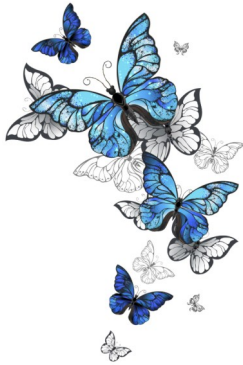


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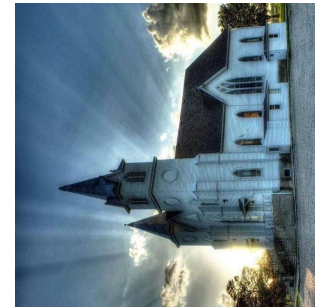
To be a SOLDIER of the cross,
Serving **O**ur **L**ord **D**aily **I**n **E**very **R**espect



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

Sundays 9:00 am
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May Emmissary 2025

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: Katie Hoffman

Karen Habeck for decorating the fellowship room every month.

Lois Steenhoven for music leadership

May Ushers & Greeters, Readers, Communion servers

May Altar Guild: Joan Anderson



Thank you for helping with the church cleaning!! Karen Habeck, Brian Hoxeng, Katie Hoffman, Kathleen Gorsett, Lois Steenhoven.

Thank you to Bradley and Madelyn Tronvold for singing on Palm Sunday!



Important Dates - Mark your calendars!

May 4 - Senior Recognition Sunday

May 6 & 20 - Bible Study at Vangen 6:30 pm

May 11 - Deacons Meeting 8:15 am

May 18 - Council Meeting 10:15 am

May 21 - WELCA - 9:00 am - noon

Gift Cards

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

We welcome articles from anyone who wishes to write one for the emissary. Articles are due to Brenda by the 21st of each month.



Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. *For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

In our last chapter, Paul confessed his own weakness and desperate need for rescue by Christ in his own battles with the old human nature. I am glad he was honest with us about his own struggles because it would be easy to put him on a pedestal as a paragon. I am doubly glad the apostle concludes with the announcement that there is “therefore now no condemnation....” Paul is telling us again that we are not merely rescued as a theological theological truth, that is, something in the mind of God. This is not just something that happened as a legal declaration in some far off courtroom in heaven. Paul is telling us that this rescue extends to the nitty-gritty daily battles with recalcitrant sin. Jesus is our rescuer here as well.

We are indeed free from the inevitable condemnation that is the law of sin leading to the punishment of death. Now we live by the law of the Spirit of faith in Christ leading to life. God did what the old law was aiming for but could not accomplish due to fatal human weakness. He did it by sending His Son as one genetically connected to fallen humanity. One who threw Himself into our situation, jumped into our sinking boat, united in solidarity with our predicament in order to deal with the concern of sin. Affirming all the righteous requirements of the law and so condemning sin in our human nature, Christ alone kept that law perfectly that His perfect non-finite life might double for ours, enter ours and fulfill the law's demands on our behalf.

Vicar Brent's Message



Christ's resurrected life is for all, who no longer walk relying on their own human ability but walk the Spirit walk of trust in Jesus. Walking is key here because it is something we are involved in every day and everywhere. Real faith is that Spirit walk on the down and dirty road of life. Jesus is on that disciple road with us. Jesus called Himself the Way and early Christians were called followers of the Way. How is your walk? Are you on the way with the Lord?

Blessings,
Vicar Brent



First Communion

During Maundy Thursday services four young people celebrated their first communion.
May God's blessing be with these young people.



Lydia Bartekoske
Jordan Gallop
Caden Harrison
Emeree Nelson

Meet the Grads!

Class Of
2025



Shelby Oien is the daughter of Tim and Melissa Oien. Shelby is going to UNL to major in biological science, to go further in dentistry. Wow Wednesday was her favorite part of church. She wants to be an orthodontist and is excited to start her new future.

Keira Pederson is the daughter of Ariel and Dana Pederson. Keira will be joining the workforce working for Ability Building Services. She enjoys taking her people out to do things in the community. Her favorite memory of church is all of the children's sermons at the front of the church she found them educational and entertaining. She is pursuing an option of working in the medical field as an EMT but is waiting a year or two.



Boyt Hoxeng is the son of Brian and Brenda Hoxeng. Boyt is going to wait a year then attend Mitchell Technical College. His favorite part of school is joking with his friends at the lunch table. Fondest memory of church is throwing the lever at that one Christmas program. Plans for the future are farming mostly. "I've got others, but I'd like to focus on the practical stuff for now."

FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS...

We were saddened by the death of Lanny Gustad and the loss of his membership on our board. Our constitution stipulates that vacancies are filled by council appointment. Anna Patterson has graciously accepted an appointment to fill the vacancy created by Lanny's death. We are happy to welcome Anna to the Board of Deacons!

On Maundy Thursday four young people who had completed **First Communion** classes joined us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We welcome to full participation in the Lord's supper Lydia Bartekoske, Caden Harrison, Jordan Gallop and Emeree Nelson.

On **Easter Sunday** we celebrated Jesus' resurrection from the dead by proclaiming "Christ is risen indeed", decking the altar, and singing the glorious Easter hymns filled with "Alleluias"! The Easter season continues for 50 days, through the month of May and until we celebrate the Day of Pentecost on June 8. A day of special importance during the Easter season is **Ascension Day**, this year May 29. Even though we traditionally do not have a special worship service on Ascension day, it is a vital part of our faith that we confess every Sunday with the words "He ascended into Heaven".

We invite the congregation and community to the Gayville-Volin **baccalaureate** service which will be held Wednesday evening, May 5 at 7:00 PM at the Gayville Lutheran Church. Vicar Brent will be assisting with the service.



Our **confirmation** students are nearing completion of another year of studies, with the final class and year-end party scheduled for May 14. We thank them for their participation, and encourage their faithful presence with us over the summer. Classes will resume in September.

Faith United Church in the Tri-State Neighbor!!

Check out the full article here:

<https://agupdate.com/>



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

A reminder for those students who have completed their first semester of college to apply for the one-time \$250 Faith United Celebration Scholarship!

Email faithunitedlutheran@gmail.com to get an application.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

May 27 - Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION...

WOW and confirmation continues to meet on Wednesdays at Faith United from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

The students sang on Palm Sunday, during worship.

Maundy Thursday four students received their first communion. Students included Caden Harrison, Jordan Gallop, Lydia Bartekoske and Emery Nelson.

Wednesday, April 23rd, the students made May Day baskets for the Wakonda nursing home residents. Thank you Ariel for planning and also helping the students. A special thank you to the confirmation students for assisting with the students.

Wednesday, May 14th, is the last class for the WOW students. That night the children, along with the confirmation students, will enjoy a message, supper, and fun and games.



OFFERING TOTALS

March 30	\$210
April 6	\$1,368
April 13	\$777
April 20	\$662

ELECTRONIC EMISSARY

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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 (605) 665-1448

24 Hour Crisis Line

Suicide and Crisis Hotline



988

Local Resources and Services Helpline



211

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

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 Mensch

Adam & Kelly Christ

Trudy Jones

Nancy Steffen

Judy Brock

February / June / October

Chair - Bob & Karen Habeck

760-3218

Julie & Bryan Derby

Darlene Hoxeng

Brenda & Brian Hoxeng

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.



Worship Schedule:

May 4	Worship, Holy Communion
May 11	Worship
May 18	Worship, Holy Communion
May 25	Worship



Ushers/Greeters:

May 4	Need Volunteer
May 11	Need Volunteer
May 18	Need Volunteer
May 25	Need Volunteer

Lay Readers:

Need Volunteer
Need Volunteer
Need Volunteer
Need Volunteer

Altar Guild:

Joan Anderson

Janitor:

Katie Hoffman

Acolyte:

May 4	Hailey Patterson
May 11	Josh Hauck
May 18	Need Volunteer
May 25	Need Volunteer

Bread Bakers/Providers:

Joan Anderson

Communion Assistants:

May 4	Kathleen Gorsett
May 18	Lois Steenhoven

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:

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: Michelle, Rich, Tyler, Hailey & Ryan Adams; Steve & Joan Anderson; Sandra Bakke; Sara, Brent & Trey Barta.

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), Ron & Janet Jentsch (Karen Habeck), Dave Julian, Lela Peters (Trudie Jones), Cregg Getman, LaVon Peak (Trudie Jones), Dan Brown, Brian Resch, Sharon Crissey (Nancy Steffen), Delores Loague, Doyle King, Jordan Hussey (Elan Ashby), Joel Ashby, Raymond & Vernon Habeck, Alice Anderson, Joyce Christensen, Holly Wartke.

"EVERYONE'S TEN COMMANDMENTS"

As I was going through some paperwork, I ran across this listing of Important things to think about in life.

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout our journey.
2. So why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large and the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So All things in life are temporary. Look Ahead and Move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If they're going well, enjoy them... They will not last forever. If they're going wrong, don't worry...they can't last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax friend, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES...it takes away today's PEACE.

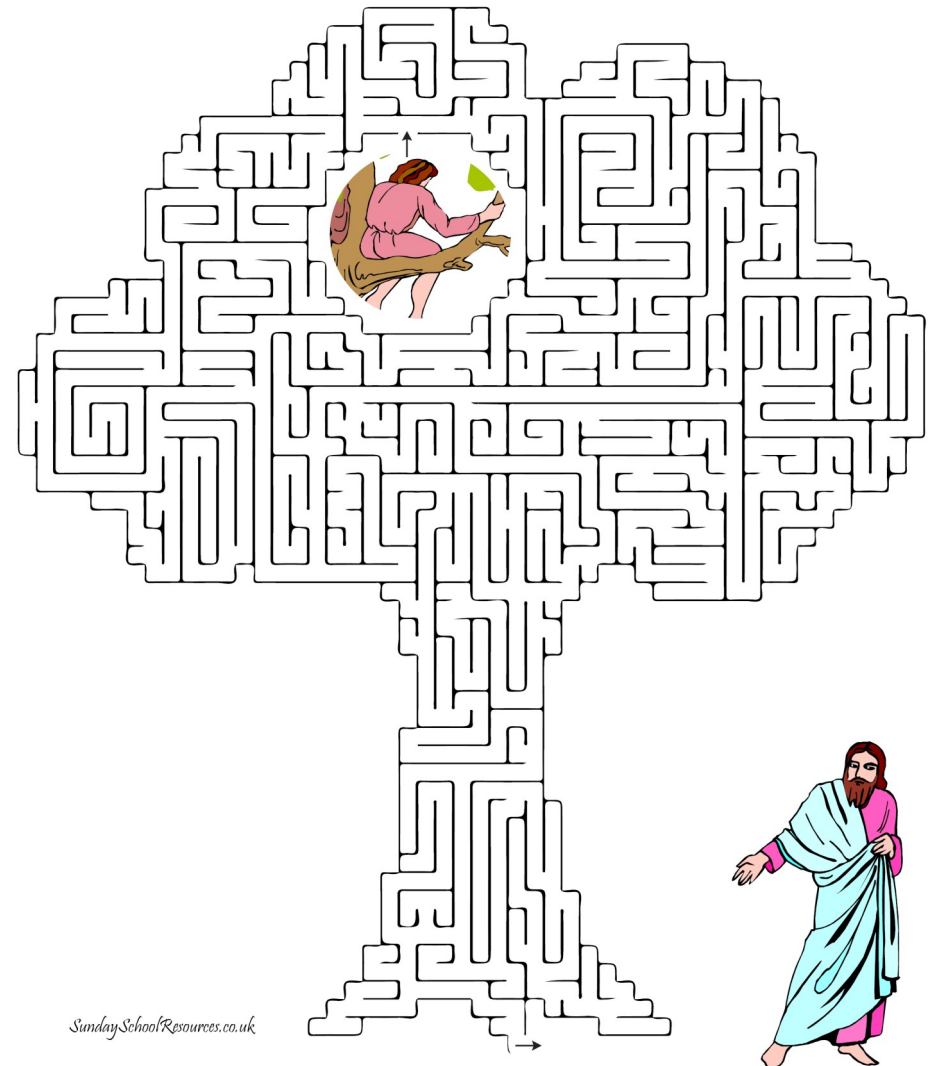
Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly, and Leave the rest to God.

Enjoy what May has to offer us.
Lois

Kids Corner

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus


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





May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 John 4:7 <i>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.</i>				1 Trey Barta Deanna Huether	2 Taylor Hoxeng	3 Mary Madsen
4 Worship with Communion at 9:00 am Senior Recognition Sunday	5 Shamae Bench	6 Bible Study at Vangen 6:30 pm	7 WOW 6:30 - 7:30 pm No Confirmation Baccalaureate Ceremony 7:00 pm at Gayville Lutheran Church	8	9	10
11 Worship at 9:00 am Deacons Meeting 8:15 am 	12	13	14 WOW / Confirmation 6:30 - 7:30 pm	15	16	17 Irene-Wakonda Graduation 1:30 pm Gayville-Volin Graduation 2:00 pm
18 Worship with Communion at 9:00 am Council Meeting 10:15 am Yankton Graduation 1:00 pm Don Huether	19	20 Bible Study at Vangen 6:30 pm Emissary articles due	21 WELCA 9:00 am - noon	22	23	24
25 Worship at 9:00 am Chris Tronvold	26 	27	28 Terry Hoxeng Kyle Huether Tristin Nelson	29 Bob Habeck 	30	31