

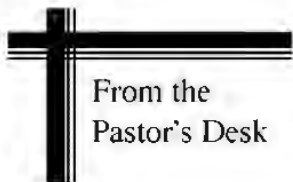


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Bridging the Gap — A Word for June

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Events in June

June 2 - Primary elections
fellowship hall - all day

June 3 - Summer meals at
Moats Park 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Weds. June 3 - August 19
All are Welcome to join us!!

June 7 - Semi Annual
Congregational meeting &
meal starts 11:35am

June 7 - Fishing Day for Kids
at our church pond.

June 20 - March for Life

Sept 27 - Don Norton
Trap Shoot
more details coming.....

June is here, and so is something we have been praying toward: on **Sunday, June 7**, we launch **Sown Together**, our new intergenerational Sunday School — and we could not be more excited about what God is going to do through it.

This class is not just a new item on the calendar. It is a living expression of who we are called to be. As a congregation, we carry a vision of *Bridging the Gap* — actively building relationships with people in our community across generational divides, using technology as a bridge, and planting the seeds of the timeless Gospel for God to reap in His season. Our intergenerational Sunday School is that vision stepping off the page and into the room.

Think about what happens when a teenager and a grandparent open the same Scripture together. When a young adult hears wisdom earned over decades, and an older saint hears a fresh question that reopens a passage they thought they knew. When someone who grew up with a smartphone and someone who did not find that they need the same Savior. These moments do not happen by accident. They happen when a church is intentional about creating the space for them — and that is exactly what we are doing on June 7.

We live in a world that constantly separates generations from one another — different classrooms, different platforms, different rhythms, different reference points.

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The church has a beautiful opportunity to be different. To be the place where those divides are not just acknowledged but *bridged* — through shared worship, shared study, and the shared experience of walking with God together.

So we warmly invite every generation in this congregation to be part of this from the very first Sunday. Come ready to listen as much as to speak. Come ready to learn from someone whose life looks nothing like yours — and to discover, perhaps, how much you have in common. The harvest God is growing in our community will be tended by many hands, across many years. Our Sunday School is one more place where that work begins.

We will see you June 7. Come be part of the bridge.

In Christ,

Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom Vanderbilt





End of this year's L.I.F.E. classes was May 6. It was a fun evening of activities along with some fishing and a campfire! Don't forget the "smores"!!





MOCK FAMILY COMING TO VISIT!

Cody & Aurelie along with Eva and Moriah are planning their home service schedule and Mt. Calvary is on it. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 31, 2026. That Sunday is a 5th Sunday in the month so we will be having our church service starting at 9:15 am with an Elder breakfast following the service. Cody Mock will be making a presentation on their life as missionaries in Riga, Latvia in Eurasia.



Mark your calendars:

Mt. Calvary Semi-annual
Congregational meeting & potluck dinner
June 7, 2026 right after the 10:30 service
Please join us - Everyone is invited!
Bring a dish to share



Tone Chime Ringers – we want YOU!

We are recruiting tone chime ringers for Sunday, June 28. Chimes are lighter and easier to use than traditional handbells. Hunter Koenig will be at the piano, and we have some ringers already on the list! This music is perfect for beginners. If you ever played an instrument or sang in a choir even for a year, you have more than enough skill to follow along.

We will have TWO rehearsals before the 28th so everyone is confident. Attendance at both is preferred. Ringers will decide the schedule. This multi-generational group will be a blessing for the congregation. Call or text Jami McLeod at 515-720-6206 or email mcleodjami@gmail.com for more information.

Connecting with the Church



Samuel Russell Sandquist, son of Faith & Wilson Sandquist., was born on 5/24/2026.
7:43 am; 7# 15oz!
Mom, Baby, & Dad are all doing well.

The Sandquist's
205 East 3rd Avenue
Indianola, IA 50125

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| Elizabeth Winjum | 2-Jun |
| Roger Bill | 2-Jun |
| David Van Dyke | 3-Jun |
| Lowell Lines | 3-Jun |
| Slade Koenig | 5-Jun |
| Marilyn Perry | 6-Jun |
| Monica Kuehl | 9-Jun |
| Nancy Garrett | 11-Jun |
| Johnathan Tague | 13-Jun |
| Renate' Johnson | 14-Jun |
| Nathan Bohannon | 17-Jun |
| Kristine Burns | 17-Jun |
| Michelle Meyer | 18-Jun |
| Bailey Hauge | 19-Jun |
| Brad Curtis | 20-Jun |
| Celeste Gebhart | 21-Jun |
| Ronda Priebe | 22-Jun |
| Garrett Geurink | 26-Jun |
| Steve Roush | 28-Jun |

Heal House. . . Current needs.

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| Toilet Paper | Fabric softener |
| Coffee pods | 33 gallon trash bags |
| Laundry pods | Coffee mugs |
| Paper towels | Disinfeting wipes |
| Powdered Coffee creamer | |

**HELPING HAND
SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE FOOD PANTRY**

- Cereal
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Ranch Dressing
- Mac & Cheese
- Sloppy Jo mix
- Canned Chicken
- Individual wapped snacks
- Peanut Butter
- Dish Soap

**This month Mt. Calvary
Delivered 39
grocery items to support
the Food Pantry.
Thank you for your
continued support!**

Please notify the church office of updates or changes to your address or contact information or any corrections to the Church Directory at office@mt-calvary.com

or call 515-961-4321.
THANK YOU!
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Opportunities to Serve



Available dates to donate flowers for the altar on Sunday.

- June 7 - Mike & Jen Olson
- June 14 - Mike & Emily Oeffner
- June 21 - Dave & Judy Zwanziger
- June 28 - Gene & Melinda Grimm
- July 5 - Ruth Circle

Altar Flowers – Needed: Individuals can sign up to place flowers for the altar or to donate to the “Flower Fund.” Place checks/cash in the offering and mark “Flowers” or you can use the online option to donate. You may sign up for a specific week on the flower calendar located on the Pillar. If you have a special occasion and would like flowers ordered for you and placed on the altar, contact Sherrie Engel. We need two arrangements for the altar total cost \$50.00. Contact Sherrie Engel, 515-490-2333 for more information. There are plenty of Sundays available.



Available dates to host Sunday Morning Treats

If no one signs up..... no treats!! 😞

- June 7 -
- June 14 -
- June 21 -
- June 28 - Wiese
- July 5 -



Summer Meals at the Park 5:30—7:00 pm

- June 3 - Pulled Pork
- June 10 - Pulled Pork Mac & Cheese
- June 17 - Taco’s
- June 24 - Sloppy Joes
- July 1 - Chicken

“Summer Meals in the Park”. Our Meals will be served at the shelter house at Moats Park, every Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, June 3 through August 19, 2026. We are needing donations of food items and help with the meals. Please check the pillar, in the fellowship hall, to see what items we are needing for our meals. Also the signup sheet, if you are interested in helping with the meal.

Opportunities to Serve

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

Talk to the church office about becoming a Reader in Worship.

Talk to an Elder about becoming an Usher at either service.

Volunteer to be a song leader at our 10:30 am Sunday service.

Sunday Morning treats – Volunteers needed to host at Sunday morning coffee time.
A sign up sheet is on the pillar in the fellowship hall.

Altar Flowers – Needed: Individuals to sign up to place flowers for the altar or to donate to the “Flower Fund.” Check out the flower chart on the pillar in the fellowship hall.

Here is the QR code for Online Giving:



Volunteers are needed to maintain our landscape each year. Weeding flower beds, mowing lawn and watering flowers when needed. **Please check out the map on the pillar to see what flower bed you would like to help keep looking nice.** If you are willing to help with any of those outside activities, please contact the Board of Property. Terry Pauling, Board Chairman. 515.249.9192

Lawn Mowers in June

Week of June 1 - Augie Wright

Week of June 8 - Bill Sponsler

Week of June 15 - Gene Grimm

Week of June 22 - Terry Pauling

Week of June 29 - Steve Roush



SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 2026

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
DES MOINES**

2026 IOWA MARCH FOR LIFE LCMS RALLY

9 AM - MATINS PRAYER SERVICE

10 AM - SPEAKER

11 AM - LUNCH

12 PM - RALLY AND MARCH AT STATE CAPITOL



**3223 UNIVERSITY AVE
DES MOINES, IA 50311**

**GUEST SPEAKER
MR.
MARTIN
CANNON**



We show up.
We confess Christ.
We are Lutheran.

**RSVP VIA QR CODE OR EMAIL
PASTORCKROONBLAWD@GMAIL.COM**



**Mt. Calvary Lutheran
Church
Council Meeting
April 20, 2026**

Attendance: Pastor Vanderbilt, Jake Hermanson, David Cormeny, Mary Barkley, Terry Pauling, Jen Olson, Linda Norton, Natasha Cooper, JoAnn Chapman
David called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Jake motioned to pass March Council Minutes with Amendment, provided by Terry. Terry seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Pastor Report- (See Email Attachment)

DCE Report- N/A

Elder's Report- Jake (See Email Attachment)

Financial Report- Linda (See Email Attachment)

-Terry motioned to approve March 2026's Financial Report. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report- Mary Barkley (See Email Attachment)

-Jen motioned to approve March 2026's Treasurer Report. David seconded the motion. Motion was carried with unanimous vote.

-Mary is moving \$7500 from the LCEF fund for summer meals.

Education Report- N/A

Evangelism Report- N/A

Discipleship Report- Ed and JoAnn Chapman (See Email Attachments)

-Summer meal sign up is starting. JoAnn is planning 150 meals per week.

Worship Report- Jen Olson (See Email Attachment)

Parish Nurse- N/A

Youth Report- Natasha Cooper (See Email Attachments)

-May 6th there will be a Life Meal

-June 7th there will be a fishing event

-2 adults and 3 youth attended Hidden Acres

-There are 4-5 attending the Fan the Flames

-Considering a summer family based Sunday School at Home

Records Report- David Cormeny (See Email Attachments)

Stewardship Report-N/A (See Email Attachments)

Property Report- Terry Pauling (See Email Attachments)

- Cattle tore up a portion of the lawn. Might cause dead grass.
- The storage garage door is repaired.
- The compressor is getting inspected.
- PerMar is looking at repairs.
- We have 9 volunteers for mowing.

Old Business

- Bridge the Gap update, Pastor is thinking of hiring Keeley Kehrli for an internship in marketing.

We are looking at a possible contract with pay.

New Business

- June Congregational meeting
 - Wilson and Faith joined Discipleship
 - Terry is nominated for Property
 - Natasha would like to continue. Maybe combine Youth and Education.
 - Pastor will notify the Church of vacancies in Calvary Current and newsletter
 - We may create an Ad Hoc committee to restructure Church Council upon

leadership review.

- Annual Financial Review will be April 28th at 6pm. JoAnn, Jake, Mary, Jen, Sarah will be attending.

-Richard and Kathryn Pratt Trust will be given to our undesignated donations in approximately 3 months. We will have to review our constitution for fund management.

- Board of Human Care is meeting next month for final approval. Upon review, we may donate \$40,000 to this adoption fund.

- WeLift has been given \$10,000.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was offered by Jake, a second by Mary. Motion carried by unanimous vote

Respectfully submitted,
David Cormeny