Trinity Lutheran Church
Pleasant Valley

December 2026

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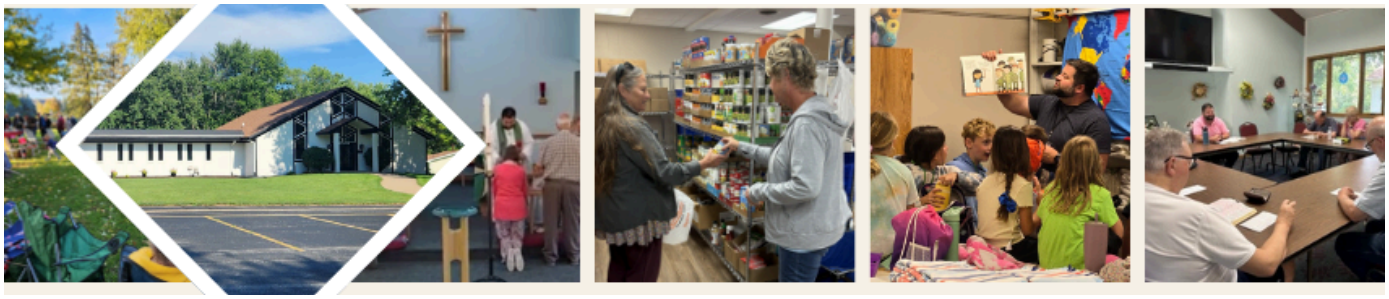

Greetings in the name of Christ!

There's a quote that is often attributed to church reformer Martin Luther that speaks to our world's recent worries about what might be happening all around us. It goes something like this: "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

Many, including the journal *Lutheran Witness*, have pointed out that there is no proof that Luther actually ever spoke or wrote these words, but the sentiment nonetheless speaks to a quiet hope and faithful perseverence in the faith of trouble around him. In Luther's context of Europe in the 1500s, there was much to be worried about: a plague was running rampant, communities were being torn apart by political uprisings, and wealth disparity caused many to question the church's role in society.

This quote came to mind at a recent discussion at our monthly Theology on Tap gathering. The consensus of those gathered agreed to discuss how we might know if this is some sort of end time, or how we might know that was happening. Looking around at recent news, we see the following: a lead azide detonation causing fear among those who are pregnant or have small children, worries over the cost of goods and services of all sorts tied to the cost of oil and a war in Iran, and several outages of services possibly caused by AI ranging from FAA to banking to Microsoft Outlook. The world feels chaotic.

In our lectionary texts for November and early December, we see plenty of apocalyptic language as the church year closes and moves ahead to a new year. Jesus reminds his followers, *"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come."* (Mark 13:32-33, NRSVUE)

In both the teaching and assurance of Christ and the attributed quote of Martin Luther, we find comfort in the steadfast presence of a God who will abide with us even in the midst of times that feel chaotic. In Jesus' lifetime, Rome was occupying the land where he lived, Herod called for the slaughter of all male children in Bethlehem after the magi reported the birth of the Christchild, and religious elites worked in concert with the wealth of the Roman Empire to marginalize local Israelites.

When we consider what we might do in the life of our congregation and community, I hope that we remember that we know neither the day or the hour, that we can live faithfully together as the Body of Christ, and that our talents can be stewarded for the glory of God, even in the face of chaotic times. May we continue to hope in the Christ who unites us and brings hope to a weary world, in this season, and always.

Waiting in the hope of Christ,

Pastor Stephen Nilsen

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From the President's Desk

HAVE AN ITEM FOR AN UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING?

Reach out to one of the 2026 Council Members or Pastor Stephen to share your item of concern. You may also leave the note in the suggestion box at the desk by the office.

2026 Council Members

Dane Crist — President — Education Committee
Diane Holst — Vice President — HOT Team
Sally Morrow — Secretary — Worship & Music Committee
John Ahlers — Treasurer — Stewardship Committee
Dawn Brick — Memorial Committee
Diane Cook — Personnel Committee
Don Kathan — Property Committee
Sharon Marquard — Social Ministry Committee
Al McIlrath — Endowment Committee

Greetings from the Council President.

I am back from vacation and I reviewed the responses from the informative meeting after Sunday Worship held November 15. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and gave their input. I think the information will give guidance to decisions that are before Council as we prepare for the Annual Meeting.

Please continue to stay informed on the projects as we prayerfully consider them. Thank you for your support on these issues.

Yours in Christ,
Dane Crist

End of Year Reminders from Stewardship Committee

Be Sure to Consider Tax Law Changes
You could benefit from several tax law changes that took effect this year. Consider the possibilities when making decisions about your year-end giving by visiting the ELCA Foundation's helpful guide:
Smart Ways to Give Before the Year Ends.

One of the easiest ways for those over age 70 that you may not think about is making a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA or other retirement vehicle. Many members find this to be a tax-advantageous way to give generously to our congregation. You can talk to Financial Secretary Randy Goslin or your financial advisor if you have other questions.

For all contributions to be included in the tax year 2026, please have those post-marked or in the offering by Sunday, December 27.



YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL INFO THROUGH OCTOBER 2026

Collections to date	$130,875.39
Expenses to date	$159,641.01
Net to date	($28,756.62)

No funds have been transferred from Stewardship Reserves year to date.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS for November 2026

November	1	53
November	8	41
November	15	39
November	22	62

WANT TO CONNECT WITH WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY?
Sign up for our weekly email bulletin that will let you know what's happening in the week ahead and have other great upcoming announcements, as well as the weekly bulletin for worship.
Call (332-5188) or email Paula (office@trinitylcpv.com) to sign up!

Birthdays

1 Rudie Eberlein
2 Gavin Heidenreich
3 Debra Anderson
5 Henry Marquard
6 Annabelle Denain
12 Mimi Roque
13 Debby Claussen
16 Paula McIntosh
18 Adrienne Picchiotti
21 Susan Varilek
24 Judy Rutledge



Anniversaries

2 Randy & Claudia Neumann
29 Travis & Marcia Brunsvold

Worship & Fellowship Volunteers

	December 6	December 13	December 20	December 24 7:00 PM	December 27
Altar Guild	Mary Shelton	Linda Busch	Diane Kaufmann	Mary Shelton	X
Communion Assistant	Susan Varilek	Marcia Brunsvold	Lois Schurr	Diana Mayes	X
Lector	Claudia Neumann	Henry Marquard	Susan Varilek	Mary Shelton	Ellen Opperman
Ushers / Greeters (2)	Al McIlrath Jo Ann Hogenson	Chris Kaul Travis Brunsvold	Diane Cook Arnie Kaufamnn	Lois Schurr Tom Shelton	Paul Opperman Don Cordts
Livestream Producer	Randy Goslin	Randy Goslin	Randy Goslin	Randy Goslin	Randy Goslin
Fellowship	**Volunteer Needed**	HOT Team: Cookies	**Volunteer Needed**	X	**Volunteer Needed**

Thanks for Helping as a Worship Assistant

Thanks to those of you who have signed your name on the Worship Volunteer Calendar. I need to work ahead to create the calendar for Thursday emails and other communications. TLC is quite short on people to serve for these tasks. You can sign up online now or on the calendar in the Narthex. Please consider filling those positions or call the office to let me know if you can sign up to help. Thanks for all of you that serve on Sundays. - Paula



Trinity Blood Pressure Ministry
After worship on December 6

Trinity will be offering this ministry the first Sunday of each month by our qualified congregational nurses. There are several stories of health monitoring, helping the lives of those who have stopped to use this ministry.

Trinity Card Crafting
CRAFTED WITH LOVE

Trinity Card Crafting Ministry Spreading Joy
Thursday, December 101:00 – 3:00 PM

Trinity's card ministry meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm in the lower level of the church. The next meeting will be December 10 from 1:00-3:00 PM. All are welcome to join us- no experience necessary!

Each month we make and deliver cards to the residents of Aspire of Pleasant Valley Nursing and Rehab (Formerly River Manor). We also make and mail greetings to members and friends of Trinity. In addition, the committee has been working to replenish the supply of greeting cards for sale in the Fellowship Hall. All cards are $2.00.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Kaul, Claudia Neumann, or Marcia Brunsvold.



COLLABORATIVE CONFIRMATION CLASS
Sunday, December 6 at 11:30 AM at Zion Lutheran
Wednesday, December 16 at 4:30 PM at St.James

Students in grades 6-9 are encouraged to join in as we go on a baptismal journey through learning about faith, sharing lunch, and more. Classes will be on the first Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM and third Wednesdays of the month at 4:30 PM. We'll cover reasons to affirm our baptism, learn about the Bible, worship, and more throughout the year.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Stephen.



Quad City Botanical Center

Event: 10th Annual Winter Lights featuring over 400,000 glowing LED lights across five acres, a neon forest, outdoor fire tables for s'mores, and indoor cocoa rooms.

Schedule & Cost: Runs Wed–Sun through Dec. 13, then daily Dec. 16–Jan. 3 (5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.). Tickets are $11 for adults and $7 for youth (2–15); special themed nights include Krampus Nights (Dec. 4–5) and Lights & Leashes for dogs (Dec. 27).



Scott County Library's Bookmobile Stops at Trinity in December

The Scott County Library Bookmobile will stop at by Trinity's parking lot through the fall on Tuesday every 3 weeks. Anyone with a library card from a library in Scott County can check out books and other media. We will have snacks and drinks available in Fellowship Hall.

We hope to see you there!

Tuesday December 15 4:40-5:10 PM

For more info, visit Scottcountyiowa.gov/library/bookmobile



Blue Christmas: The Longest Night Worship

Monday, December 21 at 7 PM

St. James Lutheran Church, Bettendorf

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas time. A Longest Night/Blue Christmas service may provide a time and place of solace during the often frenetic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas. We come together seeking healing and room to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions often feel out of place during the holidays.

In the Northern Hemisphere, December 21 is the longest night, the winter solstice. It marks the shortest day of the year, the official start of winter. Tradition says that nature and all her creatures stop and hold their breath to see if the sun will turn back from its wanderings, if the days will lengthen and the earth will once again feel the sun's warmth. On this darkest day of the year, we come with our honest yearnings seeking the return of light and hope.

Join our partners in ministry at St. James Lutheran Church for a service of reflection, sharing in one another's grief, and providing hope on our longest night. See Pastor Stephen with questions.

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24 at 7 PM

Share in the Good News of Great Joy this year with our annual Christmas Eve worship service at Trinity. Family, friends, and all neighbors are welcome as we share in the momentous night of worship, concluding with our candlelit singing of Silent Night. We hope to see you there!





Order Poinsettias to Dedicate to Your Loved Ones for Christmas Eve

Due by Sunday, December 13

It's that time of year again! You are invited to beautify our worship space for Christmas Eve and honor or remember a loved one by submitting the form below.

Your Name _____

Circle One: In Honor of / In Memory of

Dedication Name _____

Return to the Main Office along with $10
(or in your offering for "Poinsettias" or "Christmas Flowers")

Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS AT 10 AM



WEEKLY READINGS

12/06 Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-5a; Mark 1:1-8

12/13 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

12/20 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

12/24 Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14;
Luke 2: 1-20

12/27 Isaiah 61:10---62:3; Psalm 148;
Galations 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40



Comfort and Joy Devotions for Advent and Christmas Available Now

Jesus is coming; Jesus comes to us at Christmas and in each day; and Jesus will come again. These are the "tidings of comfort and joy" that we proclaim throughout Advent and Christmas. Drawing on centuries of Christian tradition, Comfort and Joy draws attention to God's surprising presence and action as we prepare for Jesus' birth during Advent, rejoices at his arrival throughout the twelve days of Christmas and the day of Epiphany, and anticipates his future return.

These devotions explore the first readings and gospel texts in the Revised Common Lectionary for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas in year B, as well as for the festival days of Christmas and Epiphany. Each reading is accompanied by an image, a reflection, and a prayer. Along with the voices of witnesses in the "To ponder" sections, the writers bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom. The devotional also provides household blessings and prayers to enrich your preparations and celebrations. May Christ's presence and promise send us out to share the good news, bringing comfort and joy to all the world!

These pocket-sized devotionals are perfect for audiences of all ages.



Advent Discussion Devotion:
Adult Education Opportunity
Sundays at 10 AM
November 29 - December 20

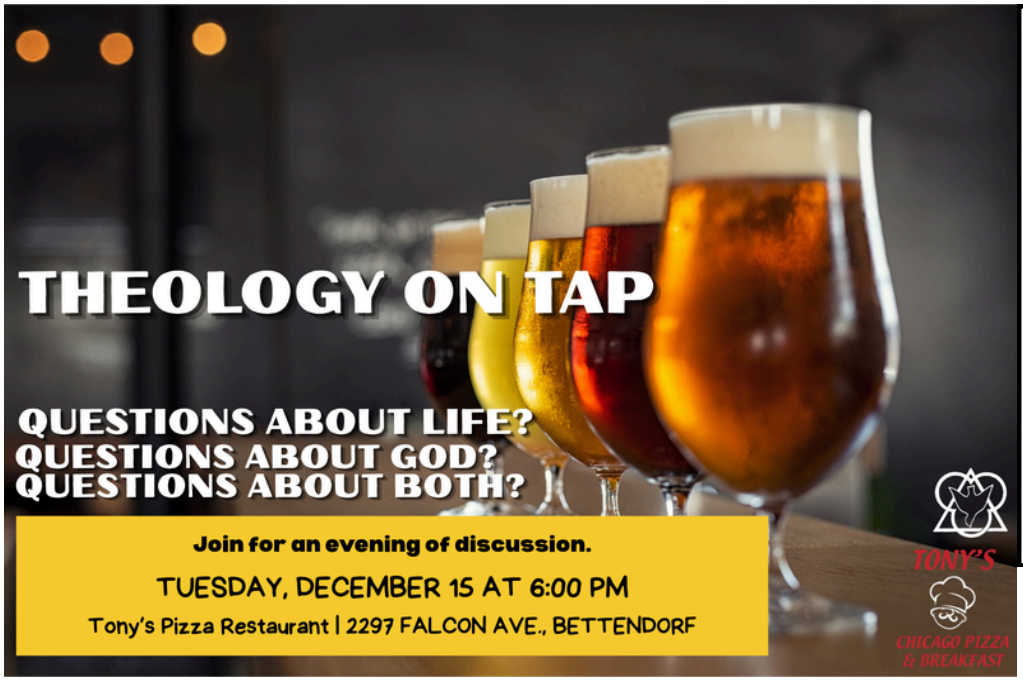
Join Pastor Stephen as we dive into the annual ELCA World Hunger Advent Discussion Devotional for some conversations around the blessings God shares with us, *Filled with Good Things*. Copies will be available in the Narthex or online *here*.



Bonfire Church
An Outdoor Gathering of Young People from Local Lutheran Congregations
Wednesday, December 9 at 6 PM
Devil's Glen Park

Conversation, snacks, and a devotion. Low-key bonding around faith and similar life circumstances. Open for all folks in their 20s, 30s, and 40s.

A collaboration between Trinity and partner Lutheran congregations: Zion in Davenport, Grace in Davenport, and St James in Bettendorf.



Theology on Tap
Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 PM
Tony's Restaurant
2297 Falcon Ave. Bettendorf

We've had some great Spirit-filled conversation at our monthly gatherings of Theology on Tap. Anyone with a bit of curiosity can meet to discuss whatever is on their mind related to faith, theology, church, God, or life, as we share a drink and fellowship together. We hope you can join us as you grab a drink, grab a seat, and join in conversation together.

A constitution revision task force consisting of Pastor Stephen Nilsen, Sally Morrow, Al McIlrath, Claudia Neumann, and Diane Holst are updating the 2020 Trinity Lutheran Church Constitution. The revisions **include** the 2022 and 2025 ELCA Model Constitution as well as our local congregation updates. After council approval, informational sessions will be presented in December to explain and discuss proposed updates. At the annual meeting at the end of January, a vote will occur with ratification to follow at the following year's annual meeting.

TASTE

Trinity After School Time for Everyone

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!



We encourage our congregation to share this opportunity with families, friends, neighbors, and our surrounding community. We also welcome those interested in volunteering and supporting this meaningful ministry.

Together, we can create a positive environment where children feel loved, valued, supported, and empowered to grow.

For more information, please contact Director of Engagement Mimi Roque at engagement@trinitylcpv.com or Pastor Stephen at snilsen@trinitylcpv.com

TASTE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

LEARNING, GROWING & BUILDING CONNECTIONS!

We are excited to announce that our TASTE After-School Program is here at Trinity Lutheran Church!

Our program provides a welcoming, safe, and encouraging environment where children in first through sixth grade can learn, explore their creativity, build friendships, and develop confidence.

Children will enjoy a variety of engaging activities, including:

- Homework and educational support
- Reading and creative activities
- Arts, crafts, and interactive games
- Physical activities and wellness exercises
- Teamwork and character development
- Community engagement
- Snaks



December Sessions: December 2 & 16

When: Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month
Time: 2:00–4:00 PM
Who: Children in grades 1–6
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
18137 Criswell St., Bettendorf, IA 52722

Registration QR Code

REGISTER NOW

Trinity Food Pantry Continues Feeding Our Neighbors

Pantry Hours: Mondays, 9-11 AM and Thursdays, 4-6 PM
The Trinity Food Pantry has continued to feed neighbors around the Quad Cities. You can see some great coverage of our Food Pantry on the Southeastern Iowa Synod's website, and we will continue to work to serve our community and make a world with less hunger. All are truly welcome in helping our mission together!

Thanks so much for the support!
Trinity Food Pantry Team pantry@trinitylcpv.com



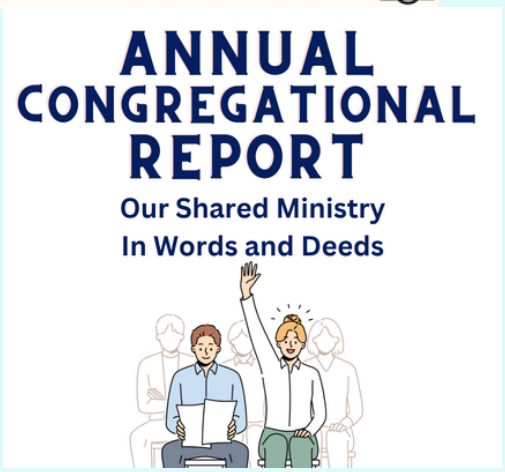
FOOD PANTRY NEEDS
Pantry items in need: We could use cereals, canned meats, vegetable oil, canned hash, condiments like ketchup, mustard, and BBQ sauce. Thank you for your continued support.
The donations to the Food Pantry are very much appreciated.



Generosity Abounds Through Angel Tree Giving
Due Sunday, December 6

This year, our Angel Tree gifting opportunity will work in partnership with Humility Homes and Services in Davenport. An amazing show of generosity occurred on Sunday, November 22 where all the gift tags we had available to sponsor were claimed. Thanks be to God for the generosity of this congregation! Gift tags should be returned by Sunday, December 6 to be delivered later that week.

Please contact Mimi Roque or Diana Mayes if you have additional questions.



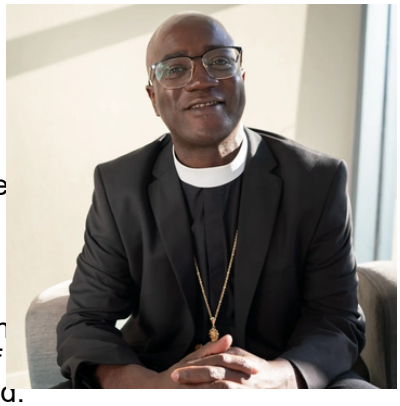
Annual Report 2026
As we move into December, life gets busier as does church life. Please turn your annual reports to Paula ASAP, preferably by the end of the year so the report can be assembled and distributed as soon as possible.



Gathering Together for Iowa Hawkeyes Women's Basketball

Have you been trying to find some friendsto gather together for all of the upcoming Iowa Women's Basketball Games? Good news! We have a group of members who will be watching **all** the games here at Trinity in our inviting Fellowship Hall. Bring snacks or drinks if you'd like, and you are always welcome to invite more friends who might be interested in joining. To see the Iowa Women's Basketball schedule, visit HawkeyeSports.com/sports/wbball/schedule

All Together In One Place: The Peace of Christ



Dear Church,

During a recent visit to Upstate New York, I learned about the Haudenosaunee (HOH-din-oh-SHOH-nee) people, past and present. In the 12th century, long before the framing of the U.S. Constitution, the Haudenosaunee established the Great Law of Peace. The Great Law of Peace, crafted by the Great Peacemaker (Deganawidah) and Hiawatha, united five historically warring nations under the canopy of peace.

Centuries later, this Haudenosaunee Confederacy inspired leaders of the British colonies to work together as a unified federation. The result of the Great Law of Peace was a diverse body made stronger because its members were connected. Eventually the Great Law of Peace inspired and influenced the authors of the U.S. Constitution. These contributions were unacknowledged for years as the U.S. government continued to violently and systemically erode Indigenous life and community.

Finally, in 1988, the U.S. Congress formally recognized the contribution made by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy "and other Indian Nations to the formation and development of the United States" (H.Con.Res. 331, 1988). It is a contribution that shapes us today as a nation; we are stronger when we are connected.

It is essential to understand that the Great Law of Peace did not require people to ignore their differences. Generations of Haudenosaunee continue to hold this value of being connected as central to peace.

The peace of Christ, though different from national peace, does not require Christians to be the same or to ignore their differences. The Holy Spirit has already given peace through Christ.

Peace for the early Christian communities did not come from everyone being alike. Then, as now, we keep the peace of Christ by engaging our differences and making space for each other. The social statement For Peace in God's World reminds us that "God's steadfast resolve for peace encompasses our time as it does all times" and that "'the Gospel of peace' (Ephesians 6:15) heals our broken relationship with God, removing the ultimate root of violence and injustice" (p. 3). Our differences carry both promise and peril. People of differing identities, ideas and ways of living are made stronger when they are connected.

As Christians, we are connected through the waters of baptism and the unity of the Holy Spirit. This month, as some gather to celebrate Thanksgiving and others to commemorate the Day of Mourning, we remember both lessons learned from the history of the early church and those offered by peoples who lived on this land later called the United States.

Our shared history is both broken and woven, horrific and hopeful. The gospel of peace does not ask us not to ignore our complicated history but rather proclaims that "[Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has ... broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us" (Ephesians 2:14). In the gospel of peace, the hostility that often thrives on difference is removed as Christ, "our peace," creates a connectedness that draws us more deeply into community with one another.

In the coming weeks, let us give thanks for the Great Law of Peace among nations, and let us praise God for the gospel of peace that unites us in Christ Jesus across difference as we pray for peace that is still to come and keep the peace the Holy Spirit already gives us today.

In Christ,
Bishop Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Save the Date: Lutheran Services in Iowa's Lutheran Day on the Hill 2027

Tuesday, February 2, 2027 in Des Moines



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 2, 2027! Join Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA in Des Moines for Lutheran Day on the Hill. This annual advocacy event brings participants together to learn about important issues facing Iowa's children, adults, and families before heading to the Iowa State Capitol to connect with legislators. Registration details are coming soon! Visit LSIowa.org/LDH for more info & updates.

Stronger Together: The Beauty of Our Shared Mission



Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in the annual Region 5 Meetings in La Crosse, Wisconsin. These gatherings bring together 12 synods and ELCA churchwide, representing more than 1,500 congregations across Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Together, we share ideas, address challenges facing the church, and explore ways to strengthen and support our shared ministry.

During one of our three days together, I joined colleagues for a conversation about generosity, mission support, and gratitude. We reflected on the generosity of people in our congregations and the importance of sharing how their gifts make a difference throughout the church. When congregations share their gifts with the synod, and synods share with the wider church, we make possible ministries and opportunities that none of us could accomplish alone.

As I listened to colleagues from across Region 5, I was reminded of how meaningful the work we are doing together in the Southeastern Iowa Synod truly is. Many synods are not yet engaging congregations in the same intentional ways through annual reports, gratitude gatherings, and individual congregation conversations about generosity and mission support. I shared how important these opportunities have become for us, not simply to share financial information and giving trends, but to build relationships, express gratitude, and strengthen our connection to one another.

These conversations are about so much more than dollars and cents. They are about people, relationships, and the ministry we share. They are opportunities to remind one another that all 127 congregations are the Southeastern Iowa Synod. We are not separate pieces working independently. We are one church, joined together in Christ and called to serve together.

It was during this conversation that one of my colleagues offered an analogy that has stayed with me. She said, "We are like a braid."

A braid? What a beautiful way to describe the church!

Think about the strands of a braid. Each strand is distinct, with its own place and purpose. Yet, when woven together, those individual strands create something stronger and more resilient than any one strand could be on its own.

The ELCA is much like that braid. Our congregations, synods, and Churchwide organization are distinct expressions of one church, each with unique gifts, responsibilities, and ministries. Through mission support, our gifts and resources are woven together. Congregations share a portion of their offerings with the synod, and synods share a portion with Churchwide. These shared resources allow us to support ministries, equip leaders, accompany congregations, and respond to needs, and serve our neighbors in ways that reach far beyond our individual communities.

And just as with a braid, each strand matters. When one strand is strengthened, the whole braid benefits. When one strand struggles, the others feel the impact. We are interconnected, and our shared mission depends on the strength and faithfulness of the whole.

This image has stayed with me as I begin the work of preparing the synod's budget. Budgeting can sometimes feel like an endless task of balancing numbers, making difficult decisions, and determining how best to steward the resources entrusted to us. Those responsibilities are important, but the braid reminds me that our budget is ultimately about ministry. It represents the ways we come together, share our gifts, and support the work God is calling us to do.

As we look ahead, I do so with gratitude and hope. I am grateful for the generosity of our congregations, for the faithful people who give their time, talents, and resources, and for the many ways we support one another in ministry. I am also reminded that our strength does not come from any one congregation, any one synod, or any one part of the church. Our strength comes from being woven together in Christ.

May we continue to weave our gifts, our generosity, and our ministries together, trusting that the Holy Spirit is at work among us and that God will continue to bring growth through all that we do together.

Amy Van Dyke

Amy Van Dyke
Southeastern Iowa Synod
Associate to the Bishop for Finance

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 *10 AM* - Bible Study *11 AM* - Worship Committee *2-4 PM* - TASTE	3 *4-6 PM* – Food Pantry 5:00 PM All Comm. Night	4 *Pastor's Sabbath*	5 *8 AM* - PPALs Bible Study
2nd Sunday of Advent 6 *9 AM* - Worship *10 AM* - Fellowship *10 AM* - Adult Ed *10 AM* - Property Comm *11:30 AM* Confirmation At Zion Lutheran, Dav.	7 *9-11 AM* - Food Pantry	8	9 *10 AM* - Bible Study *6 PM* - Bonfire Church at Devils Glen Park	10 *10 AM* - Stewardship *1-3 PM* - Card Ministry *4-6 PM* – Food Pantry	11 *Pastor's Sabbath*	12 *8 AM* - PPALs Bible Study *4-10 PM* (McIntosh Family)
3rd Sunday of Advent 13 *9 AM* - Worship *10 AM* - Fellowship *10 AM* - Adult Ed	14 *9-11 AM* - Food Pantry *6 PM* - Council	15 *4:40-5:10 PM* Bookmobile *6 PM* - Theology on Tap @ Tony's Pizza, Bett.	16 *10 AM* - Bible Study *2-4 PM* - TASTE *4:30 PM* Confirmation At Zion Lutheran, Dav.	17 *4-6 PM* – Food Pantry	18 *Pastor's Sabbath*	19 *8 AM* - PPALs Bible Study
4th Sunday of Advent 20 *9 AM* - Worship *10 AM* - Fellowship *10 AM* - Adult Ed	21 *9-11 AM* - Food Pantry *7 PM* - Longest Night Worship @ St. James, Bett.	22	23 *10 AM* - Bible Study	*Christmas Eve* 24 *Food Pantry Closed* *7 PM* Christmas Eve Worship *11-2* (Crumbleholme Family)	*Christmas Day* 25 *Pastor's Sabbath*	26 *8 AM* - PPALs Bible Study
1st Sunday of Christmas 27 *9 AM* - Worship *10 AM* - Fellowship	28 *9-11 AM* - Food Pantry	29	30 *No Bible Study*	31 *Food Pantry Closed*		