

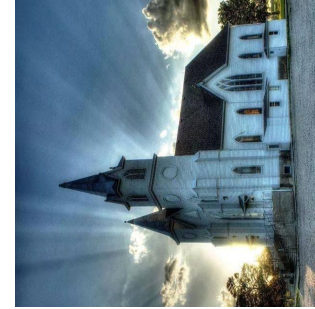
OUR MISSION:

To be a SOLDIER of the cross,
Serving **O**ur **L**ord **D**aily **I**n **E**very **R**espect

We would love having you worship with us!
Please come and hear our Vicar Brent Ashby.

Sundays 10:30 am
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May Emissary 2024

We are so thankful....

Hebrews 6:10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Brent Ashby for serving as our worship leader

Brent Ashby for teaching confirmation students

For May janitorial work this month: Karen Habeck

Karen Habeck for decorating the fellowship room every month.

Lois Steenhoven for music leadership

May Ushers & Greeters, Readers, Communion servers,

May Altar Guild: Carol Sarringar & Judy Brock



Thank you for helping with the church cleaning!! We missed a couple people last month so thank you to Donnie Huether and Melissa Huether!

A special thank you to Ariel Pederson, her daughters, Keira and Kensi, and their friend, Elizabeth Andrews for helping the students make 85+ May Day baskets. Also thank you Ariel for donating the potting soil and plants.

Thank you to the WOW students for singing on Easter Sunday!



Important Dates - Mark your calendars!

May 5 - Deacons Meeting - 11:30 am

May 7 - Bible Study at Vangen - 6:30 pm

May 15 - Joint Board Meeting with Vangen

May 19 - Council Meeting - 9:00 am

May 21 - Bible Study at Vangen - 6:30 pm

Gift Cards

If you would like a gift card for groceries or school supplies, please contact the Church at 605-267-2277 or contact Lois Steenhoven

We welcome articles from anyone who wishes to write one for the emissary. Articles are due to Brenda by the 20th of each month.



MI. 3:1

See, I will send my messenger and he will prepare the way before Me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the Messenger of the Covenant, whom you desire is coming.”

How many messengers are there in this text of Scripture? Do you see two? Ok, I kind of gave it away by capitalizing one and not the other. There are two and this is a text that refers to the very beginning of Jesus’ ministry when John the Baptist (messenger 1) begins to cry out in the desert places of Israel that the Messiah (Messenger 2) is coming. We know this because Mark at the start of his Gospel quotes a portion of this text combining it with the classic text of Isaiah 40:3 – “Prepare the way of the Lord!” By the way the name Malachi means “my messenger.” So I suppose we can even say there are three messengers here if we include the prophet as well.

I want to point out once again that this word “messenger” is also the word used for “angel.” It can be translated either way. The translators here have chosen to render it this way because, in the first case, it obviously refers to a human messenger, John the Baptist. In many other instances where it points to a supernatural being, it is translated “angel.” But, we have argued that in many of those instances where the Angel of Jehovah appears, we are not looking at a created supernatural messenger from God, but the uncreated Messenger/Word of God – Jesus Himself. That is Who we have here in our second use of this word. He is called the Messenger of the Covenant and He is equated with the Lord Who will suddenly appear in His temple. You will recall that John the apostle tells us that one of the first things Jesus did at the beginning of His ministry was to suddenly appear in the temple and overturn the tables of the moneychangers (Jn. 2:13-22).

Vicar’s Message



Notice that the prophet Malachi says that this Messenger of the Covenant is desired, sought after, by the people of Israel. Indeed, wherever He appears in the Old Testament it signals something big from God is about to happen. This was especially true in Jesus’ day when the expectation of the coming of Messiah was at its peak. So why was He missed by many? Human desires often deceive when we allow our ideas to get in the way of what God is actually doing. That is why it is so important that we follow Jesus and not get out in front of Him!

Here we are at the end of the Old Testament. When we began our journey looking for Jesus in the Scripture, we started in Genesis at the very beginning. A week or so ago we read in our Gospel text (Lk. 24:44-45) that Jesus opened the minds of His disciples to understand what all the Scriptures (the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms) said about Him. This threefold division is how the Jews even to this day speak of their entire Bible (our Old Testament). I hope you have been able in this journey to follow the footsteps of Jesus in the Old Testament. Malachi is the perfect prophet to end with as he sums up all the desire and hope that will burst on the scene in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, where we will hear Jesus say to His disciples, to us, “Follow Me!”

Blessings,
Vicar Brent

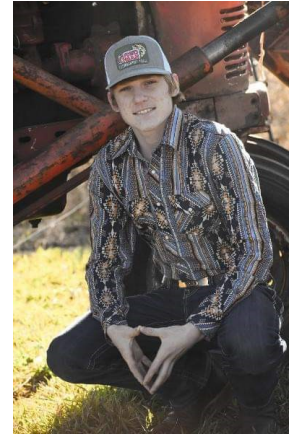
Meet the Grads!

class of **2024**



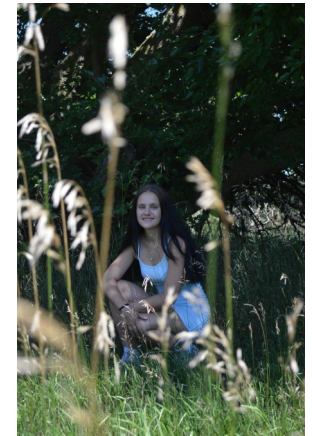
Brooke Getman is the daughter of Cregg and Heidi Getman. Brooke's plan after high school is to become an esthetician. Her favorite part of school was junior prom and being able to graduate early to start her career. Her fondest memory from church is the candlelight services. Brooke would like to specialize in skincare and travel in her future.

Kylee Nelson is the daughter of Kari and Jeremy Nelson. Kylee's plans after high school are to go to college to pursue a nursing degree. Her favorite part of school was attending proms throughout her high school years. Her fondest memory from church is painting the First Communion glass. Kylee would like to have the opportunity to travel to many different places.



Brendan Oien is the son of Tim and Melissa Oien. Brendan is graduating on May 11th at 4 pm from Irene Wankonda High School.

Aurora Snoozy is the daughter of Brian and Tasha Snoozy. Aurora plans to work with her dad at Topkote, Inc. Her favorite part of school was working on vehicles in shop class. Her fondest memory from church is playing kickball outside with the kids. Aurora looks forward to working with her dad.



Autumn Wells is the daughter of Sherry Haas. Her plans for after high school are going to Stewart's school to be a cosmetologist. Her favorite part of school was going to volleyball games. Her fondest memory from church is the Christmas eve candle lighting. Autumn wants to explore and learn how to crochet in her future.

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION...

Youth group met on Wednesday May 17th. The kids ate supper. Supper included hotdogs, chips and ice cream. **Thank you Brent for providing the hotdogs.**

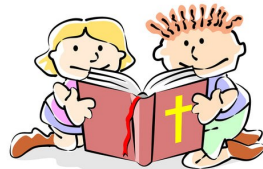
That evening, the WOW students made 85 May Day baskets, using the coffee cups that were donated. **Thank you to all for donating a wonderful supply of coffee cups and mugs.** Kristen, along with Landon and Liam will deliver them to the Wakonda nursing home. **Thank you for volunteering.** 10 mugs were also donated to Pastor Elan Ashby's church - Scandia Lutheran Church in Centerville.

Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on May 5th.
Thank you Anna Patterson for ordering and delivering the cake.

There are two more evenings of WOW. Wednesday May 8th there will be an end of the year celebration. There will be a message, games and supper. Supper is planned to be walking tacos and a dessert.

Looking ahead, Kady Tronvold volunteered to plan the Vacation Bible School. **Thank you Kady.** Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for a poll to decide when to have Vacation Bible School and for more information.

A meeting was held at Vagen to discuss a Bible study. The study will meet every first and third Tuesday of the month. Study will start at 6:30 pm. Classes will be held in Vangen. We will be studying *Who I am in Christ*. **Everyone is welcome.**





May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Genesis 2:15</p> <p><i>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>Trey Barta Deanna Huether</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Taylor Hoxeng</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Mary Madsen</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Worship with Communion at 10:30 am</p> <p>Senior Recognition</p> <p>Deacons Meeting 11:30 am</p> <p>Shamae Bench</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bible Study at Vangen 6:30 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Last day of WOW 6:30 pm</p> <p>Confirmation 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Worship at 10:30 am</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Last Day Confirmation 6:30 pm</p> <p>WELCA 9 am - noon</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Worship with Communion at 10:30 am</p> <p>Council Meeting 9:15 am</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bible Study at Vangen 6:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Chris Tronvold</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Worship at 10:30 am</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Terry Hoxeng Kyle Huether Tristin Nelson</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bob Habeck</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

We welcome **Brantley Neil Porth**, son of Kyle Snoozy and Josh Porth as our newest baptized member.

WELCOME BRANTLEY!!



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS...

We are looking forward to several upcoming **Baptisms** here at Faith United. On April 28 we will celebrate the baptisms of Arabella Gallop, Braxton Gallop, and Annabelle Volovlek. On the same day we affirm the baptism of Annabelle's baby brother Connor Yates, who was baptized on an emergency basis at the hospital.

On May 19 we celebrate the baptisms of twin boys, Walker and Ryder Huether.

Please be with us to share these important days with the families as these children are baptized into the Body of Christ, "sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever".

Our new **Bible study** group is about to be off and running. The study is entitled "Who I am in Christ", and begins May 7. The group decision was to meet every two weeks on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. This is a joint study with Vangen, meetings will be held at Vangen which is centrally located for those attending. If anyone missed the initial meeting and would like to join the group, please contact Vicar Brent who will have extra copies of the study outline.

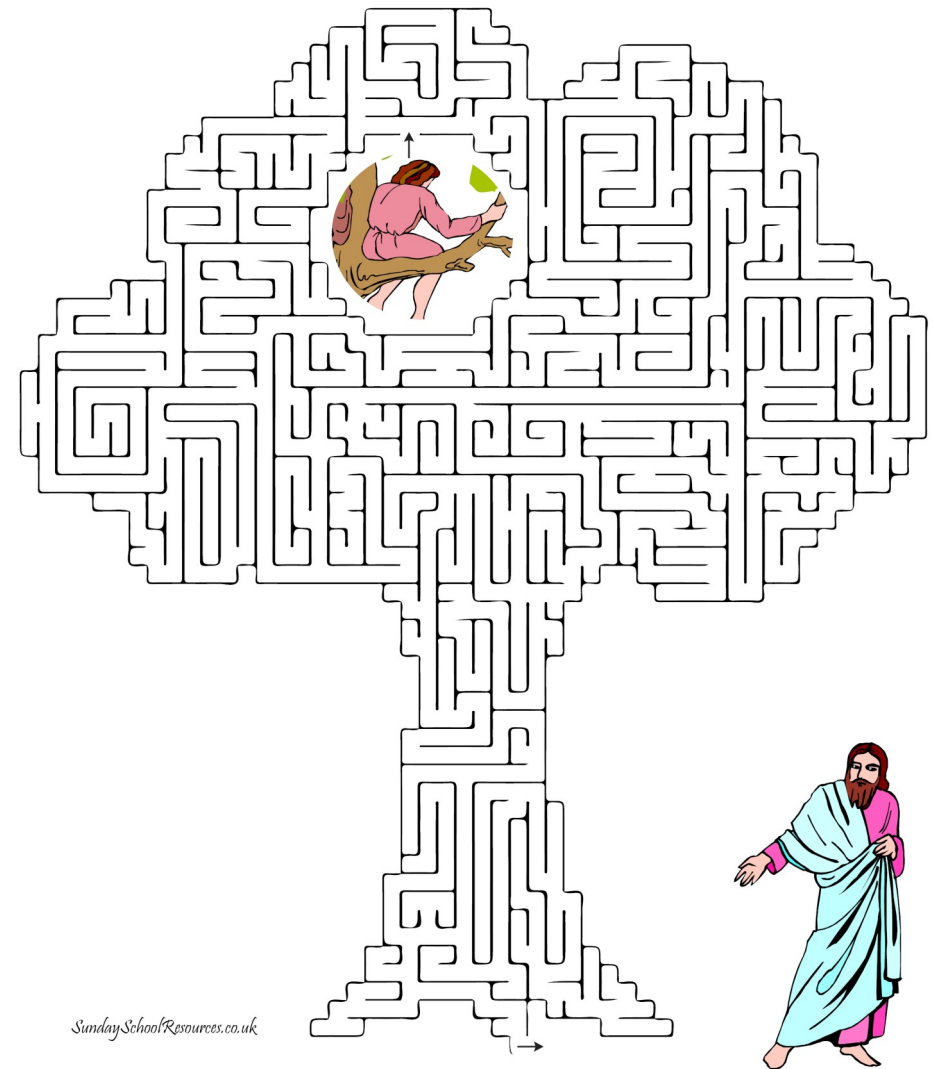
Did you know that **Ascension Day** is one of the festivals of the Church, even though we normally do not have a worship service on that day, possibly in part because it always falls on a Thursday! The church marks Ascension Day 40 days after Easter, so, like Easter, the date varies from year to year. This year on May 9, pause and remember Christ's ascension into heaven!

Ascension Day is followed 10 days later by **Pentecost** (pente meaning 50, it is 50 days after Easter.) This was the day of wind and fire! We read in the second chapter of Acts that the disciples were gathered together when there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, tongues of fire rested on them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Recently Vicar Brent pointed out that the Pascal candle (or Christ candle) is lit every Sunday morning through the Easter season to remind us that during that time Jesus Christ was physically present in the world. But starting on Pentecost, the Christ candle is no longer lit because now the Holy Spirit is present within and among us out in the world.



Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

Help Zacchaeus climb down from the tree so he can meet Jesus!



SundaySchoolResources.co.uk

Worship Schedule:

May 5	Worship, Holy Communion
May 12	Worship
May 19	Worship, Holy Communion
May 26	Worship

Ushers/Greeters:

May 5	Need Volunteer
May 12	Need Volunteer
May 19	Need Volunteer
May 26	Need Volunteer

Lay Readers:

May 5	Need Volunteer
May 12	Need Volunteer
May 19	Need Volunteer
May 26	Need Volunteer

Altar Guild:

Carol Sarringar & Judy Brock

Janitor:

Karen Habeck

Bread Bakers/Providers

Judy Brock

Communion Assistants:

May 5	David Hoxeng
May 19	Adam Christ

Acolyte:

May 5	Joe Oien
May 12	Westin Mehlhaf
May 19	Tristin Nelsen
May 26	Shay Hayes

Work Group

Chair - Kathleen Gorsett

267-2370

Carol Sarringar
Steve & Joan Anderson
Kristine Brock
Dana & Ariel Pederson



Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

If you or family/friends are in need of prayer and would like to be on our prayer chain please call:

Lois Steenhoven 605 267 2336

Extended Care Facility:

Lynda Freng, Margaret Engen, Norma DeJong

Each month we pray for a random list of members from our congregation, not because they are sick or having problems, but to lift them up to God, give thanks for them and pray for their well-being. We pray for our members: Julie, Bryan & Levi Derby; Margaret Engen; Lynda Freng; Daniel Goeden; Kathleen Gorsett; Lanny Gustad; Michelle & Steve Gustad.

Work Group for May

Military personnel and those serving stateside or overseas and their families:

Ryan Habeck, Jeffery Heier, Kyle Huether, Derrick Mehlhaf and Trevor Habeck

We pray for our friends and family members with recent or chronic illnesses or who are recovering from surgery:

Terry Altena (Karen Habeck), Autumn Silverstrom (Trudie Jones), Jonathon Green (Trudie Jones), Raymond Habeck (Bob Habeck), Ron & Janet Jentsch (Karen Habeck), Dave Julian, Lela Peters (Trudie Jones), Cregg Getman, LaVon Peak (Trudie Jones), Dan Brown, Brian Resch, Annalee Pellicotte, Connor Yates (Mary Madsen), Gary Pederson, Bob Olson, Sharon Crissey (Nancy Steffen), Vivian Westgaard, Terry Hoxeng.

Thank you to our work group members for providing treats and hospitality following worship.

OFFERING TOTALS





March 31	\$1,968
April 7	\$669
April 14	\$1,347
April 21	\$359.21

ELECTRONIC EMISSARY

If you wish to receive the Faith United Lutheran Church monthly emissary electronically, please email faithunited-lutheran@gmail.com and let me know!

I'll email your emissary to you each month instead of the paper copy in the mail.

IF YOU NEED HELP

River City Domestic Violence Center 24 Hour Crisis Line		(605) 665-1448
Suicide and Crisis Hotline		988
Local Resources and Services Helpline		211

January / May / September

Chair - Kathleen Gorsett
267-2370
Carol Sarringar
Steve & Joan Anderson
Kristine Brock
Dana & Ariel Pederson

March / July / November

Chair - Butch & Lois Steenhoven
267-2336
Crystal Nelson
Adam & Kelly Christ
Trudy Jones
Nancy Steffen
Judy Brock

February / June / October

Chair - Bob & Karen Habeck
665-3296
Julie & Bryan Derby
Darlene Hoxeng
Brenda & Brian Hoxeng
Tim & Melissa Oien

April / August / December

Chair - Brad & Michelle Tronvold
665-3639
Gloria Snoozy
Dave & Anna Patterson
Kari Nelson
Deanna Huether
Bill & Robin Huether
Jack & Dana Huether

Please review, if you wish your name to be put on or taken off, please contact the chair for the group you are in, or leave a message on the church phone.

