And that even in this fearful time, death does not have the final word.

Through Jesus, God is always bringing hope out of despair, community out of isolation, life out of death. As people shaped by the promise of the resurrection, may we dare to live differently – to pray boldly, to fast with freedom, to give generously. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us during these forty days and beyond. And may our lives bear witness to the new life God is already creating among us.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org

Announcement From Northwest Washington Synod

Special Meeting of the 2025 Synod Assembly Voting Members, **Saturday, May 16, 9am-12noon**
Why are we recalling the voting members from the 2025 Assembly? In 2026, we are scheduled to hold a synod gathering, not an assembly. However, there are business items to attend to before we hold our next assembly in 2027. So, as was shared prior to and during our May 2025 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, we will be **recalling the 2025 synod assembly voting members** to a special online meeting to attend to a few specific business items.

Note - this is not a mini-assembly - no other reports, greetings, resolutions, or business items.

Holden Village Jubilee Auction is powered by community creativity! As we prepare for Holden’s **March 25-29 auction**, we’re inviting friends near and far to donate items or experiences that reflect generosity, beauty, and care for the world.

From handcrafted items to getaways, meals, or unique experiences, your gift helps bring Holden values into the world—thank you for being part of the community.

Please provide several clear photos, an enticing product description, an estimated gift value, and pickup instructions to the winning bidder will be a great help to us! Questions? Contact Advancement at development@holdenvillage.org

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Dear Edison Lutheran congregation –



Thank you so very much for your love, care, and prayers for our family following the death of Tom.

Thank you for all the cookies you provided for Tom’s memorial service. Thank you to Parish Life and Altar Guild for your work at the service.

Thank you to Peter, Barbara, and the choir for the lovely arrangement of “Borning Cry”. This hymn was sung at Tom’s baptism and played as a piano duet by my daughter Sarah at our wedding.

Thank you to Pastor John reminding us of what a good neighbor Tom was. Tom loved his neighbors. **Judy Sheahan**

Dear Edison Lutheran Congregation– I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your cards, calls, and visits. Most of all thank you for your prayers over the past 6 months. I am back home once again and your continued prayers will be much appreciated. Thanks to all of you. You hold a special place in my heart. **Jolene Lomsdalen**

Prayer Requests



Remember in your Prayers: We pray for the **family of Sydney Logsdon** (sister of Barb Nelson), for the **family of Ruth Ann Burley**. We also pray for **Irene Long** (friend of Janice Stepp), **Scott Fadden, Nancy Bussard** (Pastor John's grandmother), **Elaine Zielinski** (Jim's cousin), **Robert Wattson** (brother of AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb), **Sheila Merrigan** (friend of AnnaLaurie), **Sue Simonseth, Peggy Upton** (friend of Fredricksons), **Evan Swanson, Meredith Loury** (sister of AnnaLaurie), **Joline Lomsdalen, Carolyn Thorene, Greg Nelsen, David Rebar** (son-in-law of Wymans), **Darcy Fredrickson, Arnold Woll, Randy Merritt, Marion Hoag, Marilyn Gustafson** (sister of Gailyn Ploeg), **Maia Simmons** (granddaughter of Karyn Kerley), **Carla Hunter** (aunt of Gregory Ormsby), **John Probstfield, Lyn Scherer** (sister-in-law of Cathy Smith), **Kerri Fredrickson** (daughter-in-law of Barb & Al Fredrickson), **Debbie Chavarria** (friend of Cathy Smith), **Jerry Butterfield, Shirley Lee, Jeanne Youngquist, Gary Englund** (father of Alex), **Jim Forbes** (Debbie Conijn's step-father), **Edith Nichols, Barry Christensen, Chris Isaacson, Taylor Velasquez**, the ministry of **El Camino de Emaús Congregation**, and the **Tumaini Lutheran Seminary Secondary School in Tanzania**.

The Homebound: **Betty Boe, Pat Dahlstedt, and Ron Schutte**.

Please keep the church office current on your loved ones who are (or need to be) named on our prayer list. Office: 360-766-6920 Email: office@elcbow.org

March Birthdays



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| 3/2 | Marlys Johnson |
| 3/3 | Marianne Spoelstra |
| 3/5 | Jacob Howard |
| 3/6 | Inger Conner |
| 3/9 | Terry Rousseau |
| 3/9 | Sharon Mainard |
| 3/10 | Carol Dahl |
| 3/11 | AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb |
| 3/23 | Laura Engebretsen |
| 3/25 | David Schutte |
| 3/28 | Barbara Fredrickson |
| 3/28 | Brandy Jensen |
| 3/28 | Kelli Peterson White |

Did we miss your birthday? Please let the office know. We love to celebrate birthdays and would hate to miss yours!

Serving in Worship – March

| | March 1 | March 8 | March 15 | March 22 | March 29 |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Assisting Minister | Kaycee Stubben | Jerry Benson | Eva Klllogjeri | Bonnie Bowers | Mark Johnson |
| Acolyte | Cameron Dahl | Hannah Kress | Cameron Dahl | Brayden Kress | Drake Conner |
| Lector | David Benson | Nancy Nygren | Terri Olsen | Jenifer Troxel | AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb |
| Usher | Bud & Bonnie Bowers | Keith & Christie Peterson | Brad Wyman Darla Jensen | Mark Johnson Stephanie Knutzen | Gordy Dahl Nancy Nygren |
| Greeter | Steven & Sarah Dahl | Linda & Jason Tyler | Jon & Susie Aarstad | Judy Sheahan Kathy Shoop | Linda Johnson Shirley Brick |
| Altar Guild | Amber Lagerlund Janet Wyman | Janet Wyman Judy Sheahan | Judy Sheahan Kay Zielinski | Kay Zielinski Debbie Conijn | Debbie Conijn Kathy Shoop |
| Fellowship Host | Debbie Conijn Mike & Jean Miller Katy Olson | Larry & Susie Forsythe Judy & Jerry Butterfield Rondi Peth | Anne & Bob Kuntz Stephanie & Jeff Knutzen Brenda Geary | Linda & Mark Johnson Inger & Scott Conner Irene Fadden | Linda & Dave Vague Christie & Keith Peterson RuthAnne Pocock |
| Flowers | Lent, no flowers | Lent, no flowers | Lent, no flowers | Lent, no flowers | Altar Guild |
| CMD | AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb | Jon Aarstad | Brenda Geary | Larry Forsythe | Larry Forsythe |

If you are interested in helping out on Sunday mornings by ushering, greeting, reading the lessons, being assistant minister or helping serve coffee hour, please contact Linda Johnson (360-708-2481, lindajohnson47@hotmail.com) or the church office. It takes a lot of us to make the Sunday morning worship service run smoothly, and we would appreciate any and all help.



Are you looking for some **fun in the sun**? And you want to **help the church** at the same time? And have **fun with friends**?

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March 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 <i>Lent 2</i> 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship | 2 4:00 p Social Concerns 5:30 p Bible Study | 3 6:00 p Young Adult Group | 4 10:00 a Altar Guild 5:30p Soup Supper 6:30 p Choir | 5 12:00 p Care Team Lunch 5:15 p W&M | 6 | 7 |
| 8 <i>Lent 3</i> 8:30 Confirmation Class 9:00 a Sunday School 10:15 a Second Sunday Hymn 10:30 a Worship 12:00 p Social Concerns <i>Family Promise</i> | 9 5:30 p Bible Study <i>Family Promise</i> | 10 6:00 p Young Adult Group 6:00 p Church Council <i>Family Promise</i> | 11 5:30p Soup Supper 6:15p Worship 7ish Choir <i>Family Promise</i> | 12 10:00 a Care Team Meeting | 13 | 14 |
| 15 <i>Lent 4</i> 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship | 16 5:30 p Bible Study | 17 6:00 p Young Adult Group | 18 10:00 a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Soup Supper 6:15p Worship 7ish Choir | 19 10:00 a Prayer Shawl | 20 | 21 9:00a Spring Cleanup |
| 22 <i>Lent 5</i> 8:30 Confirmation Class 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship | 23 5:30 p Bible Study | 24 6:00 p Young Adult Group | 25 5:30p Soup Supper 6:15p Worship 7ish Choir | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:30 Confirmation Class 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship | 30 5:00 p Friendship House Meal 5:30 p Bible Study | 31 6:00 p Young Adult Group | 1 5:30p Soup Supper 6:15p Worship 7ish Choir | 2 7:00p Maundy Thursday | 3 TBD Good Friday | 4 |

Assisting Ministers Needed: We are looking for a few more Assisting Ministers. It's a great job! We will provide training. It's a great way to truly get to know our worship service and gain a deeper understanding of what we, as Lutherans, believe. For information, talk to any current Assisting Minister or contact the office.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Easter Sunday: April 5th
- ◆ Blood Drives: April 24, June 26, and August 21
- ◆ Last Day of Sunday School/Youth Sunday: May 17
- ◆ May Youth Holden Village Weekend now at Camp Lutherwood: May 23-25
- ◆ Saxon Campout and Worship: August 14-16





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