

Union Creek Lutheran Church
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The Union Creek Creation
The dawn of a new day

2026 Lent Mid-Week Suppers & Bible Study

Lent Suppers at 6:00 p.m. and Bible Studies at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: February 25 / March 4, 11, 18, 25 / April 1

The Bible Study will be an adult refresher course on Luther's Small Catechism:

Week One: Introduction & Commandments 1-3

Week Two: Commandments 4-10

Week Three: Apostles' Creed

Week Four: The Lord's Prayer

Week Five: Sacrament of Holy Communion

Week Six: Sacrament of Baptism

*Please join us for a cup of tea and a round-table discussion
as we explore Luther's Small Catechism.*

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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2025 Church Council

Numbers indicate term/year

Patti Ericson 2/3

* Connie Tentinger 2/1

President Nick McKee 1/3

Vice President Tom Podzimek 1/3

Lance Johnson 1/2

Jim Bundy 1/2

Felicia Miller 1/2

Sherri McKee, Treasurer
April Sommervold, Financial Secretary
(not on Council)

**Elected for 2025*

Patti *will not* be eligible for reelection.
Nick & Tom *will* be eligible.

Worship With Us!

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School
(September — mid-May)

VBS: First full week of August

Communications

[https://www.facebook.com/
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2025 Council President

Lance Johnson

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2025 Council Vice President

Tom Podzimek

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Joni Noble, Church Secretary

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Offering & Attendance

January 25—Attendance 36 / Offering: \$410

February 1—Attendance: 27 / Offering: \$755

February 8—Attendance: 44 / Offering: \$910

February 15—Attendance: 39 / Offering: \$930

March Scripture Readings

March 1: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

March 8: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 15: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

March 22: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

March 29: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Prayer Concerns

Joann Hedeby
Pastor April Peterson
PeeWee Kincaid
Becky Kjose
Duane Forslund
Ron Siemers
Marilyn Heeren
Staff Sgt. Daniel Kincaid
Penny & Richard Britt
Doug Eckmann
Dylan Haverhals
Nettie Dunham

March Birthdays

Pastor April Peterson-2
Jessica Minor-4
Jordan Hohenstein-6
Jean Doty-7
Jim Schuldt-10
Pastor Carla Nelson-13
Mary Jean Frerichs-17
Ayden Minor-18
Kristina Ericson-20
Carissa Calentine-27

Joann Hedeby's Address

Joann Hedeby
Kinship Pointe at Wayne
1500 Vintage Hill Dr Room #40
Wayne, NE 68787-1523

Thank You

April received a note from Marilyn Heeren thanking the ladies for the delicious Christmas candy. Marilyn's quote was " I LOVED IT."

Monthly / Weekly Worship Duties

March Communion & Bread

Deb V

MARCH 1

Greeters: Brad/Deb

Usher & Bell: Brad

Lector: Brad

Fellowship: Brad/Deb

MARCH 8

Greeters: Gary/Karen

Usher & Bell: Gary

Lector: Karen

Communion: Karen

Fellowship: Gary/Karen

MARCH 15

Greeters: Kirk/Felicia

Usher & Bell: Kirk

Lector: Kirk

Communion: Felicia

Fellowship: Spring Brunch

MARCH 22

Greeters: Kevin/Paulette

Usher & Bell: Kevin

Lector: Paulette G

Communion: Paulette G

Fellowship: Kevin/Paulette

MARCH 29 Palm Sunday

Greeters: Alan/April

Usher & Bell: Alan

Lector: April

Fellowship: Alan/April

April Communion & Bread

Paulette G

APRIL 5 Easter Sunday

Greeter: Marleigh

Usher & Bell: Dave

Lector: Dave

Communion: Marleigh

Fellowship: Easter Breakfast

APRIL 12

Greeters: Brad/Deb

Usher & Bell: Brad

Lector: Deb

Fellowship: Brad/Deb

APRIL 19

Greeters: Kevin/Paulette

Usher & Bell: Kevin

Lector: Paulette V

Communion: Paulette V

Fellowship: Kevin/Paulette

APRIL 26

Greeters: Rob/Deb

Usher & Bell: Rob

Lector: Sherri

Fellowship: Rob/Deb

Council Minutes

Union Creek Council Minutes

February 11, 2026

Present: Jim Bundy, Lance Johnson, Tom Podzimek, Felicia Miller, Patti Ericson, Nick McKee, Connie Tentinger, and Sherri McKee , Treasurer.

President Nick called the meeting to order. Sherri said a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Patti made a motion to accept the reports, seconded by Lance. MC.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance 12-31-2025..... \$51,547.78
Inflows..... 4,309.50
Outflows 6,671.49
Balance 01.31.26.....\$49,185.79

Youth Report: The youth made 299 sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday. They collected the Biggest Super Bowl Sunday donation in the history of our program for Alcester and Akron food bank with \$370.00 divided between the two.

Old Business: Sherri said the website has gone through a checklist and all is good. A five minute video will need to be done and sent to Google which she is working on now. The Call Committee has not met yet but setting up a meeting soon. There will be an Ash Wednesday joint parish service at Union Creek. Tom is looking for contractors for the electrical work for the upstairs.

New Business: We are looking for a pastor that will can help teach Confirmation classes for both churches.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Being no further business a motion by Patti, seconded by Lance, to adjourn the meeting. MC.

We all said the Lords Prayer .

Connie Tentinger, Council Secretary

Youth News & Thank You

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

A total of \$363.00 was collected and \$181.50 will be sent to the food pantries in Hawarden and Alcester. This was our largest Souper Bowl of Caring collection in the history of this project. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

The **January Noisy Offering** for Missions totaled \$207.00 to go toward a computer for a community center. We are grateful for your support of our Good Gifts mission project.

The **February Noisy Offering** is designated for environmentally friendly cookstoves. Traditional cooking stoves can consume a significant amount of wood and fill small homes with hazardous smoke, leading to a range of health issues for families. More efficient stoves can burn a variety of fuels, produce less smoke, and maintain heat better, which means families burn less wood and face fewer health risks.

The **March Noisy Offering** will feed a refugee family for a month. Lutherans are known for their active role in the lives of refugees. While refugee camps shelter people who have fled their home due to war and violence, food supplies are critical to helping families stay healthy after a long and dangerous journey to safety.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship Svc <i>Todd Hakl</i> <i>Naomi Graves, Organist</i> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	2	3	4 6:00 p.m. Lent Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Catechism Study #2 Commandments 4-10	5	6	7
8	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 a.m. Communion Svc <i>Pastor April Peterson</i> <i>Mike Pedersen, Organist</i> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	9	10	11 6:00 p.m. Lent Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Catechism Study #3 Apostles' Creed	12	13	14
15	<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship Svc <i>Pastor David Bentz</i> <i>Naomi Graves, Organist</i> 10:00 a.m. Spring Brunch 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	16	17	18 6:00 p.m. Lent Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Catechism Study #4 The Lord's Prayer 7:45 p.m. Council	19	20	21
22	<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 a.m. Communion Svc <i>Pastor April Peterson</i> <i>Naomi Graves, Organist</i> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	23	24	25 6:00 p.m. Lent Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Catechism Study #5 Holy Communion	26	27	28
29	<i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>N.O.: ELCA Good Gifts, Feeding Refugees</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship Svc Palm Processional by the children <i>Pastor Chris Matson, Church on the Street</i> <i>Mike Pedersen, Organist</i> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	30	31	April 1 6:00 p.m. Lent Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Catechism Study #6 Sacrament of Baptism	<i>March</i>		