

St. John Lutheran Church

April 2026

MESSENGER



April Showers Bring May Flowers

This familiar phrase holds more than simple seasonal wisdom. It reflects the truth of both creation and the Christian faith. New life often comes through struggle, waiting, and trust. As spring unfolds and Easter points us toward resurrection, this saying becomes a powerful theological lens through which we reflect on the promise of new life in Jesus Christ.

April showers can be cold, inconvenient, and often muddy. Yet without them, the earth remains dormant. Scripture reminds us that God often uses seasons of difficulty to prepare us for renewal. Jesus Himself relays this truth when He says that a grain of wheat must fall into the ground and die before it can bear much fruit (John 12:24). Growth often involves discomfort.

The cross was the ultimate “April shower”—a moment of suffering, grief, and apparent defeat. The disciples experienced despair and confusion as they watched their hopes seemingly wash away, but God was at work beneath the surface. What appeared to be an ending became the beginning of resurrection life. The empty tomb on Easter morning proclaims that suffering does not have the final word; God does.

Spring mirrors this resurrection promise all around us. Buds push through frozen soil. Trees bloom. This process is testimony that God is faithful to bring life out of death, color out of gray, and hope out of sorrow. In Christ, this promise extends beyond the seasons. Paul writes that “if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17). The resurrection is not only something we celebrate—it is something we live.

As we move through April toward May, we are invited to trust God with our own seasons of pain, waiting, and uncertainty. The rains we endure today may be nurturing unseen growth that will one day blossom into joy, wisdom, and deeper faith. Because of Easter, we believe that every shower is held within the hands of a resurrecting God. April showers do bring May flowers—and in Christ, every moment carries the promise of new life. Amen.

Pastor Todd

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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**

March 2026 General Fund Report

Balance 2/01/2026	14,640.39
Receipts	14,998.65
Expenses	14,777.43
Transfers	330.00
Balance 1/31/2026	14,531.61

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.....By Appointment

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.

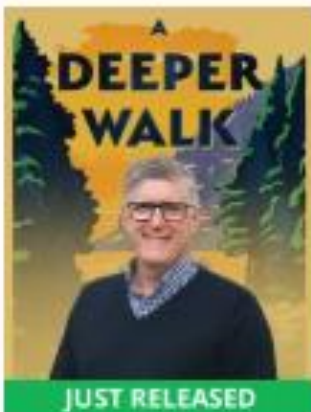
Mary Lou Phyfe: Clarksville Skilled Nursing & Rehab Ctr.

Ida Schloemer: Evergreen Arbor, Bartels, Waverly

Beth Waller: Maquoketa, Iowa

Verna Wiebke: Linden Place, Bartels, Waverly

1	Lori Bruns
2	Tom Franzen
2	Issac Sinnwell
2	Allison Miller
6	Bonnie Potratz
10	Evie Sudol
15	Mark Potratz
15	Mike Hannemann
15	Tate Demro
17	Rhonda Poppe
17	Andrew Kalvig
19	Averi Haut
23	Ty Berger
25	Janet Poppe
26	Jo Henn
26	Kaden Hannemann
28	Sam O'Neill
29	Rhylan Haut



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

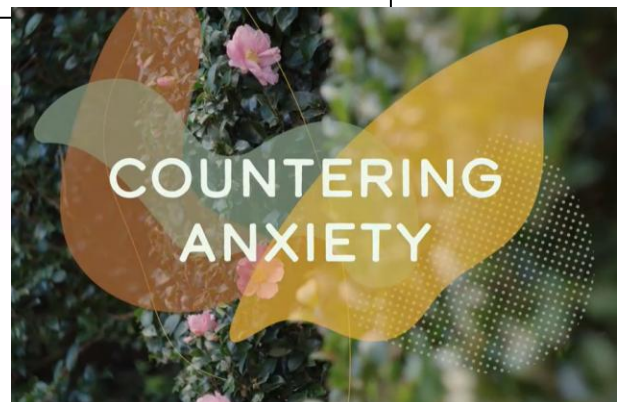
MARCUS WARNER • 10 Sessions • 10 Min Avg

Countering Anxiety

SIDHARA UDALAGAMA

4 Sessions Avg Session - 10 min

2025



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	APRIL 2ND	APRIL 3RD	APRIL 5TH	APRIL 12	APRIL 19	APRIL 26TH
HEAD USHER	GREG HENN	GREG HENN	GREG HENN	GREG HENN	GREG HENN	GREG HENN
LECTOR	ANGIE DIETZ	MEGAN STILLE	DAWN LINDILOFF	ANGIE DIETZ		
SOUND	MEGAN STILLE				TROY STILLE	
VIDEO						
GREETERS & OFFERING						
COMMUNION			WOLF FAMILY			



NEWS RELEASE

Date: April 1st, 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 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.

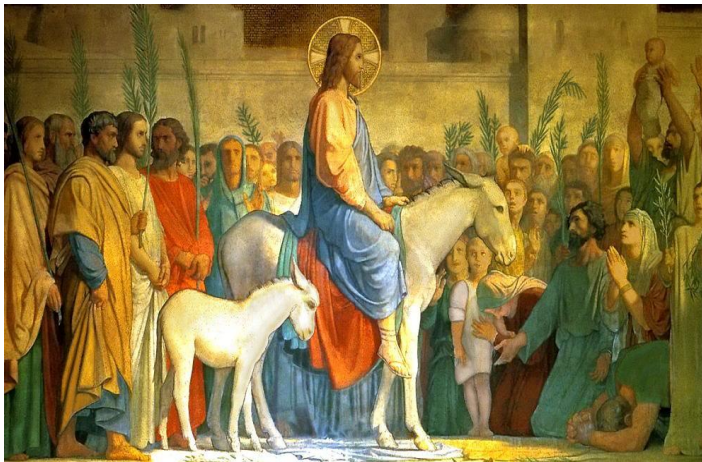
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