

St. John Lutheran Church

March 2026

MESSENGER



Lent: A Season of Reflection and Renewal

As Lent begins, Christians worldwide embark on a forty-day journey of reflection and renewal, preparing for the joy of Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday, Lent is rooted in tradition and inspired by Jesus' forty days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). This season invites believers to reflect, repent and renew their faith through prayer, fasting and acts of charity.

A central practice during Lent is “giving up” something meaningful – whether a favorite food, activity or habit. This act is not about self-punishment, but serves as a tangible reminder of Christ's sacrifices and helps realign priorities with God's will. Fasting, a discipline dating back to the early church, is mentioned throughout Scripture as a way to humble oneself and seek God's guidance. By intentionally depriving ourselves of comforts, we create space to focus on prayer, worship and serving others. Even small sacrifices become daily invitations to turn our hearts toward God and grow in faith.

For many, Lent is also a catalyst for positive change – breaking unhealthy patterns, practicing forgiveness, cultivating compassion and generosity. The discipline of self-denial can lead to new insights about ourselves and our relationship with God, helping us emerge from Lent renewed and ready to celebrate Easter's hope.

Ultimately, Lent calls us to transformation. Through giving something up or adopting new spiritual practices, we deepen our faith, strengthen our community and prepare our hearts for resurrection joy. As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” May this Lenten season be a time of reflection, repentance and renewal as we journey together toward Easter.

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8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: **Tom Franzen**

Vice President: **Zach Huffman**

Council Secretary: **Angie Dietz**

Building & Grounds: **Jeremy Wolf**

Technology: **Zach Huffman**

Worship & Music: **Bruce Bruns**

Greg Henn, Roger Garbes,

Connor Sullivan, Christopher Kalvig

ADDITIONAL CHURCH LEADERS

Finance: **Mark Rodruck**

Treasurer: **Jo Henn**

Agape: **Ann Senner**

Jubilee: **Bruce Bruns**

Custodians: **Rod & Beth Wilson**

Organist: **Ann Senner**

Organist: **Hannah Pederson**

January 2026 General Fund Report

Balance 1/01/2026	43.96
Receipts	32,730.25
Expenses	17,743.82
Transfers	390.00
Balance 1/31/2026	14,640.39

Thank you to the **BLOOD DRIVE DONORS** who gave with generosity and compassion – **39 Units** – Wed., Jan. 28th.

This can be processed for over **100 patients**, giving them and their families hope. Plan ahead and circle the dates of June 9th and August 18th for again giving this gift. You are appreciated for this constant need.!

Feeding His Sheep in Nashua

Compass Center; Lunches; **Every Tuesday** Free-Will Offering 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Nashua Food Pantry: 115 Woodbridge St.; Downtown Every Friday; 9-11 a.m. & on Call.

Mobile Food Pantry: **March 19th**.....(Every 3rd Thursday).....4-5:30 p.m.



The Community Pantry At St. John Lutheran Church Use North Door Entrance At 300 Merrill St; Nashua

Monday.....9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday.....9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday.....9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday.....9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closed Friday

Saturday.....9 a.m. to Noon

Other times by Appointment: Call 641-435-2396



Homebound Members

Liz Arends: Accura Healthcare, New Hampton

Burton and Edna Dietz: Clarksville Assisted Living Ctr.

Virginia Kraft: Cedar Vale, Nashua

Phyllis Kunzman: 11th St. Chautauqua, Charles City

June Marth: West Des Moines, Iowa

Don Niemeyer: Clarksville Skilled Nursing & Rehab Ctr.

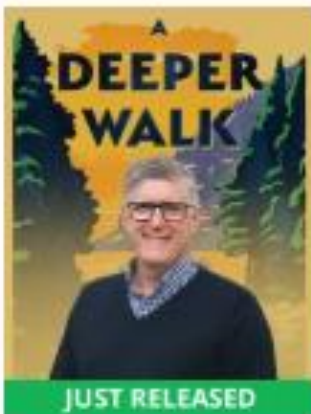
Mary Lou Phyfe: Clarksville Skilled Nursing & Rehab Ctr.

Ida Schloemer: Evergreen Arbor, Bartels, Waverly

Beth Waller: Maquoketa, Iowa

Verna Wiebke: Linden Place, Bartels, Waverly

1	Julie Hurd
3	Alan Frost
3	Kylie Dietz
5	Linda Drewelow
7	Shannon Dietz
8	Cash Sudol
10	Rod Wilson
10	Amy Sinnwell
13	Laurie Kristiansen
13	Kate Burrichter
15	Ezzie Sudol
17	Zach Huffman
19	LeeRoy Reuscher
21	Amanda Huffman
22	Michael Kalvig
27	Dennis Demro
30	Karen Sinnwell



Description

Too many Christians are stuck and unable to go deeper in their walk with God because traditional discipleship models are overly left-brained and miss the heart.

A Deeper Walk

MARCUS WARNER • 10 Sessions • 10 Min Avg

Countering Anxiety

SIDHARA UDALAGAMA

4 Sessions Avg Session - 10 min
2025



**Lenten Evening Soup Supper
and Evening Worship Schedule
at St. John Lutheran , Nashua**

5:30 p.m. Soup Supper	Wed Feb 18th --Ash Wed -- Comm -- 7:00 p.m.
5 p.m. Soup Supper	Wed Feb 25th Lenten Service 6:00 p.m. Thorn
5 p.m. Soup Supper	Wed Mar 4th Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.
5 p.m. Soup Supper	Wed Mar 11th Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.
5 p.m. Soup Supper	Wed Mar 18th Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.
5 p.m. Soup Supper	Wed Mar 25th Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.
	April 2nd MaundyThursday Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.
	April 3rd Good Friday Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.

2026 SUMMER CAMP EWALU

As a Lutheran outdoor ministry, Ewalu offers a variety of programs all summer for youth in grades 1 to 12, guided by trained counselors. Adults and younger kids can join in with Family Camp and Grandparent Camp! **Our "tiered pricing" makes camp more affordable than ever. No child is turned away for reasons of financial need—details and request form online.**

REGISTER NOW!

See all our programs, the summer schedule and pricing online:
www.Ewalu.org/Summer-Camp

More questions?
Check out our
FAQs at the link
above, or contact
the camp office at
Office@ewalu.org
or 563-933-4700.

EARLY DISCOUNTS

Register by **FEBRUARY 28** and take **\$40 off** all full-week overnight youth programs (take \$20 off shorter and family programs).

Register by **APRIL 15** and take **\$20 off** full-week overnight programs (\$10 off shorter programs).

Details online. Works with any tier!

THIS YEAR'S THEME:

🏠 37776 Alpha Ave., Strawberry Point, IA 52076 📞 563-933-4700 ✉ camp@ewalu.org 🌐 www.ewalu.org

WORSHIP SERVANTS	MARCH 1ST 2ND SUN LENT TRAD / COMM	WED EVE MARCH 4TH	MARCH 8TH 3RD SUNDAY LENT JUBILEE / COMM	WED EVE MARCH 11TH	MARCH 15TH 4TH SUN LENT TRAD	WED EVE MARCH 18TH
HEAD USHER	ANGIE DIETZ	ANGIE DIETZ	ANGIE DIETZ	ANGIE DIETZ	ANGIE DIETZ	ANGIE DIETZ
LECTOR	KATHY CERWINSKE		BETH WILSON		ANDREA SULLIVAN	
SOUND	LYNN WILKENS	KADEN HANNEMANN	KEN HAUT	TOM FRANZEN	CARTER HENNICK	KIF RICHMANN
VIDEO	HAILEY WILKENS	WYATT BURRICHTER	JOAN LORE	KAMI HANNEMAN N	KATELYN WOLF	TRENT RODRUCK
GREET/OFFER ING	GENE & SHERRI NIEMAN	DAN & ANNETTE DIETZ	DEB & ORLIN SUDOL	NAT & AMY SINNWELL	NIKKI & STEVE HENNICK	ZACH & AMANDA HUFFMAN
COMMUNION	MARK & MICKI RODRUCK		MEGAN & DAN MILLER			
WORSHIP SERVANTS	MARCH 22ND 5TH SUN LENT JUBILEE	WED EVE MARCH 25TH	MARCH 29TH PALM SUN TRAD	APRIL 2ND MAUNDY THURSDAY	APRIL 3RD GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY
HEAD USHER	ANGIE DIETZ	ANGIE DIETZ	ANGIE DIETZ	GREG HENN	GREG HENN	GREG HENN
LECTOR	JUDY ROTTINGHAU S		MYRNA ROSS			DAWN LINDLOFF
SOUND	TROY STILLE	GREG HENN	KEN HAUT			
VIDEO	CONNOR SULLIVAN	JOAN LORE	ELLIE SUDOL			
GREET/OFFER ING	TOM & ANITA SULLIVAN	KALVIGS	CHAD/SARAH SUDOL FAM			
COMMUNION			KRISTI HANNEMANN(S)			

WELCA NEWS

WELCA met Wednesday, February 19 to discuss Lenten luncheon and Lenten soup supper.

WELCA will be serving the soup supper on February 25 at 5 pm. Thank you to everyone who provided soup and bread for this meal.

The march WELCA meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24th at 1:30 pm in the social hall. Joan lore will be lesson leader and Jan Hannemann will be the hostess. After the meeting, we will prepare the chicken casserole to be served at the Lenten luncheon on March 25th. There is a sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board for anyone who would like to donate food or who would like to help serve the Lenten luncheon. We will be serving chicken casserole, assorted Jello salads, pickles, rolls and assorted bars.

WELCA is for all women in the church. We would like more participation and would welcome you in our meeting.



NEWS RELEASE

Date: February 24, 2026

The Community Pantry opens for business

The Community Food Pantry, located at 300 Merrill street within St. John Lutheran church, Nashua, is open for food distribution. Established to help cope with food insecurity in Chickasaw County and surrounding areas, the food pantry welcomes area residents and operates in conjunction with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo. Run by local community volunteers, the Community Food Pantry has a variety of items available including canned fruits and vegetables, dried beans and legumes, rice, cereals, fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, meats, and other shelf-stable groceries.

Persons interested in accessing food are asked to fill out income eligibility forms and may then choose food items for their household.

Food Pantry hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., or by appointment.

Other food pantries in the Nashua area also include the Nashua Food Pantry at 115 Woodbridge Street, open Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and a Little Free Pantry behind the Nashua City Hall, at 402 Main Street. In addition, the St. John Lutheran Church location also hosts a mobile food pantry in combination with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank every third Thursday of the month from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information on the weekly Community Pantry at the Merrill Street site, contact: 641-435-2396.

March 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1

*8:30 Trad
Communion Service
(Richfield) Worship

2

* 9 am
Community
Pantry to 2 pm
*5:30 pm Cub
Scouts

3

* 9 am Comm
Pantry - 7 pm

4

* 9 am Comm Pantry -
2 pm
*5 pm Lent soup supper
*5 pm Bible study
*6 pm Lent worship
service

5

* 9 am Comm Pantry - 2
pm

6

Community Pantry closed

7

*7 am Men's Breakfast
Pantry - Noon

8

*8:30 am Jubilee
Communion (Nashua)
(10:30 am St. John
Stapleton)

9

*9 am Comm
Pantry - 7 pm

10

*9 am Comm
Pantry - 7 pm

11

*9 am Comm Pantry -
7 pm
*5 pm Lent soup supper
*5 pm Bible study
*6 pm Lent worship
service

12

*9 am Comm Pantry - 2
pm
*1 pm Book Club

13

* Community Pantry Closed

14

*9am Comm Pantry - Not

15

*8:30 am Nashua
Trad Service
(10:30 am St Peter
Richfield)

16

*9am Comm
Pantry - 2 pm
*5:30 pm Cub
Scouts

17

*9am Comm
Pantry - 7 pm

18

*9 am Comm Pantry -
7 pm
*5 pm Lent soup supper
*5 pm Bible study
*6 pm Lent worship
service

19

Mobile Food Pantry of
Chickasaw Cty.
*9am Comm Pantry - 2pm
*9:30 am Book Club

20

Community Pantry closed

21

*9am Comm Pantry - Not

22

*8:30 am Nashua
Jubilee Service
(10:30 am St. John
Stapleton)

23

*9am Comm
Pantry - 2 pm

24

*9am Comm
Pantry - 7 pm

25

*9 am Comm Pantry -
7 pm
*5 pm Lent soup supper
*5 pm Bible study
*6 pm Lent worship
service

26

*9 am Comm Pantry - 2
pm

27

Community Pantry closed

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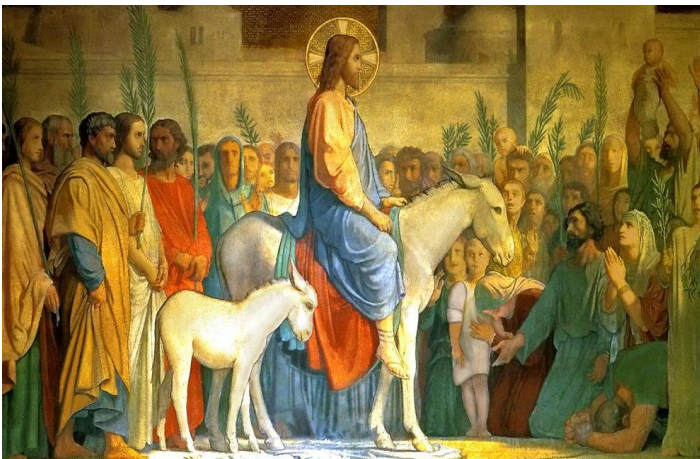
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