

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter the month of March we find ourselves in the midst of the season of Lent. Lent is, for many, a season for renewed devotion. Some follow the practice of fasting, or “giving something up” for Lent. However, this is not a required practice within the Lutheran Church. That being said, this time of the church year does offer various opportunities for us to spend more time in God’s Word or in fellowship.

St Paul even encouraged Timothy toward this sort of steadfast devotion in 1 Tim 4, we read, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.” - 1 Tim. 4:13-14

Paul had plans to visit his friend Timothy and until he could he encouraged him to be devoted to reading, sharing, learning, and teaching the Scriptures.

With these ideas in mind, the church has long held the practice of offering additional services during the season of Lent. Midweek services offer us one more opportunity to hear God’s Word, to gather for prayer and devotion to God and His Word, and to spend time together in Christian fellowship. It is with this fellowship and mutual encouragement in mind, that we continue our tradition of the lenten suppers. With these suppers in mind, I’d like to offer a big thank you to all who have volunteered to help out with these suppers in one way or another, either by sponsoring/providing a meal, helping to serve, bringing a dessert, or simply being present to enjoy the meal and fellowship. It is truly a blessing to share these times together.

After all, this is what we are called to as God’s children. We are called to continue to meet together. As we share our time together we encourage each other in our lives as God’s children. Simply by sharing our time together in church we are helped to know that we are not alone in our lives as God’s children. This helps us to do as the writer of Hebrews exhorts us to,

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,” - Heb. 12:1

I recall my days running cross country. It was always easier to run when you were running in a pack. When you knew you weren’t out there on the course all alone. Especially if you were running with a teammate who could encourage you if you started to lag behind.

We are called to be those encouragers. We are to encourage each other in our devotion to Christ. We build each other up as we struggle together against sin and temptation. We remind each other of God’s Word as we walk together. What one person may forget, another remembers. This is what the season of Lent is all about, getting back into the Word of God, building each other up in fellowship, worshiping together as we remember what Christ has done for us, and all as we prepare to celebrate His death and resurrection for us at the end of the month. As we consider this season of renewed devotion, I point you to Luther’s words with regard to preparation for the Lord’s Supper,

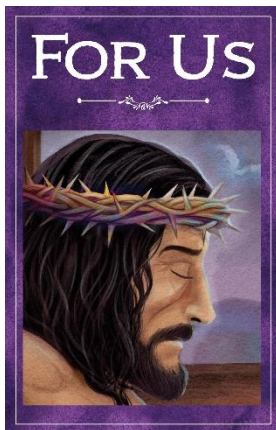
“Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.””

The outward, bodily preparation can be helpful, but we are truly prepared when we have faith. Our faith in the one who suffered, died, and rose for us is what assures us that it’s all worth it. And so through this Lenten season, let us continue to meet together. Meals start Wednesdays at 5:30pm followed by church at 7:00pm. We offer a lenten devotional in the back of church for those who would like to do some additional Bible study during this season. May God bless you all during this Lenten-tide as we look forward to celebrating all or Savior has done for us in His death and resurrection!

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

FOR US

"For us" is not simply a pithy line to use because it is easy to repeat. It is a confession of who God is and what He brings in giving us His Son. It helps us understand why God would send His Son to die for us. The phrase "for us" also captures much of the Reformation's theological emphasis—and Luther's understanding of Scripture in particular. Luther went from searching for a righteous God and finding only stern rebuke to seeing God in the form of a little baby and as the one who became one of us for us so that we might become like Him. Our Lenten preaching series hymn "O Love, How Deep" (LSB 544) was originally a twentythree-stanza poem written in the fifteenth century by an unknown author. In the nineteenth century, an Anglican cleric named Benjamin Webb translated the hymn into English and then chose six stanzas for use in English hymnody. The doxological stanza was added later. Some hymns tell a story, others teach, and still others create pictures in our minds of the great works of God. Some hymns do all three, weaving together a tapestry that is beautiful yet simple, wondrous yet easy to understand. "O Love, How Deep" is that kind of hymn. Although it does not appear in the first stanza, the most pointed and beautiful language in the hymn is expressed in the phrase "for us." The phrase is reminiscent of the language of the Nicene Creed: "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven."



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES Mid-week Lenten Services will be at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday thru March 25th with supper at 5:30 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY READING

There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for anyone that would like to help with the reading on Passion Sunday, March 29th.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On April 2nd Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be at 7:00 PM and on April 3rd Good Friday service will be at 7:00 PM.

On April 5th Easter Sunrise service with Holy Communion will be held at 6:30 a.m. Easter breakfast at 7:45 a.m., Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST

This Easter the LYF will be serving French toast, eggs, and sausage for the Easter Breakfast. The Breakfast will be served from 7:45 – 9:00 AM. Freewill donation



Members are invited to bring an Easter lily to church Friday, April 3rd or Saturday, April 4th. Please sign up on the sheets at either door by Sunday, March 9th, so the names of those you wish to remember can be included in the Easter bulletin.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Do not forget to set clocks ahead an hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th.



CATECHISM

During lent Catechism class times will be:

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades

6:30 p.m. – memory work/supper

There will be no catechism on April 1st. On April 2nd during the Maundy Thursday service the 7th & 8th grade catechism students will help with the Christian Questions and their Answers

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED: Those elected as officers or board members included:

Elder: Matt Leitz

Trustee: Andy Kuhlmann

Board of Education: Pam Martin

Chairman: John Mordhorst

Secretary: Audrey Gust

Treasurer: Deanna Sorensen

Stewardship Secretary: Lyle Bramley

Auditing Committee: Alyssa Thies, Lisa Thies,
Terri Mohr

Endowment Fund: Jane Ohlmeier

Financial Committee: Lyle Bramley, Tammy Bramley, Raylyn Kelm, Ray Holst, Elaine Holst, Becky Mordhorst, Denny Mordhorst, Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr, Linda Riddle, Elaine Vogt, John Thies, Harvey Thies, Gary Pohlman, Judy Pohlman

We give thanks for the faithful service of those who have completed their terms:

Chairman: Matt Leitz

Elders – Gary McCall

Board of Ed: Angie Kroll

Endowment Fund: Joan Neddermeyer

Auditing Committee: Dave Seieroe, Mariah Nutt

Stewardship Secretary: Tammy Bramley

Financial Committee: Marc Clemon, Gwen

Clemon, Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe

MEETINGS

On Tuesday March 10th the Elder's Meeting will meet at 5:30 p.m., Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

LCW

LCW meeting is Thursday, March 5^h at 5:30 p.m. in the LYF room.



LCW MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2026

Present: Kerry, Dar, Pastor, Megan, Terri, Danielle, Elaine H

Pastor opened with prayer.

January 18 – Annual Soup Cook Off went well.

1st place Megan Peitch, 2nd place Gwen Clemon
Lenten Services

- February 18 Ash Wednesday – Ada J's serving with Rick K sponsoring
- February 25 - LCW
- March 4 – Ada J's serving with Ray and Elaine H sponsoring
- March 11 – Ada J's serving with Tom and Jessica F sponsoring
- March 18 - LYF serving
- March 25 – Bruce and Terri M serving

March 19 – Prayer Service for the zone will be held at St. Paul's, we will provide Desserts/Coffee and Juice, start time 9:00 am. Coffee, prayer service and business mtg. to follow.

February 12 – Pastors Winkle, 8:30 to 1:00, food prepared by Danielle, Terri and Deanna for breakfast and lunch. Approx. 12 Pastors to attend.

Meeting closed with inventory of kitchen to be completed today.

LYF BIBLE STUDY

LYF meeting is after church on March 15th. LYF Bible Study is Sunday, March 15th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the LYF room. We'll be diving deep into God's Word, so make sure to bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't or forget, we have some on hand for you to use. Bring a snack to share! Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET

Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will be singing during the worship service on April 12th and May 10th.

IDW CAMP/YOUTH GATHERING SCHOLARSHIP

Iowa District West Camp/Youth Gathering Scholarships Assistance for those who need financial aid is available from the district for youth attending camps at Camp Okoboji and for district youth gatherings. The application should be filled out by the pastor or church worker from the congregation of which the applicant is a member. Applications are then sent to the district office. Click on the link and select "Youth Events Financial Aid." <http://idwlcms.org/forms-and-links.php>

SAVE THE DATE – YOUTH GATHERINGS

SR Youth Gathering (Grades 9-12) October 2-4, 2026, Location: Camp Okoboji

JR Youth Gathering (Grades 6,7,8) October 24-25, 2026, Location: Sheraton – West Des Moines

CUB WEEK SCHOLARSHIP

The Camp Okoboji auxiliary will be giving away 6 scholarships for Cub/Jr High/Youth Weeks. You can pick up a scholarship application from the church office. The application needs to be completed & returned to Camp Okoboji by April 10th.

IOWA DISTRICT WEST SCHOLARSHIPS

Iowa District West Scholarships The fall semester may seem a long way off, but now is the time to start filling out financial aid paperwork. Iowa District West is blessed to offer substantial student aid to our church work students attending a Concordia school. We also offer grants to non-church work Concordia students as funds permit. Students must be a member in good standing of one of the congregations of Iowa West, must be enrolled at one of our Concordia University System schools or one of our seminaries, and turn in an application and pastor's letter of recommendation to Pastor Joe Pierson, our student aid director, by June 1. You can find the application on the district website in the forms and links section under the resource tab. Email revpierson@gmail.com with any questions. A new scholarship has been established this year by a family in our district, which is open to LCMS students preparing for church work vocations attending any Christian college or university. The Gerald and Kathy Gehring Church Worker Scholarship is a private scholarship distinct from the IDW student aid fund. Applications for this scholarship are due March 31. For full details, including the application, please email gkgcws@gmail.com.

YOUTHLEAD RETREAT

Retreat in Iowa District West Special event for 9-12 grade students in your youth group who want to grow in leadership. The LCMS Youth Ministry Office in partnership with IDW Youth Services committee is hosting a YouthLead Workshop at Hidden Acres in Dayton, Iowa April 24-April 26. This event is not for your entire youth group but for students who have shown leadership and want to grow in their leadership skills. Cost \$130 Covers two nights of lodging and all meals. The event will begin on Friday evening with arrival at 6pm and the program start at 7pm. The weekend will end on Sunday morning at 11:45. Space is limited. Checks sent to Iowa District West. Registration deadline is April 10.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Sunday Bible Class is on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am and we now meet in the LYF room. The topic we are studying now is "The minor prophets".

ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

We are looking for volunteers to help with altar guild and altar flowers. If you would like more information on what you do for either committee or if you would like to serve, please talk to Deanna.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit. Those having Baptismal birthdays in March are:

Amy Riddle	4
Loretta Hinrichsen, Jaxson Thies	5
Emilee Meadows	8
Judy Pohlman	9
Kade Ohlmeier	10
Alyssa Thies	12
Lisa Thies	13
Gregory Hinrichsen, Leonard Trimpe	14
Kenley Bretthauer-Stephens, Breyah Kuehl	15
Ryan Goslar	18
Kevin Savery	19
Landon Mohr	20
Carter Leitz, David Pohlman, Rick Knuth	21
Bryan Rosburg, Brenda Savery, Logan Vinke	24
Sharon Gosch, Virginia Keating,	25
Kaitlyn Conto, Quintin Conto, Zachary Kelm, Joseph Sorensen	
Duncan Purcell, Amanda Newsom	26
Kaia Mordhorst	30

PLEASE GIVE US A CALL

- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Please contact the office if you'd like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is \$40 to sponsor a newsletter.

MARCH HELPERS

Elder: Jim Thies

Wed. Mar. 4: Steve Gust

Wed. Mar. 11: Matt Leitz

Wed. Mar. 18: Jim Thies

Wed. Mar. 25: Steve Gust

Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann

Altar: Linda Riddle, Deanna Sorensen

Finance: Lyle Bramley, Tammy Bramley,
Raylyn Kelm, Becky Mordhorst

Acolytes:

Sunday, Mar. 1: Hannah

Wednesday, Mar. 4:

Sunday, Mar. 8: Max, Samantha

Wednesday, Mar. 11:

Sunday, Mar. 15: Daxton

Wednesday, Mar. 18: Hannah

Sunday, Mar. 22: Max

Wednesday, Mar. 25: Hannah, Kelly

Sunday, Mar. 29:



SUGGESTIONS FOR A SAFE WINTER

As we head into the winter months, realize that snow and cold awaits us. At times, services may be held in less-than-ideal conditions. We encourage those with special concerns for dangerous conditions to use suitable caution. Reasonable effort will be made to have sidewalks clear, and ice melt placed where needed. Be cautious of the north parking lot, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing. We understand that for some it may be wiser to listen to services at home and not take chances.

If the weather is so severe that services are cancelled, it will be announced on KDSN radio station, and posted on church facebook and website. We will also use Call Multiplier in the event of a cancellation. Please make sure we have your current phone number.

NORTH PARKING LOT

Be cautious of the north parking lot for ice, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing.

141 GARAGE SALE

If you are starting to think spring cleaning and not sure what to do with the stuff you don't want? St. Paul's youth are starting to take donations of clothing, toys and household items to sell at their garage sale at the beginning of August. Any donation can be dropped off the church.



Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries

LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16
Mapleton, IA 51034 712-882-1029 Gary Thies
(gary.thies@lcms.org) www.missioncentral.us

- April 18, 2026 – Rev. Tom Park – Taiwan – 1:00 pm
- April 18, 2026 – Rev Herb and Markie Burch – Belize – 1:30 pm

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

“THY STRONG WORD”

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

Mar. 2-7 Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul's, Ute

Mar. 9-14 Rev. Ted Torreson
 Christ, Denison

Mar. 16-21 Rev. Jeffrey Wade
 Zion, Denison

Mar. 23-28 Rev. Merle Mahnken
 Immanuel, Schleswig

Mar. 30-Apr1 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
 Our Savior/Bethlehem

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

This year our special mission is Lutherans for Life. Our goal is \$3,000. Here is some information about Lutherans for Life.

website: <https://lutheransforlife.org/>



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

ABOUT US

Lutherans For Life exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We do this through our quarterly journal, "LifeDate," countless resources produced for local congregations, Life Sunday materials, speaking and preaching, online Chats 4Life, Frontline conference calls, Life Teams, Life Chapters, and Life Advocates, as well as national and regional conferences.

OUR MISSION ...

Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

OUR VISION ...

Every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same

OUR PHILOSOPHY ...

Lutherans For Life believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our times is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. Therefore, as Lutherans For Life, we will strive to give a Gospel-motivated witness to the Church and society on these and other related issues, such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living. We will call God's people to compassionate action and foster life-affirming alternatives for those facing difficult situations. Lutherans For Life has, since 1979, upheld the value of life affirmed by the resurrected Christ. We educate congregations on life issues with a Gospel perspective, equipping Lutherans and their

neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. Lutherans For Life also offers help, healing, and forgiveness for anyone who bears the burden of overwhelming guilt through our 24-hour [Word of Hope](#) hotline (888-217-8679). This free service is available to men, women, and youths for information, referrals, and Scripture-based spiritual care to address life issues such as surprise pregnancy, abortion recovery, suicide, doubting salvation, and physician-assisted suicide. [Life Teams](#), [Life Chapters](#), and [Life Advocates](#) are developed in congregations and communities—in collaboration with our volunteer relations team—to affirm life and participate in motivating others For Life through the Gospel. Lutherans For Life also serves youth through its [Y4Life](#) program! Specifically focused on helping high school and college youth become Gospel-motivated voices For Life, [Y4Life](#) offers a variety of educational resources, service projects, and interactive, in-person opportunities that teach youth how to uphold the lives of others. Lutherans For Life offers a wide variety of print and online resources—including our quarterly journal, [LifeDate](#).

In this day and age of soundbites and cliché phrases we communicate clearly that death is not an acceptable, God-pleasing way to deal with the problems of life, and that there is a better way ... the Gospel:

Lutherans For Life (LFL) applies the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to sanctity of life issues, making Jesus known as the Son of God and Savior of all who can help and make a difference in people's lives.

The life issues of our time are much more than controversial political issues. They are grave spiritual issues, for they assault the Creator of Life and insult the Lord of Life.

Our work equips Lutherans to be positive, life-affirming voices that uphold the truth of the God-given value of human life, both in local congregations and in society.

Through this work we are growing the number of voices across the globe that spread the joyful message that every human life is created and gifted by God, every human life is someone for whom Jesus Christ died, and every human life is someone

the Holy Spirit desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him.

We believe this message changes hearts, and those with changed hearts, change society.

But only God, working through the power of His Gospel, can change hearts. That is why the Gospel motivates all that we do, and why our Mission must be combined with our **Message & Manner**.

MESSAGE

The message of Lutherans For Life is the heart-changing truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our primary message is not so much: "Here's what we should do." Rather it is: "Here is what God has done that gives value and dignity to all human life."

GOSPEL PREPARATION

Preparatory for the Gospel, of course, is the truth of God's Word of Law. In an age where abortion is called a "right" and a "choice," where assisted suicide and euthanasia are called "compassion," where sex outside of marriage is called "natural" and "safe," someone needs to boldly counter these lies with the absolute truth of God's Word.

The sorrowful pregnant teen needs to hear that she is loved by God as that love is shared and shown through the Body of Christ. She needs the support of God's people to help her in any way they are able.

Women and men who are filled with sorrow and regret over an abortion decision need to hear about the forgiveness, hope, and healing that are found in Jesus. The depth of the sorrow over this sin is so deep that only the Gospel of Jesus can lift them up out of the darkness.

GOSPEL MOTIVATION

The Gospel is not just something that happens to us. It is something that lives within us. The Gospel, not the "shoulds" and the "should nots" of the Law, is to be our motivation for making good decisions. Someone once said that you can spend less time telling people how they should behave if you spend more time reminding them of who they really are. Christian teenagers, for example, need to be reminded of who they really are. That they have better motivation for making good decisions than the fear of horrible diseases happening to their bodies. They are made in the image of God and

have a Savior who loves them and lives in their bodies as His temple.

The message and sanctifying work of the Gospel enables us to live lives acceptable and pleasing to God.

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

The message of the Gospel transforms us to live and think differently in the face of problems and afflictions in our lives. Things are never hopeless, and we do not have to turn to death as the solution to the problems of life.

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

The life issues provide tremendous opportunity to proclaim this wonderful message. By raising awareness of the life issues among pastors and congregations they are empowered to share the Gospel message to those whose lives are overwhelmed by the results of their sin.

We have the greatest message in the world, and we run the risk of causing offense to God's people when we fail to apply it to their struggles.

But of course, even the greatest message in the world is not always presented in a great way. That is why our Message must be combined with our Manner.

MANNER

Lutherans For Life desires to pattern its manner after Paul and "speak the truth in love."

Admittedly that is not always easy.

The truth we proclaim is not to be proclaimed timidly or ashamedly, nor should it be proclaimed with anger and finger pointing. The truth of the Gospel is to be proclaimed in love. Love confronts people with their sins, but love does not condemn people because of their sins.

The love of Christ's Gospel meets people where they are in their sin, but does not leave them there. It frees them from the crushing weight of sin and guilt and brings them to new life, as they are restored in their relationship with their Creator and live the life God originally intended for them. Lutherans For Life has a nation-wide network of state federations, local chapters and Life Teams.



Update

Register Now!

Visit campokoboji.org to register for youth and family camps. Early bird discount until March 1st.

CAMP OKOBOJI 2026

<u>Discipleship Programs</u>		<u>Other Events</u>
May 29-31	Kid's Kamp	January 23-25...Family Ice Fishing Retreat
June 4-7	Joy Camp 1	May 1-2...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
June 14-18	Cub Week 1	June 10-13...Iowa West District LWML Convention
June 28-July 3	July 4 th Family Retreat	June 20...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
July 5-11	Jr High Week	June 21-27...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
July 9-12	Joy Camp 2	May 24-September 6...Sunday Worship
July 12-18	Cub Week 2	1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch
July 19-25	Youth Week	October 9-10...Fall Volunteer Work Weekend
July 26-31	Family Retreat #1	
August 2-7	Family Retreat #2	

For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org



Summer Staff Needed!

We need 2026 Summer Staff! Please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us. Those interested in serving at Camp Okoboji, or any LCMS camp in 2026 should complete a NLOMA profile. That is the first step in being considered for a summer position. Visit NLOMA.org for the profile link.

The Annual Meeting of Camp Okoboji is coming up, Saturday, April 11. We look forward to sharing Camp Okoboji with the congregations and members of Iowa District West and all our ministry partners! We encourage each congregation to be involved, send a delegate to hear from Camp, and report it back to their congregation and members. **Please note: The delegate post cards are due back to Camp by March 23rd! Thank you!**

NEEDS/WANTS:

- Outdoor Rocking Chairs
- Laundry soap, bleach and hand soap
- Queen size mattress pads
- New commercial grade vacuums, coffee pots, toasters, crock pots
- Thrivent Action Team Cards (contact Kellie Jones for potential projects; 712-337-3325)
- Also, ask us about our Amazon Wish List!

Tanner Olson Tours Iowa District West

March 24-27, 2026

Find a location closest to you that works for your group to attend. All our welcome.

An Evening of Music and Poetry with Blake Flattley and Tanner Olson An Evening of Music and Poetry with Blake Flattley and Tanner Olson is a simple night to slow down and breathe. Tanner shares poetry that feels more like a good conversation than something from a textbook—honest, thoughtful, and often funny—while Blake brings songs full of faith and hope that stick with you. It's a chance to step away from the noise, rest your heart, laugh a little, and leave reminded that hope is close and God is still good.

March 24, Tuesday

Evening event: St. Paul Ankeny (Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley)
Main Contact: Director of Youth Ministry – Laura Nelson at St. Paul
Meal: 5:45pm
Show: 6:30pm
RSVP to this event with QR



March 25, Wednesday

Evening Event: Shepherd of the Valley West Des Moines (Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley)
Service: 6:30pm



The Slow Down with Tanner Olson and Matt Doering THE SLOW DOWN is a night created to help you pause, be still, and remember that hope isn't far off—it's right here. Hosted by

spoken word poet and author Tanner Olson alongside singer-songwriter Matt Doering, the evening weaves together honest poetry, meaningful stories, and music that settles the soul. Tanner's poetry isn't the kind you learned in school—it's conversational, reflective, and often laugh-out-loud honest—while Matt's inviting, hopeful songs will linger in your head long after the night ends. Come step away from the noise, slow your pace, and be gently reminded of God's goodness.



March 26, Thursday

Evening Event: Redeemer Lutheran, Sioux City (Tanner Olson and Matt Doering)
Main Contact: DCE Jonathan Bailey at Redeemer
Meal: 5:45pm
Show: 6:30

March 27, Friday

Evening Event: St. Paul Lutheran, Carroll (Tanner Olson and Matt Doering)
Main Contact: Pastor Ryan Roehrig at St. Paul
Meal: 5:45pm
Show: 6:30pm



MISSION CENTRAL

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March 2026

We wanted to highlight a few of the missionaries who will be visiting Mission Central in the next few months. We hope and pray that many of you can come and learn about the exciting things that our Lord Jesus is doing in His mission fields around the world. Remember, there is no better time to visit Mission Central than when we have a missionary here!



Rev. Dr. Tom Park serves the Lord in Chiayi, Taiwan. As a theological educator, he teaches theology to laypeople as well as to those studying to become pastors, deaconesses, and other church workers. In this role, he is also helping to start a new Lutheran seminary on the island. He will be providing a mission presentation at Mission Central on Saturday, April 18, at 1:00 p.m. We hope to see you there

Cody and Aurelie Mock serve our Lord Jesus in the Czech Republic. Cody works alongside our mission team in Eurasia to provide support for various IT systems and services. He also helps identify and implement new technology solutions within the region's projects and provides training for staff on how to use those technologies to spread the Gospel. Cody is from Pella, Iowa, so he is a "local Iowa boy" who has an exciting story to tell about what the Lord is doing on the mission field in Eurasia. He will be speaking on Saturday, May 16, at 1:00 p.m., so don't miss this opportunity!



Rev. Paul and Gena Nelson are missionaries in Southeast Asia, based in Medan, Indonesia. In this role, Paul works with deployed staff, partner churches, and partner organizations throughout the region to provide theological training, pastoral mentoring, and pastoral care. His work involves extensive travel as he creates and nurtures relationships in a variety of cultures and languages. Pastor Nelson will be presenting on Saturday, May 23, at 1:00 p.m. You don't want to miss this special event!



Rev. Jordon and Alison Andreasen serve the Lord as career missionaries in Romania. In this role, Jordon works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania to plant Lutheran congregations in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion. Jordon grew up in Spirit Lake, Iowa where his dad, Phill, served as pastor at Immanuel. Jordon is another "Iowa boy" who will be speaking on Saturday, June 27, at 1:00pm. Make plans now to come to Mission Central and hear this exciting presentation!

Matt and Dee Dee Wasmund, along with their daughters, Lily and Olivia, live in Seoul, South Korea, where Matt serves as the Asia educator manager for the LCMS. In this role, Matt supports and advocates for LCMS missionaries in the region who are principally involved in education at schools, English centers and local churches. These ministries touch the lives of hundreds of students of all ages. Matt also engages with church and school leaders in these various sites, seeking effective ways to serve together for the sake of the Gospel. Matt and DeeDee will be here at Mission Central on Saturday, July 11. You don't want to miss this special event!



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March 2026

Elder: Jim Thies, Mar. 4: Steve Gust, Mar. 11: Matt Leitz, Mar. 18: Jim Thies, Mar. 25: Steve Gust;
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 Altar: Deanna Sorensen & Linda Riddle

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion			Pastor in Mapleton	11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Catechism 7-8 5:30 PM Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	5:30 PM LCW Meeting	Pastors Family Day	
Acolytes: Hannah				Acolytes:			
9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Pastor in Mapleton 5:30 PM Elders Mtg 7:00 PM Council Mtg	11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Catechism 7-8 5:30 PM Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service		Pastors Family Day	
Acolytes: Max, Samantha				Acolytes:			
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion LYF Meeting after service 6:30 PM LYF Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Pastor in Mapleton	11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Catechism 7-8 5:30 PM Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	9:00 AM Zone Prayer Service	Pastors Family Day	
Acolytes: Daxton				Acolytes: Hannah			
9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Pastor in Mapleton	11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Catechism 7-8 5:30 PM Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service		Pastors Family Day	
Acolytes: Max				Acolytes: Hannah, Kelly			
9:30 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion	29	30	31				
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