

TRINITY LUTHERAN PARISH
Mona Lutheran Church, Mona, IA
Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church, rural Lyle, MN
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LYLE, MN 55953

T.L.P. IN TOUCH

MAY 2025



*A Mother's Day Blessing
May God bless you this May...
When the flowers are in bloom,
When the blossoms on the hillsides
Fill the air with sweet perfume,
When all the birds are singing,
When the sun shines bright above...*

*At Mother's Day and always
God bless you!*

May 2025

We are Called. God's Work. Our Hands. God's Family!

June						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Scott Meyer C# 507-319-0715 scottmeyer39@hotmail.com				National Day of Prayer 1 Personal Health Care kits Deadline	2	3
3rd Sunday of Easter 4 9 A: OS w/HC, C, SS & F 10:45 A: ABS at SMG	5 <i>Pastor Scott's Day Off</i>	6	7	8 1 P: SMG LL, H: Carol A	9	10 9-11 A: Come & Go Bridal Shower for Abby Hemann, bride to be of Dylan Patterson
4th Sunday of Easter 11 Mother's Day 9 A: SMG w/HC, SS & F 10:45 A: ABS at SMG	12 <i>Pastor Scott's Day Off</i>	13 1 P: Mona BS, H: Faye 7 P: TLP Council Mtg at Mona followed by each Church Council Mtg	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
5th Sunday of Easter 18 9 A: Mona w/HC & F 10:45 A: ABS at SMG	19 <i>Pastor Scott's Day Off</i> 9:30 A: Naomi Circle, H: Joan S, L: Kathy H 6:30 P: MLL, H: Alouise	20 7 P: SG Council Mtg at OS	21	22	23 June Newsletter Deadline	24
6th Sunday of Easter 25 Summer Schedule Begins 9 A: SMG w/ F 10:45 A: ABS at SMG	26 Memorial Day <i>Pastor Scott's Day Off</i> Lyle Legion Salutes  11 A - Mona 11:30 A - SMG	27	28	29	30	31
HC=Holy Communion SS=Sunday School F=Fellowship BS=Bible Study ABS=Adult Bible Study OS=Our Savior's SMG=Six Mile Grove MLL=Mona Lutheran Ladies	Notes: >					Wanda Hanson, Office Sec O# 507-325-2437 C# 515-290-0936 monaandsmg@gmail.com

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Trinity Lutheran Parish Monthly Newsletter: Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches



Choir and Sunday School sing on Palm Sunday!

YOUTH

Sunday School:

- >Every Sunday at the hosting church for 9:00 am worship. Children will leave worship after the children's sermon for class. See calendar or inside under Church info to see where Sunday School will be.
- >Sunday, May 11th will be the last day of Sunday School.

Confirmation: Confirmation:

- >Confirmation Sunday for OS will be May 4th.
- >See ya in the fall!

Youth for Christ in Austin

The building is on the northside across the street from the High School (400 3rd Ave, Austin). Contact, John Engelstad, the Director, #507-481-4894. Feel free to check it out on FB. Facebook Group: Austin Youth for Christ.

Breakfast Clubs:

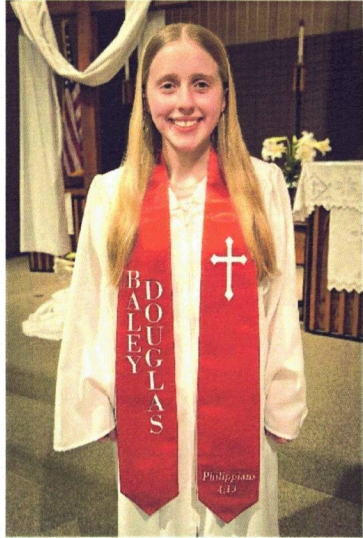
Middle School on T & F from 7:30-8:15 A at Bethlehem Church, Austin. Before school, come and have some hot chocolate and breakfast to start your day right. We do fun ice breakers, play music and have a daily life message based on bible verses.

Bible Camp

Do you have a child or children that would like to go to Bible Camp? Contact someone who is on the church council, the church will help pay part of the cost. Bible Camps = Good Earth Village, Okoboji, Prairie River Camp, Riverside and Ironwood Springs. (Mona President: Craig Whalen 507-421-8788 and SMG President: Steve Sampson 507-438-1200)

VBS

Mark your calendars! Starts Monday, July 14th at 6:00 pm. Watch and listen for sign up details.



Baley Lynn Douglas

Parents: Chase & Heather Douglas

Birthdate: December 3, 2010

Baptism Date: May 22, 2011

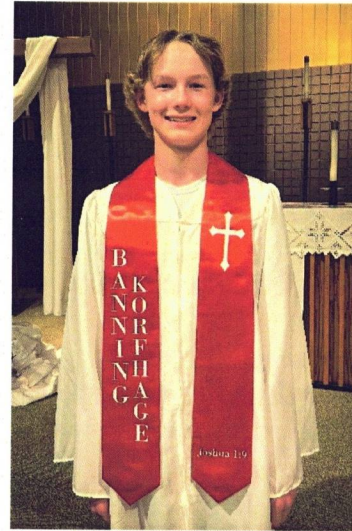
Sponsors: Dave Titus & Schyler Hutchinson

Confirmation Verse:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. – Philippians 4:13

Faith Statement:

I believe that God is always there for me, on the good days and the bad days, even when I don't think he is. I believe that the church is a place where you can grow your faith. It's also a place where you can share your faith with others, and a place where you can talk to God. My faith affects my daily life because it makes me want to be a better and kinder person. Confirmation means to me that I am getting a closer and deeper relationship with God. And that I can receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. It is important that I confirm my faith in God because his love gives me peace and strength through everything I face.



Banning Brooks Korfhage

Parents: Jarrett & Kelsey Korfhage

Birthdate: October 2, 2010

Baptism Date: January 30, 2011

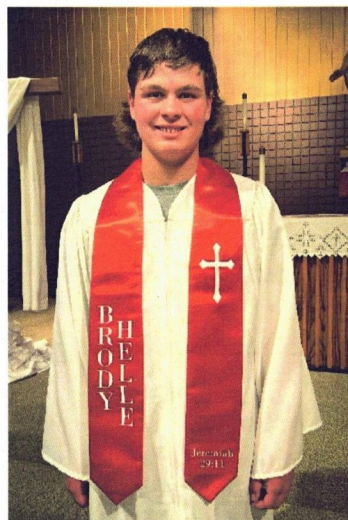
Sponsors: Peter & Melissa Korfhage

Confirmation Verse:

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9

Faith Statement:

I believe in one God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I grew up in a Christian home and was lucky to have known God and gone to church for my whole life. My faith really started to grow when I started going to a church camp a few summers ago. We'd have worship for multiple hours a day, and during that time I felt God interacting with me as I sang and praised Him. I was baptized as a baby, and now through confirmation my faith has continued to grow. I have learned to trust God and not be discouraged in hard times knowing He'll be with me wherever I go.



Brody Raymond Helle

Parents: Brian & April Helle

Birthdate: March 4, 2011

Baptism Date: May 15, 2011

Sponsors: Shane & Emily Bunne

Confirmation Verse:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. – Jeremiah 29:11

Faith Statement:

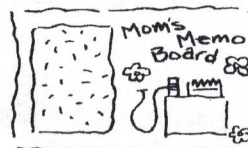
I believe in God, Jesus, and the Bible. I understand and I will live by God's word as I move forward in life. Confirmation has helped me realize how important it is to have faith. I know that when I need guidance I can turn to my faith. Having faith affects my daily life by helping me to respect and help all people. Confirmation is an important step in my faith journey because it means I am growing closer to God and closer to becoming an adult member of the church. My personal connection with God has strengthened since I started Confirmation. I know that God is very important to my life as a Christian. After I get confirmed, I will continue to go to church and worship God.

Make a Memo Board for Mother's Day

Make a memo board and give it to your mom on Mother's Day.

What you need:

- a canvas board approximately 14" x 10" (available at art and craft stores in various sizes)
- a piece of corkboard about half the size of the canvas board (available in self-adhesive rolls or sheets at art and craft stores)
- permanent marker
- colored tissue paper
- 1 sheet of construction paper
- 2 pieces of string or yarn, each about as long as your arm
- glue ■ small notepad
- scissors ■ pencil ■ stapler



How to make it:

1. Cut a piece of corkboard about half the size of the canvas board. Attach it to the left side of the board with glue (or the adhesive backing).
2. Write "Mom's Memo Board" on the top right side of the canvas board.
3. Cut the tissue paper into flower shapes and glue them onto the canvas board.
4. Fold the construction paper into a pocket big enough to hold the small notepad and pencil. Glue the pocket's side and bottom edges to the canvas board. Let it dry.
5. Tie one piece of string or yarn to the pencil and staple the other end to the board near the notepad pocket. Put the pencil in the pocket.
6. Staple the last piece of string or yarn to the back of the board as a hanger.
7. Write a special message to your mother on the first page of the notepad.



Famous Mothers in the Bible

Mothers are very special people. The Bible tells many stories about famous mothers.

Unscramble the letters to find the names of some mothers from the Bible. Look up the Bible verses, if you need help. Write the names on the blanks. Use the letters on the numbered blanks to fill in the message at the bottom.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

6 11

NAHHAN (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

BRAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18

3

KREEHBA (Genesis 27:5)

16

5

HELA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CHELRA (Genesis 30:22)

7

12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

10

17

13

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

8

RAMY (Matthew 2:11)

2

ZEBLEHATI
(Luke 1:13)

9

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4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
13 8 14 G 15 F 4 F 16 10 17 G 3 18 !

A MOTHER'S LOVE IS A GIFT FROM GOD.

Answers: EVE, HANNAH, DEBORAH, REBEKAH, LEAH, RACHEL, NAOMI, SARAH, MARY, ELIZABETH.

Remember your mother

Whoever you are, wherever you are, on Mother's Day, remember your mother. Without her and your father, you would only have been a dream and a hope, never a reality. No wonder God gave us the commandment: "Honor your father and your mother ..." (Exodus 20:12, NRSV). God gave us life through them.

—Charles Ferrell

PRAY

Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

Pam Asleson Ellie Barber Barb Fossey Mike Fossey
 Bennett Hanson Blair Hanson Loren Hanson Faye Haugen
 Denny Helgeson Eric Johnson Patty Johnson Ann Meyer
 Troy Murphy Karen Phipo Kathy Roberts Jerry Sampson
 Roger Vreeman Peter Wangen Fabiola (Oaxaca)
Palliative Care: Darlene Meling
Hospice Care: Eleanor Johnson

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Christopher Slindee Thomas Frank Kelly Fredrickson
 Riley Wondra Adam Dublinske (M) Skyler Thomas (NG)
 Ed Dreyer (M) Gage Thompson (AF)

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of the Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(NG=National Guard), (M=Marines), (AF=Air Force), (A=Army), (N=Navy)

Missions to pray for:

- >Pastor Samuel, his family and church members in Oaxaca.
- >Friends of Ngong Road children and their families – Lenny Kamanda, Josephine Wairimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno and Swinny Mbone.
- >Peace and Power, Marie Sandvick Center, Lyle Food Shelf, Good Earth Village, Haiti

Prayers for guidance:

Pastor Scott ~ Parish Council ~ Church Councils ~ Sunday School Teachers
 ~ Members of Six Mile Grove, Mona & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

Sympathy and Prayers

...for the family of Larry Schatte. Funeral was May 2nd at Mona.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LECTORS:

Sunday, May 4 - O
 Sunday, May 11 - S
 Sunday, May 18 - M
 Sunday, May 25 - S

T.L.P. Member Name

(Summer Schedule begins)

USHERS:

Mona: Gary and Becky Fredrickson

SMG: Chase & Heather Douglas Family and David & Carol Anderson

COMMUNION ASSIST.:

Mona: Becky Fredrickson and/or Nancy Mickelson

SMG: Jim Sampson, Timm Ehret and/or Teri Zimmerman

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Mona: Gary and Becky Fredrickson

SMG: TBD

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship each Sunday at hosting church.

*Thank YOU for the giving of YOUR time
 and having a Servant Heart!*

*Thank-you God for giving me such a loving Mother,
 For I wouldn't want to be a part of no other.*

Dear Lord,

May you please watch over and bless us this planting season. May the seeds planted in the following weeks be watered by life-giving rain and nourished by the warm sun.

Thank you for trusting us with the stewardship of your land. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR...

May 2025

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

This is the verse chosen by one of our confirmands as his Confirmation verse this year. It's a very comforting and reassuring thing to hear about God's presence in our lives. And it's a reminder for all of us to stay strong in our faith as we face various hardships and difficulties.

What does a young 14-year-old know about life's biggest challenges, we might ask. What does he know about the pain of losing a loved one, the desperation of addiction or financial problems, or the depths of despair we adults feel due to broken relationships? Those are things that come with age and life experience, things we hope our sons/daughters won't have to face, at least for a long time. But when they do, we pray their faith remains strong and that God will help them through.

I've heard recently about severe storms and devastating tornadoes down south. It's led to the loss of people's homes, jobs, and even their lives... I've also heard about members of our churches who've become gravely ill recently, and one in particular who has died from cancer. It makes us wonder about God's presence and protection. Where was God when 42 people died in the cross-country storm system back in March? Where was God when our brother and friend, Larry, passed away on April 5th? Whenever we're faced with disease, death or disaster, we sometimes have a tendency to attribute it to God. We say things like "It was simply God's will," or "It was all a part of God's plan."

This may be a natural, human reaction to forces beyond our control, but it's a dangerous thing to say when it comes to how we believe in God. As a pastor I've always tried to remind people that, whether it's one person's tragic death or a natural disaster like a tornado, God doesn't cause these terrible things to happen. God doesn't intentionally kill or destroy. However, God can bring about his will for our lives IN SPITE OF things like disease or death, and God can certainly be trusted to be with us IN and THROUGH these hardships.

The truth is that we live in a sinful and fallen world. Bad things happen, even in nature, because of the brokenness and separation that exists

between the Creator and the created. Yes, God is still the Lord of all creation! But when disease or disaster or death occurs, it isn't the intentional act of a harsh or cruel God that causes it, but the result of our sin and selfishness. All we can do then is rely on God's mercy to help us through those difficult 'storms' of life.

And so we certainly pray for the victims of the recent tornadoes, just like we pray for our loved ones suffering from disease and those grieving the death of a loved one. Let us trust in God's ever-present support as we mourn our dead, recover from hardship or disaster, and live out our faith as we struggle to find God's 'perfect peace' in an imperfect world.

See you all in church!

Pastor Scott

Easter Lilies at Mona. Feel free to take them home with you.

IMO = In Memory Of

Dick and Rosie Hagelund – IMO Loved Ones

Duane Rohde – IMO Loved Ones

Kurt and Paul Meyer & family – IMO Loved Ones

Nancy Mickelson & family – IMO Loved Ones

Cheryl Jones & family – IMO Loved Ones

Romona Schatte & family – IMO Larry Schatte

Gary and Becky Fredrickson & family – IMO Loved Ones

Lowell and Margaret Meyer & family – IMO Loved Ones

Kim Whalen & family – IMO Loved Ones

Pastor Scott and Tracy Meyer & family – IMO Loved Ones

Don and Karen Whalen & family – IMO Loved Ones

Jeff Whalen and Stephanie Whalen & family – IMO Grandparents

Wayne and Nielene Johnson – IMO LeRoy and Mina Johnson

Dawn Knapp & family – IMO Doug Johnson

Jennifer Johnson & family – IMO Linda Garvey

Craig and Beth Whalen family – IMO Loved Ones

Alouise Anderson family – IMO Loved Ones

CHURCH INFO

MAY / SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday, May 5	9:00 am	OS w/HC
Sunday, May 11	9:00 am	SMG w/HC
Sunday, May 18	9:00 am	Mona w/HC
Sunday, May 25	9:00 am	SMG
<i>Summer Schedule – the first Sunday of the month will be inside for HC.</i>		
June	9:00 am	SMG
<i>Exception: June 29</i>	10:00 am	Lyle Park
July	9:00 am	Mona
August	9:00 am	OS

PARISH / CHURCH COUNCIL MTG

- Parish Council will meet, May 13 at Mona, 7:00 pm.
- Mona Council will meet following PC Mtg
- SMG Council will meet following PC Mtg
- Small Group Council Mtg at OS on May 20
- It is important that you as a council member attend these mtg's.

GRADUATES

- Emily Paredes from Winona state in social work.
- Marissa Paredes from Mankato State in Biology.
- Megan Fredrickson from Platteville High School.

Congratulations and God's blessings to each of you on the next chapter in your Book of Life!

BRIDAL SHOWER

Come and Go Shower for Abby Hemann, bride to be of Dylan Patterson at Stacyville Visitation Catholic Church on May 10th from 9-11 am. Please bring a favorite recipe for the bride!

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION FELLOWSHIP

On May 11, we will have Cake and Coffee for fellowship to honor our Confirmands following worship at SMG.

SUMMER COMMUNION SCHEDULE

The first Sunday of the month we will have communion AND the service will be inside.

SMG BIBLE STUDY

The group meets at 10:45 in the SMG dining room. There is plenty of lively, thought provoking discussion, and always room for more people. All are welcome!

MEMORIAL DAY LEGION SALUTES CEMETERY SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am – Cedar City
- 9:30 am – London
- 10:00 am – Deer Creek
- 10:30 am – Woodbury
- 11:00 am – Pleasant Hill, Mona
- 11:30 am – Six Mile Grove

NEW WEBSITE

One Website for all 3 churches will be developed. What shall we name it? Ideas, let someone on the council know your idea.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

If you have any skills to share or would like to help with the fund or need help with a project, please contact Jane Price, Coordinator. Email: jepnboys2003@yahoo.com or phone: 507-990-7877.

MONA'S FACEBOOK PAGE

The Mona Lutheran Church FB page was restored!

YOU ARE INVITED!

We would love to have you join us for the New Coffee Club. Gatherings will be the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am for Coffee, Conversation and Christian Study at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lyle.

GAME/FUN/FAMILY EVENT

Anyone interested in hosting game nights or have any ideas please contact the church OR your Council President.

DELEGATES FOR LCMC NATIONAL GATHERING

This will take place from Oct 5-8 in Cedar Lakeville, MN at Hosanna Church. Registration: Advance registration is required. The deadline to register is September 15, however we recommend registering by July 31 to get the discounted early bird rate. Would you like to go with Pastor Scott to this gathering? Let Pastor Scott, Steve Sampson or Craig Whalen know if you are interested in this.

WELCA / CIRCLES

- >SMG LL – April 8 at 1 pm, H: Carol A
- >Naomi Circle – Monday, May 19 at 9:30 am, H: Kathy H, L: Joan S
- >Mona M&M Circle/BS – Tuesday, April 13 at 1:00 pm, H: Faye
- >Mona LL – Monday, May 19 at 6:30 pm, H: Alouise

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who provided items for the LWR Hygiene Kits. We have 28 kits to deliver to Albert Lea on May 17th.

Thank you to all who helped with church yard clean up at Mona on 5/3/25.

CHRISTIAN EVENTS

[Tenth Avenue North](#) and special guest [Natalie Layne](#) hit the Mayo Civic Center stage on May 8. Tickets on sale now at the Mayo Civic Center Box Office and [Ticketmaster.com](#).

COMMUNITY

Women's Christian / Community Connection

Monday, May 12 from 9:30-11:30 am at the Austin Eagles Club. Cost \$13. Special Feature & Music: Elizsabeth Christensen. Speaker: Linda Cassman, "New You – New Life". (107 11th St NE)

Easter Contata: Come Walk With Me Through the Passion and Resurrection of Christ on Sunday, April 27th from 4-5 pm or Saturday, May 3rd from 7-8 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Osage, IA. Free Admission. Preformed by local area singers and musicians. Mark Borchardt, Director; Krista Koschmeder, Director; Belinda Borchardt, Bass Guitar; Pat Mackin, Accompanist. Sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of Mitchell County. *We welcome monetary or food donations to the Mitchell County Food Bank.*

Bluff Country Singers Concert

Sunday, May 4th at 2:00 and 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spring Valley, MN.

Can Drive: At HOME First = Helping Others Means Everything

Please deposit your empty aluminum pop cans into the fenced trailer at Mona Lutheran Church. Thank YOU!

Cans for Cancer

Collecting aluminum cans though out the year with a collection box behind the Lyle Legion. Please donate your empty aluminum cans to a very worthy cause.

LYLE FOOD SHELF/PANTRY

>The food pantry at Our Savior's is *grateful* for your support, please help us keep our shelves full. **Needed:** *Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Soups, Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, etc).* Cash is always appreciated also.

>Saturday, May ?th at Our Savior's in Lyle, they will hand out food bags at 10:00 am

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry

Mower County Fairgrounds in Austin hosts Ruby's Pantry the third Thursday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Doors open at 4:00 PM

Pub Theology

Different Brews ~ Different views ~ Beer, Conversation & God
All perspectives welcome!

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at Worth Brewing Company.
(835 Central Ave, Northwood, IA)

Hosted by First Lutheran and Northwood UMC