




May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						2 5 pm Worship*
3 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Denny P. & Mary A. Acolyte: Zander Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	4 ← Church Office closed this week. →	5 ← Church Office closed this week. →	6 ← Church Office closed this week. →	7 10 am Bible Study	8	9 5 pm Worship
10 See Every Sunday SS Kids Sing Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Mary K. & Audree O. Acolyte: Evette & Emmalee Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	11	12 Circuit Pastor's Meeting @ Hinton	13	14 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Ascension Service	15	16 5 pm Worship*
17 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders mtg. Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Corinne & family Acolyte: Brynnly Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	18 7 pm LWML	19	20	21 10 am Bible Study	22	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Low Family gone through May 30 </div> No Worship
24 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Tom & Jane Murren Acolyte: Cooper & Lincoln Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortnier Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	25 	26 ← Low Family gone through May 30 →	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Low Family gone through May 30 </div>	28 No Bible Study	29	30 5 pm Worship*
31 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Brenda Watkins Acolyte: Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Peggy Christensen						

EVERY SUNDAY
 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:30 AM WORSHIP
 COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS
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Thursday mornings at 10:00, Bible Study will be studying the book of 1 Corinthians.

Sunday morning Bible Class is at 9:30 am. We will begin "Understanding Culture".



ELDERS meet at 8:30 am on Sunday, May 17th.

LWML will meet on Monday, May 18th at 7 pm. Our May mission is Lutheran Prison Ministries.



Sunday School kids sing on May 10.

Ascension Service at 7 pm Thursday May 14.



Pastor Lowe and family will be on vacation from May 23-30.

Lycia will be out of the church office May 3-8.

Email trinityhawarden@gmail.com
Or leave a message at 551-2743 and we will get back to you ASAP.

Giving with Purpose

Giving is an important part of our lives as Christians. Giving expresses our love and trust in the Lord. Our giving reflects God's character. It is a response to His grace in our lives. Giving is an act of worship and obedience. Faith prompts us to give with purpose to express our gratitude for all of God's blessings and gifts, to help those in need, to support His Church, and expand His kingdom.

When we give with purpose, we are giving planned, thoughtful, heart-motivated gifts that reflect God's generosity to us. A person who does not have a plan and purpose for giving would be someone who, minutes before the offering is received in Divine Worship, decides what he or she can spare to give. Giving with purpose is not a haphazard or impulsive act. It is not giving leftovers. It is a deliberate act of stewardship.

Let's focus on the prepositions "from" and "to." These two prepositions will be helpful to understand the motivation for our giving. We are giving with purpose when we give "from" all the blessings God gives to us. Every day, God gives us His love, grace, and mercy. Through faith, we know that all we are and have are gifts from Him. He provides for our daily food, shelter, and clothing. He has not only created us, but He has also redeemed us through His Son, Jesus. We give "from" hearts filled with thanks and gratitude for all that God has done and continues to do for us. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1). Our motivation to give "from" what God gives to us should inspire each of us to give regularly and generously with purpose.

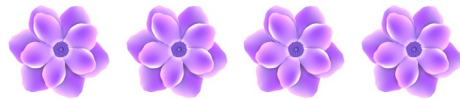
The other preposition "to" also encourages giving with purpose. God's Word is clear that we are to give "to" the poor and those in need. "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed" (Proverbs 19:17). In the words of James, we are to provide support for the "orphans and widows" (James 1:27). God wants us to give with purpose "to" our churches to support the sharing of the gospel with all people. "In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel." (1 Corinthians 9:14). God works and gives through us "to" help the poor, support His Church, and extend His kingdom.

May God help each of us give generously with purpose "from" our blessings that He entrusts to us and "to" the needs that He places in our hearts so that God is honored through our giving.

From Pastor's Desk part 3:

From this captivity no one can free himself, save only that one man Christ. What did he do? He made sin, death, and Satan his debtors. Sin fell upon him as though it would vanquish him, but it lost the day; he devoured sin. And Satan, death, and hell fared the same way. But we are unable to do this unless he be present to aid us. Alone, we must needs perish, But he, since he had done no sin and was full of righteousness, trod under foot Satan, death and hell, and devoured them, and took everything captive that fain would capture us, so that sin and death no longer can do harm.

This, then, is the power he causes to be preached, that all who believe in him are released from captivity. I believe in him by whom sin, death, and all things that afflict us, were led captive. It is a pleasing discourse, and full of comfort, when we are told that death is taken away and slain, so that it is no longer felt. However, it affords pleasure and comfort only to those who believe it. You will not find release from captivity in your works, fastings, prayers, castigations, tonsures, and gowns, and whatever more things you may do; but only in the place where Christ sits, whither he ascended and whither he led captivity with him. Hence, he who would be freed from sin and delivered from Satan and death, must come thither where Christ is. Now, where is he? He is here with us, and for this purpose did he sit down in heaven, that he might be near unto us. Thus, we are with him up there and he is with us down here. Through the word he comes down and through faith we ascend up. (Church Postil, 1st Sermon for Ascension Day)



JESUS' SACRIFICIAL LOVE DEFINES US, AND IT MAKES US PEOPLE OF PURPOSE.

“By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).



Easter Lilies 2026

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of...

Erlyn & Shirley Cain	by Don & Stacia Hart
Dale Boerma	by Joyce Boerma
Gerrit & Esther Boerma and Julius & Elsie Anderson	by Joyce Boerma
Stan Kemner, Gerry Day	by Carol Bolluyt
John & Fern Van Wyhe	by Rick & Joann Boyer
Gladys Edmunds	by Terry Edmunds
Lee & Anna Hass	by Bud Hass & Marcia Hazel
Russ Brandsma	by Betty Brandsma
All Our Loved Ones who have passed	by Mike & Linda Bockelman

Given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of...

Easter	by Duane & Carol Aldrich
Our Risen Lord	by Deb Kratochvil
Our Grandchildren	by Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek
Randee and our family	by Denny Peters
Our kids and grandkids	by Curt & Lycia Anderson
The Resurrection of Our Lord	by Roger & Audree Olson
Easter & our families	by Paul Janssen and La Rae Power

Please pick up your lily after the 10:30 a.m. service. Thanks!



News from the Pews



Big Congratulations to Justin Ortner for winning first place in Ag Broadcasting at state FFA! He is the son of Eric and Mary Ortner. Way to go, Justin! We thank God for you!



Congratulations to West Sioux senior Karlee Vander Hamm who earned her spot as state reporter during the State FFA convention. She is the daughter of Brian and Kara and is the first Falcon to earn the state officer title. We thank God for you!



GIVING IS NOT SO MUCH AN ACT OF GENEROSITY AS IT IS AN ACT OF TRUST.

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God”
2 Corinthians 9:11.



From Pastor's Desk part 2:

Hence, these are majestic and powerful words. They afford the heart great comfort, so that they who believe this are filled with joy and courage and defiantly say:
My Lord Jesus Christ is Lord over death, Satan, sin, righteousness, body, life, foes and friends. What shall I fear? For while my enemies stand before my very door and plan to slay me, my faith reasons thus: Christ is ascended into heaven and become Lord over all creatures, hence my enemies, too, must be subject to him and thus it is not in their power to do me harm. I challenge them to raise a finger against me or to injure a hair of my head against the will of my Lord Jesus Christ. When faith grasps and stands upon this article, it stands firm and waxes bold and defiant, so as even to say: If my Lord so wills that they, mine enemies, slay me, blessed am I; I gladly depart. Thus you will see that he is ascended into heaven, not to remain in indifference, but to exercise dominion; and all for our good, to afford us comfort and joy. . . .

Again in still another Psalm, David says (Psalm 68:18): “Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led away captives; thou hast received gifts among men, yea among the rebellious also, that Lord God might dwell with them.” And all the prophets took great pains to describe Christ’s ascension and his kingdom. For, as his sufferings and death are deeply founded in the Scriptures, so are also his kingdom, his resurrection and ascension. In this manner we must view the ascension of Christ. Otherwise it will afford us neither pleasure nor profit. For what good will it do you if you merely preach that he ascended up to heaven and sits there with folded hands? This is what the prophet would say in the Psalm Christ is ascended on high and has led captivity captive. That is to say, not only does he sit up there but he is also down here. And for this purpose did he ascend up thither, that he might be down here, that he might fill all things and be everywhere present; which thing he could not do had he remained on earth, for here in the body he could not have been present with all. He ascended to heaven, where all hearts can see him, where he can deal with all men, that he might fill all creation. He is present everywhere and all things are filled with his fullness. Nothing is so great, be it in heaven or on earth, but he has power over it, and it must be in perfect obedience to him. He not only governs and fills all creation (that would not help my faith any nor take away my sins), but also has led captivity captive. . . .
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From Pastor's Desk...

Jesus' victories keep coming. While many Christians are focused on the resurrection of Jesus as His victory over death and the grave, which it is, there is the oft forgotten ascension of Jesus that brings another victory- the victory of Jesus' capturing the world and making it captive to His rule and reign. But Christ does not rule and reign from the heights of heaven. No, He rules and reigns down here among us.

Luther writes:

We must, therefore, conceive of his ascension and Lordship as something active, energetic and continuous, and must not imagine that he sits above while we hold the reins of government down here. Nay, he ascended up thither for the reason that there he can best do his work and exercise dominion. Had he remained upon earth in visible form, before the people, he could not have wrought so effectually, for all the people could not have been with him and heard him. Therefore, he inaugurated an expedient which made it possible for him to be in touch with all and reign in all, to preach to all and be heard by all, and to be with all. Therefore, beware lest you imagine within yourself that he has gone, and now is, far away from us. The very opposite is true: While he was on earth, he was far away from us; now he is very near. . . .

In the first place, Psalm 8:4-6 says of Christ: "What is man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him but little lower than God, and crownest him with glory and honor. Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet." Here the prophet speaks to God concerning a man and marvels that God humbled, for a time, that man, when he suffered him to die, humbled him to the extent that it seemed as if God were not with him. But after a little while God exalted him, so that all things must obey him, both in heaven and on earth. To these words we must hold, to these words we must cling, in these words we must believe; for reason will not submit nor adapt itself to them, but says they are lies. Now, if all things are to be subject to this being and to fall at his feet, he must sit where he can look into the whole world, in- to heaven and hell and every heart; where he can see all sin and all righteousness, and can not only see all things, But can rule accordingly.

Happy May Birthdays

- 1 Boston Buryanek, Alex Hurtado, Randy Klaus
- 2 Corinne Lowe
- 4 Kay Borchers
- 5 Dan Tentinger
- 6 Rodney Matz
- 7 Luke Huebner, Lydia Lowe
- 8 Clarissa Dreckman, Tenley Noble
- 9 Roger Olson
- 10 Logan Vander Hamm
- 17 Beckett Boyer
- 19 Meghan Danielson, Dallas Huebner
- 20 Jett Boyer, Conner Van Ballegooyen
- 21 Nancy Buryanek
- 23 Jill Vander Feen
- 24 Bailey Ver Mulm
- 25 Brielle Aldrich
- 26 Jayden Burt
- 27 Sally Hantsbarger
- 30 Hannah Lemmerman, John Van Ballegooyen
- 31 Tucker Vander Feen



Happy May Anniversaries

- 14 Adam & Hannah McVay 10 years
- 23 Jerry & Wendi Ruhland 45 years
- 23 Brian & Kara Vander Hamm 17 years
- 27 Jeff & Jennifer Kooi 9 years
- 28 Ryan & Ashley Noble 21 years
- 30 Armando & Pet Hurtado 39 years
- 31 Pastor Josh & Corinne Lowe 16 years



Praying for our congregation this month...

Each week, we will pray for 7 or 8 families in our congregation (alphabetically, by last name). In the month of May, these are the families that we will pray for :

- May 3 Cody & Adrianna Star, Camden, Alexa
Tamara & Chance Steen, Cooper, Weston
Nick & Ashley Strong, Cason, Calen, Cora
Avis Sunderman
Dan Tentinger
Jean Toft
- May 10 Luci & Josh Ferge, Asher
Robert & Jill Upton, Jaden, Analiese
Corey & Jodi Utech, Kelan, Eastyn
Morgan & Randy Boon, Zander, Tatum, Rooney, Pria
Michael & Tara Van Ballegooyen, Blake, Addison, Emrie
- May 17 Sarah Van Ballegooyen
Conner Van Ballegooyen
John & Pam Van Ballegooyen
Casey & Amanda Van Bochove, Lindsey, Destiny
Phil & Angie Van Wyhe
Tyler & Alyssa Van Wyhe, Clara
Larry & Linda Van Wyhe
- May 24 Evan & Jill Vander Feen
Rita Vander Feen
Brian & Kara Vander Hamm, Karlee, Logan, Jacob
Robert & Jodi VerMulm, R. J., Bailey
Jerry & Sharon Wakeman
Janet Wakeman
- May 31 Chris Waterman
Kim Waterman
Brenda Watkins
David & Erika Weinmann, David, Brenden
Karen Weyen
Josh Wilkens
Josh Wilkens
Dave Zierke

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*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our
God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8*



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