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Children: A Blessing and Heritage From the Lord

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it...’” – Genesis 1:28

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

God has established that the family, that is, the relationship between a husband and wife is the foundation and cornerstone for all of society. In the intimacy of marriage, God has given this blessing: ‘Be fruitful and multiply.’ God brings about each new generation through the joining together of the wife and her husband.

What does God say about children? “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them” (Psalm 127:3-5). Children are a heritage and a reward, a blessing which God Himself gives.

While a husband and wife participate in the means of procreation, the fruitfulness of the womb is only something God can give. Sexual intimacy as designed by God is a joyful expression of the love that a wife and husband have towards each other. The end goal of sex, however, is not pleasure but is procreation. To pursue only pleasure twists God’s gift of intimacy into selfishness.

I’ve heard some thoughts from well-meaning Christians that I want to share and perhaps add some clarity from God’s Word. Thoughts like: “We think God wants us to start having kids later in our marriage.” “X many children is the ideal amount for us; no more and no less.” “We can only afford X amount of kids.”

What do these thoughts have in common? They put our reason and pride above what God has designed. If a couple is married and engages in physical intimacy, then they are ready to receive the fruit of that union. To put an ideal number to how many kids to have is just arbitrary. What happens if God gives you more or less children than you had hoped for? While children certainly require much time, effort, and resources, how can we put a price tag on human souls that are invaluable? A seminary professor once said: “God talks about both money and children. But he only warns against the pursuit of money. God only and ever describes children as a blessing from His hand.”

How can we as the Church embrace family life and children? For younger married couples, be open to receiving the gift of children. Children require a lot of love and care, but they are blessings. For couples no longer in the biological window for child-rearing: encourage younger families, share wisdom and insights from your years of parenting. For couples who are unable to conceive children: remember that though God may withhold the gift of children, you are still His children. The Lord has not forsaken you.

May God lead us to embrace the gift of family and children. May the Lord save us from ever looking down upon His little ones. And may we strive to teach the faith so that our children would fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Batchelder

April 2025 Stewardship Blurb

The issue of money and lifestyle is not a side issue in the Bible. The credibility of Christ in the world hangs on it. – John Piper, Don't Waste Your Life, 109.

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Who is lord of your life? Is it you? Or is it God?

John Piper's words confront us with the fundamental issue when it comes to stewardship: repentance. We can only be wise and prudent stewards of God's gifts when we use them in service instead of hoarding wealth to our harm. This is true of our time, as well. How often do we factor devotions and the Divine Service into our schedules?

Whatever is important to you will take priority. The question we all need to ask ourselves: how in line with God's will are our priorities?

Reflect on this question with prayer asking God to lead you in the path of repentance.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Batchelder

Special Offerings

Ash Wednesday:	½ Lutherans for Life ½ Genesis House	<i>Sent \$224</i> <i>Sent \$224</i>
Lent:	½ ATLAS / Center for Financial Education ½ Family Crisis Centers of Northwest Iowa	
Maundy Thursday:	½ Camp Okoboji ½ POBLO	
Good Friday:	Orange City Food Pantry	

April Church News...

Not able to worship on Sunday morning – our services are also livestreamed each week and can be viewed any time via our website (faithlutheranorangecity.com) or our Facebook page (Orange City Faith Lutheran Church).

Easter Lillies: If you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$22.50.

Constitution Review: The draft of the constitution revisions has been emailed to the congregation. If you haven't received it, please talk to Paula about receiving a copy. Please take time to read through the changes, and jot down questions, thoughts, or suggestions that you can raise as we work toward finalizing this update.

Matins (Morning Prayer) is offered Wednesdays at 10:00am. Come as you are able to join in praying together in the Lord. This service will provide an additional opportunity for worship and fellowship in God's word.

Midweek Worship: Midweek Lenten Services continue April 2 and 9, at 6:00pm. We are meditating on the sixth chief part of the Small Catechism, Holy Communion. Join us as we learn to rejoice in Christ's presence with us at the altar.

Catechism during Lent will be from 7:00-8:15pm. Students, please join us for service at 6:00pm, especially for finishing up your sermon reports.

Lutheran Women in Mission / Sioux City Zone Spring Rally: The Sioux City Zone would like to personally invite the women of your congregation to come to our Spring Rally event on Saturday April 5 at Redeemer in Sioux City, 3204 S Lakeport. Registration is at 9:00am with Brunch at 9:30am. The Rev. Keith Haney is our guest speaker and will focus on "Difficult Conversations - How do we Witness our Friends in these divisive times". Rev. Dr. B. Keith Haney is from Fort Dodge, Iowa, and is Assistant to the President of Missions, Human Care, and Stewardship in Iowa West LCMS District. RSVP by calling or emailing: 712-276-1165 / redeemer.church.sc@gmail.com

Board of Lay Ministry meets April 6 at 7:45am.

YouthLead (grades 7-12) meets April 6 (6:30-7:45pm).

Men's Fellowship meets April 10 at 7:00pm. (Note the date change because of Holy Week.)

The Church Council meets April 13 at 7:45am.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser - We are partnering with Guiding Star Siouxland by filling up baby bottles with change and cash to support the necessary work they are doing in our area. Guiding Star is a pro-life organization that focuses on holistic health for women, as well as resources and encouragement for the whole family. Pick up a baby bottle, fill it with your change or cash, and return it to church by Sunday, April 13.

JLYF (grades 4-6) meets April 13 (4:00-5:00pm).

Faith Women's Luncheon meets April 15 at noon at the Roadhouse.

Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast: Men (and young men) are invited to attend the 37th annual Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast on April 18 at 6:30am at Northwestern Rowenhorst Student Center. The cost is \$15.00 per plate payable at the door. The speaker is Rob Rozeboom, Founder & President of Rise Ministries. He will share his story of hope through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Please join is for a time of food, fellowship, prayer, and reflection in this holy season of Easter. Contact Dave Aalbers or the church office for tickets.

Orange City Food Pantry event: Three or more volunteers are needed to help with food distribution at the American Reformed Church on Saturday, April 26, from 8:30am – Noon. Please contact Tonya (or Paula) if you are interested in volunteering. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact in the community by helping those in need.

YouthLead and JLYF meet together on April 27 at 6:30pm for a year-end celebration.

Bulletin Sponsorship: If you would like to recognize a special person or event, why not consider sponsoring a bulletin. The cost is \$10 (*please make check payable to Faith Lutheran Church.*)

The Messenger: To view this monthly publication from Iowa District West, visit <https://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php>.

Help get our church website recognized by visiting our site: faithlutheranorangecity.com.

Holy Week at Faith

- Palm Sunday is April 13 at 9:00am. All children are invited to process in with the acolytes and Pastor during the first hymn. Everyone who would like a palm branch to wave during the processional hymn may take one.
- Maundy Thursday service (April 17 at 7:00pm) will be a Divine Service with Holy Communion. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar as a symbol of our Lord being stripped bare and exposed to shame and humiliation during His passion.
- Good Friday service (April 18 at 7:00pm) will be the Tenebrae (service of darkness) when we will reflect on our Lord's suffering and death on our behalf.
- Easter Vigil with Holy Communion (April 19 at 8:00pm) is a historic service that recounts God's mighty acts of salvation, leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Easter Breakfast Potluck (April 20 at 8:00am, prior to the 9:00am Service): Please sign up if you will be attending and indicate whether you can bring a food item to share - i.e. egg bake, breakfast casserole, fruit bowl, meat (sausage/bacon), beverage (orange juice/milk), cinnamon rolls/muffins.
- Easter Sunday service (April 20 at 9:00am) will be a joyous Divine Service with Holy Communion, rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord.

Lenten / Easter Events and Worship Times:

April 2	Midweek Lenten Service #4	6:00pm
April 2	Catechism Classes	7:00-8:15pm
April 6	Fifth Sunday in Lent	9:00am
April 9	Midweek Lenten Service #5	6:00pm
April 9	Catechism Classes	7:00-8:15pm
April 13	Palm Sunday	9:00am
April 17	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	7:00pm
April 18	Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast at NWC	6:30am
April 18	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	7:00pm
April 19	Easter Vigil Communion Service	8:00pm
April 20	Easter Potluck	8:00am
April 20	Easter Sunday Worship Service	9:00am
April 20	<i>No Sunday School or Adult Class</i>	



May Church News...

**Mark Your Calendar
and Invite a Friend:**

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Women of "Faith" Tea Party
Saturday, May 10th at 10:00AM
Faith Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall
Sign up with Paula or Hannah
(Limited Seating available)

Youth Update

"This month, I was thrilled to teach YouthLead and JLYF about the nature of saving faith.

On March 9, the YouthLead read through the entirety of Romans chapter four, which describes what it really means to have faith in God. In this passage of Scripture, the Apostle Paul uses Abraham as the example for Christians in the New Covenant. God promised to Abraham that he'd have a son, and he believed in God, and so the Lord declared that Abraham as righteous. Similarly, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are declared to be righteous before God. Therefore, saving faith is defined as trusting in God's promises. Afterwards, the YouthLead had a snack, and the night was finished with games of Ping Pong, Infection Tag, and Sardines.

On March 16, JLYF read part of Romans chapter four, where the Apostle Paul uses Abraham as an example of justification by faith (read the description above for further details about the message). After this, the students enjoyed snacks, and we all played a fun game of cornhole.

On March 23, the YouthLead read the entirety of Romans chapter five, which talks about what we, as Christians, gain through faith in Christ. Through being justified by faith, we are reconciled with God and rejoice in our sufferings for His sake. Our suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Furthermore, even though we were sinners, God was so loving that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us, even though we didn't deserve it. Also in that chapter, Paul details a beautiful parallel between Adam and Christ. Adam sinned against God by eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and because of that, all his descendants are born in sin, and are therefore condemned. However, through the death of Christ on the Cross, all who believe in Him are gifted with His perfect righteousness and are therefore justified. Afterwards, all the students enjoyed snacks and played a Bible trivia game.

Overall, the Youth of Faith Lutheran Church learned a lot about God's salvation revealed in Jesus Christ and grew in fellowship with the Lord and with one another.

Yours in Jesus Christ,
Andrew Reginald
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Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes – March 9, 2025

In attendance: Mike Blankenfeld, Chairman; Karl Bahrke, Director of Lay Ministry; Kristy Frederes, Treasurer; Michael Lewis, Director of PR/PF; Ali Hagen, Director of Young People's Work; Kevin Rueter, Director of Stewardship; Tonya Moore-Huss, Director of Evangelism; Jesa Pace, Director of Christian Education; Pastor Batchelder, and Paula Koller, Council Secretary.

Absent: Jason Overmohle and Keith Huss

Meeting began with opening devotions by Tonya Moore-Huss

Next meeting: Karl Bahrke

Minutes of February 9, 2025: Motion made by Kristy, seconded by Karl to approve minutes with one correction under Board of Youth – that no free-will donations will be taken at the Easter potluck. Motion carried.

Board of Lay Ministry:

*The Board has divided the names on Dave Foreman's lay ministry list among the remaining six elders.

*Nothing has yet been decided on the use of the church facilities for the Ragbrai people.

Board of Christian Education:

*The date for VBS has been changed from July 13-17 to July 20-24 (time frame 6-8pm).

Board of Evangelism:

*Nothing yet put in place regarding participation in Ragbrai.

*Faith is asked to provide volunteers on Saturday, April 26, to serve at the Food Pantry (8:30 – Noon).

(Note Paula called the Food Pantry and verified this time frame.) Mike B. helped in the past and explained the process of what volunteers help with. Tonya will prepare an announcement to be sent out requesting volunteers. Spanish speaking volunteers are also asked to help.

*There is also a list of basic food and hygiene items needed so maybe Faith could have a 'food drive' with a box put out to collect these items for the Food Pantry.

*It was asked if there's a protocol on how to support members who experience different life experiences (i.e. deaths, celebrations, birthdays)? It was mentioned that in the past Bev Rohrs contacted people to help with providing meals, etc.

Board of Properties:

*Mike reported that March is the time of year when our insurance is renewed, and it has increased. Kurt List (Hospers) has replaced Brenda Richardson as our agent. He dropped off a folder with our new policies and increases in premiums. Our March invoice shows a monthly amount due of \$1,089.10 (an increase of \$322.28 per month). He is available if the council wants to meet with him and says there are not a lot of agencies that are insuring churches. Kristy will check with him if there's any discount if paid once a year or every 6 months vs. monthly.

Board of Public Relations & Parish Fellowship:

*The website has been transferred over to Michael's business, so not having to pay the monthly \$25 fee to Lifepoint Digital. Michael asked Jesa to be his backup, helping with the website.

*He talked about developing a form for VBS registration and later for promoting VBS.

*He asked about posting an invitation he received regarding a 'ladies day out' conference on 'self-love' on March 15 at the community center in Sutherland (cost \$35). It was decided not to promote this.

*He shared several things he's working on: like putting a slide show together that could be put on the screen on Sundays or on Facebook; creating a calendar built off the current church calendar; posting a Bible verse every Monday (Mike B. mentioned Concordia Publishing House is a good resource for this.); creating a form to get feedback from members, if wanted. If there are any other ideas, let him know.

*He also said that he won't be connecting to the Shepherd Staff program because of the issues with recording the contributions, etc.

Board of Stewardship:

*February's building fund offerings were just short of \$19,000. By continuing our \$1900 monthly payment, the loan could be paid off by next March 2026 (at 7 years of the 20 year loan).

*The general fund offerings were above budget also.

*Financial Peace University class finishes today, March 9.

*It was decided to just post the 'monthly' financial totals in the bulletin each week, rather than the 'weekly' totals.

Board of Youth:

*It was reported that the youth meetings have been going well with Andy Reginald. There has been 8-10 attending YouthLead and 3-5 attending JLYF.

*It was noted that Andy is not on social media, so need to correspond by email.

Treasurer:

*Kristy said February was a good month for both general fund and the building fund loan; looking like the loan will be paid off next year.

*It was mentioned that when the loan is paid off, we will keep going with our building fund.

Committee Reports: None.

Correspondence: None.

State of the Parish: Pastor Batchelder

*Will plan to do the Guiding Star baby bottle fundraiser in April (instead of March).

*Pastor reported on the Incident Impact Roundtable meeting at the Orange City Fire Department, saying it was informative and got us thinking about a lot of different things: what to do if there's a fire or tornado; how do we take care of our members and neighbors, and being alert to all the things that we need to be prepared for.

Unfinished Business:

*Howard Vlieger emailed the constitution to the council with revisions regarding combining of the Board of Christian Education and Board of Young People's work, asking for feedback. He re-sent it a second time after input from a couple of people, but needs all members to reply with their approval or changes so this can be sent on to the District and to our members.

New Business:

*Addressed more issues/questions about Ragbrai: not comfortable opening up the church because needs to be staffed at all times; the issue of insurance; allowing people to use the church grounds; participating downtown with the food vendors but have to pay a price and give a portion of the proceeds back to the city; may have to change church service time; what have other Lutheran churches done when Ragbrai has been in their town. The Board of Lay Ministry passed this on for the council to make these decisions. Tabled until the next council meeting.

Next Meeting: April 13 at 7:45am

Adjournment: Motion made by Tonya, seconded by Kevin to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Koller, Council Secretary

Faith Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting – March 9, 2025

Meeting Opened: Mike Blankenfeld, Chairman, opened the meeting at 9:52am, following the Divine Service.

Devotion & Prayer: Mike led the assembly in devotion and prayer with a reading from Romans 12:1-2 (Do not conform to this world but continue to be transformed by God's word.)

Roll Call and Reception of Voting Members: Clipboards were passed around for attendance. Mike asked if there was anyone wanting to become a voting member. A motion was Made, Seconded, and Carried (MSC) to accept Micael Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Jesa Pace, and Andy Reginald as new voting members. (Jason and Heather Katt, who signed the attendance sheet, were re-instated as voting members.)

Minutes: Paula Koller read the minutes of the previous meeting - November 10, 2024. The motion was MSC to approve the minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report: It was reported that at the end of February we were ahead of the budget for both the general fund and the building fund. And with the matching fund donations collected in February (\$18,806.00), it appears we may have the building loan paid off on or before March 2026.

Reports of Administrative Boards: None. (The 2024 Annual Report was emailed to the members and copies were available at this meeting.)

Reports from Committees of the Voting membership: None.

State of the Parish Report: Pastor Batchelder addressed the assembly using the text from Matthew 6:25, 29-30 and touched on challenges that can cause concern and anxiety: declining membership, financial concerns, church volunteers, and inactive members (taken from Rev. Heath Curtis book *The Small Town Lutheran Church and Pastor*). He closed by asking for any comments or questions and offered to visit with anyone who has concerns; stating, the solution to any concern can be found in God's Word.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was MSC to adjourn (10:12am). Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Koller, Church Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet

2/28/25

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash in Bank	\$ 42,312.79	\$35,361.64	\$ 77,674.43
Due from Gen. Fund	\$ -		
Due from Res. Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investments/CD	\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 42,312.79	\$ 35,361.64	\$ 77,674.43
LIABILITIES			
Payroll Taxes	\$ (241.55)	\$ -	\$ (241.55)
Due to Gen. Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to Res. Fund		\$ -	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ (241.55)	\$ -	\$ (241.55)
NET POSITION	\$ 42,071.24	\$ 35,361.64	\$ 77,432.88

General Fund (Actual vs. Budget) - February

INCOME	Income	Budgeted	Difference
General Fund	\$ 22,159.72	\$ 19,467.00	\$ 2,692.72
Building Fund Loan	\$ 18,806.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 16,906.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 40,965.72	\$ 21,367.00	\$ 19,598.72
EXPENSES			
EXPENSES	Expenses	Budgeted	Difference
Missions	\$ 1,417.00	\$ 2,371.00	\$ (954.00)
Lay Ministry-Salaries	\$ 12,079.79	\$ 12,905.00	\$ (825.21)
Lay Ministry-Other	\$ 400.49	\$ 592.00	\$ (191.51)
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 83.00	\$ (83.00)
Evangelism	\$ 12.50	\$ 67.00	\$ (54.50)
Christian Educ	\$ 565.00	\$ 271.00	\$ 294.00
Properties	\$ 2,088.46	\$ 3,095.00	\$ (1,006.54)
Public Relations	\$ 26.50	\$ 83.00	\$ (56.50)
Young People	\$ -		\$ -
Building Fund Loan	\$ 19,121.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 17,221.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 35,710.74	\$ 21,367.00	\$ 14,343.74
INCOME - EXPENSES	\$ 5,254.98	\$ -	\$ 5,254.98

General Fund YTD (Actual vs. Budget) as of 02/28/25

INCOME	Income	Budgeted	Difference
General Fund	\$ 36,302.20	\$ 38,931.00	\$ (2,628.80)
Building Fund Loan	\$ 21,021.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 17,221.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 57,323.20	\$ 42,731.00	\$ 14,592.20
EXPENSES			
EXPENSES	Expenses	Budgeted	Difference
Missions	\$ 5,394.00	\$ 4,740.00	\$ 654.00
Lay Ministry-Salaries	\$ 24,857.74	\$ 25,811.00	\$ (953.26)
Lay Ministry-Other	\$ 1,070.29	\$ 1,180.00	\$ (109.71)
Stewardship	\$ 640.93	\$ 170.00	\$ 470.93
Evangelism	\$ 25.00	\$ 130.00	\$ (105.00)
Christian Educ	\$ 915.68	\$ 540.00	\$ 375.68
Properties	\$ 4,284.64	\$ 6,190.00	\$ (1,905.36)
Public Relations	\$ 39.00	\$ 170.00	\$ (131.00)
Young People	\$ -		\$ -
Building Fund Loan	\$ 22,053.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 18,253.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 59,280.28	\$ 42,731.00	\$ 16,549.28
INCOME - EXPENSES	\$ (1,957.08)	\$ -	\$ (1,957.08)

Restricted Fund - February

Accounts	Prior Mo	Income	Expenses	YTD Balance
ATLAS / CFE	\$ -			\$ -
Bldge Imp Fund	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 20,000.00
Camp Fund	\$ 130.00			\$ 130.00
Catechism	\$ (227.44)			\$ (227.44)
Cong Assist F	\$ 2,214.02			\$ 2,214.02
Easter Lily	\$ (415.14)			\$ (415.14)
Family Cr Ctr	\$ -			\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ -			\$ -
Genesis House	\$ -			\$ -
Habitat 4 Hum	\$ -			\$ -
Interest	\$ 2,494.08	\$ 8.09		\$ 2,502.17
Luth for Life	\$ -			\$ -
L World Relief	\$ -			\$ -
Memorials	\$ 3,234.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 3,434.00
Mid-Sioux	\$ -			\$ -
Misc	\$ 280.06			\$ 280.06
Missions	\$ 1,615.34			\$ 1,615.34
POBLO	\$ -			\$ -
Seasonal Décor	\$ (108.46)			\$ (108.46)
SS Missions	\$ -			\$ -
SS Xmas Prog	\$ 42.74			\$ 42.74
Thrivent Fin	\$ 530.72	\$ 224.00		\$ 754.72
VBS Missions	\$ 55.10			\$ 55.10
Youth Activities	\$ 5,084.53			\$ 5,084.53
TOTALS	\$ 34,929.55	\$ 432.09	\$ -	\$ 35,361.64

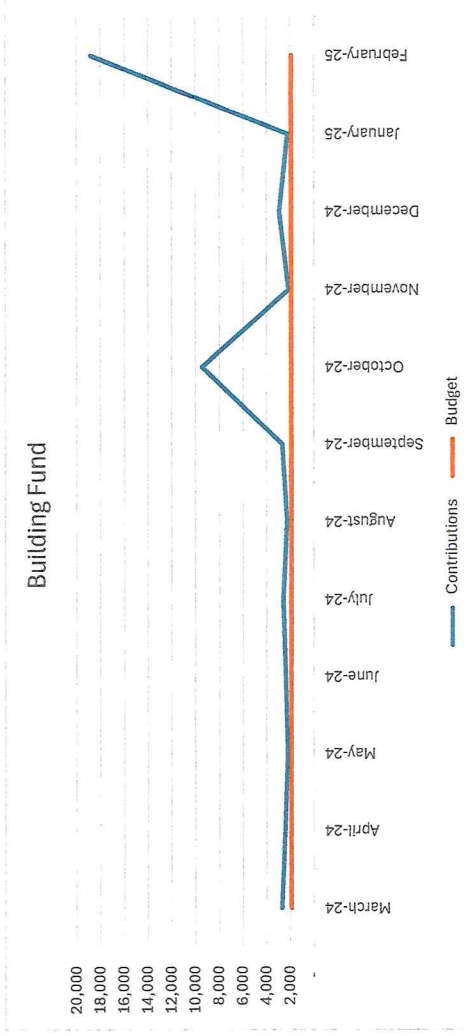
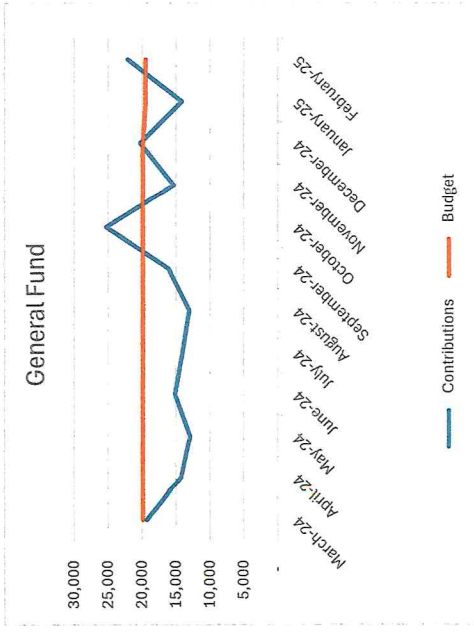
Noted items: Feb building Fund
Matching funds of \$5000

2025 Stewardship Report - February 2025

12 Month
Running Total

General Fund	February-24	March-24	April-24	May-24	June-24	July-24	August-24	September-24	October-24	November-24	December-24	January-25	February-25	12 Month Running Total
Contributions	14,287	19,288	14,248	12,928	15,143	14,036	13,019	16,124	25,274	15,377	20,273	14,142	22,160	202,012
Budget	19,863	19,863	19,863	19,863	19,863	19,863	19,863	19,863	19,863	19,863	19,863	19,464	19,464	237,558
Over/(Under) Budget	(5,576)	(575)	(5,615)	(6,935)	(4,720)	(5,827)	(6,844)	(3,739)	5,411	(4,486)	410	(5,322)	2,696	(35,546)

Building Fund	February-24	March-24	April-24	May-24	June-24	July-24	August-24	September-24	October-24	November-24	December-24	January-25	February-25
Contributions	2,250	2,702	2,457	2,215	2,387	2,609	2,272	2,684	9,457	2,149	2,932	2,215	18,806
Budget	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Over/(Under) Budget	350	802	557	315	487	709	372	784	7,557	249	1,032	315	16,906



April 2025

Celebrations § Volunteers

April Anniversaries

- 13 Dave & Ruth Katt
- 15 Kurt & Amanda Ruden
- 17 David & Ali Vlieger
- 20 Kelly & Linda Lux



Lay Minister: Mike Blankenfeld

Altar Guild: Dave Aalbers
Ronda Aalbers
Ruth Katt

Ushers: Mikey Huizenga
Ryan Huizenga
Jordon Pace

Counters: Karl Bahrke
Dave Boggs
Neil Bracker



April Baptisms

- 16 Quintin Ward

April Birthdays

- 4 Madison Tiedeman
- 5 Angela Blankenfeld
- 6 Aaron Rees
- 9 Alice Boggs
Amanda Ruden
- 14 Renae Bahrke
- 15 Quintin Ward
- 16 Barb Bengard
- 23 Burke Uhl
- 24 Cindy DeJong
Preston Hagen
- 26 Lacey Reitz
- 27 Kelly Lux
- 28 Riley Frederes



Weekly Volunteers

Date	Acolyte & Cross Bearer	Greeters/ Coffee Hosts	Projectionist
Apr 6	Joelie Konz Madi Vlieger	Kerby & Carrina Huss	Jordon Pace
Apr 13	Isaac Bahrke Harper Kramer	Aaron Rees Andy Reginald	Pam Vlieger
Apr 20	Paysley Hagen Joelie Konz	—	Scott Bahrke
Apr 27	Angela Blankenfeld Madi Vlieger	Eric & Heather Hofmeyer	Julie Bahrke

Greeter / Coffee Host:

Please be in place at least 15 minutes before the Service begins. Also, please stay after the Service to cleanup the kitchen, wipe serving counter and tables in the fellowship hall. Thank you.

Is your name missing from our 'Celebrations' list? If so, please contact Paula Koller, Church Secretary. We want it to be complete.






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Church Council
 President, Mike Blankenfeld
 Treasurer, Kristy Frederes
 Lay Ministry, Karl Bahrke
 Stewardship, Kevin Rueter
 Evangelism, Keith & Tonya Huss
 Christian Ed, Jesa Pace
 Properties, Jason Overmohle
 PR/Parish Fellowship, Michael Lewis
 Youth, Ali Hagen

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 441-7579
 490-8299
 541-7320
 395-0303
 539-2855
 541-3315
 210-5092
 641-990-2438

Pastor's Office Hours:
 7:30am -12:00pm Monday - Thursday
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 Secretary in on Tuesday & Thursday.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lay Minister: Mike Blankenfeld 	Ushers: Mikey Huizenga Ryan Huizenga Jordon Pace	1	2 10:00am Matins Service 6:00pm Lenten Service 7:00-8:15pm Catechism—Grades 6-8	3	4	5 9:00am Sioux City Zone - Women's Spring Rally at Redeemer
6 7:45am Bd of Lay Ministry 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:15am Education Classes 6:30pm YouthLead at church	7	8 Pastor's Conference	9 10:00am Matins Service 6:00pm Lenten Service 7:00-8:15pm Catechism—Grades 6-8	10 7:00pm Men's Fellowship	11	12
13 7:45am Council Mtg 9:00am Worship with Children's Message 10:15am Education Classes Palm Sunday Return 4:00pm JLYF at church	14	15  Faith Women's Luncheon at noon at the Roadhouse	16 10:00am Matins Service	17 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	18 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast at NWC/RSC 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service	19 8:00pm Easter Vigil Service with Communion
20 8:00am Easter Potluck 9:00am Worship with Communion No Education Classes Easter	21	22	23 10:00am Matins Service	24	25	26 8:30am - Noon Serving at the Food Pantry
27 9:00am Worship with Children's Message 10:15am Education Classes 6:30pm YouthLead & JLYF year-end celebration at church	28	29	30 10:00 am Matins Service	Altar Guild: Dave Aalbers Ronda Aalbers Ruth Katt	Altar Colors: April 6, 13: Purple, April 17: White; April 18: none; April 19, 20, 27: White	 Counters: Karl Bahrke Dave Boggs Neil Bracker