

# *The Shepherd Staff*

## JUNE 2025

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### OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN IS A BIBLE-BASED CHURCH

#### One Father, Many Dads

"Listen Junior. You don't talk to your mother that way." My Dad said the words calmly, evenly, and with care in his voice but without humor; this advice was non-negotiable. Roger wasn't my Dad by blood, he was my stepfather. My angry teenage brain had just raised my voice to my mother for whatever reason. I don't remember what it was about but I remember how he responded. That's the things with Dads, they leave a lasting impression.

***"Train up a child in the way he should go  
and even when he is old, he will not depart from it."***

***(Proverbs 22:6)***

We don't all get Dad's like that. My biological father certainly had his faults. Yet God had given me Roger to speak into my life with love and caring that embodied Jesus on Earth. He cared about me. Not because I was his flesh and blood but because I was worthy of being loved and needed him to help save me. Roger was a fireman and a mechanic, accustomed to saving people and helping those in need. He walked with and like Jesus.

Jesus, taught that fathers have a responsibility to teach children about God's love, His word, faith and guiding them to walk in righteousness. He demonstrated how fathers can be a positive and supportive influence, avoiding aggressive words and actions that might discourage children. But most of all, Jesus emphasized the importance of recognizing God as the ultimate Father and model for being an earthly father. Thus, we dads are striving to emulate God's character and love as we build relationships with the children in our lives.

Maybe that's why I went on to be a houseparent to social orphans, or why my wife, Katryn, and I still open our home to foreign exchange students through EF (Education First). We recognize that you don't have to be a biological parent to be a 'Mom' or a 'Dad' to a child who needs to experience God's love and welcome in their life.

This June we celebrate Father's Day. Take a moment to recall a 'Dad' in your life who offered you a glimpse of your Father in heaven. Then give thanks to God for all the men who step up, rather than stepping away. It is an awesome responsibility to be called to reflect our Father's love in someone's life. Yet that is exactly what Jesus calls us to do, to be God's love in the life of each person He brings into our path. This month, let's help one another to model Jesus, who was one with the Father, and revealed exactly what a Father's love looks like. Be a Dad... support a Dad... thank a Dad... and above all, give thanks to your Father in heaven!

*Shepherd Sean*

# OSLC's "Homebound" Family

*Helping our homebound! Take a moment and write them a note of encouragement.  
Your prayers, calls, visitations, and cards help people feel connected and loved.  
Open your Church Directory to see who else, you can touch with Christ's love.*

**Exira Care Center** 411 South Carthage St, Exira, IA 50076

**Ardys Albertsen:** #106    **Betty Obermeier:** #112

**Craig Young:** #\_\_

**Thomas Rest Haven** 217 Main St, Coon Rapids, IA 50058

**Caroline Boeck:** #\_\_

**Parkview Assisted Living** 210 Park St, Coon Rapids, IA 50058

**Thomas Nelsen:** #9



## June Altar Flower Blessings

- 1:** In memory of Bob Rugaard's Birthday by Terrill & MaryJo Burger and family
- 8:** In memory of Carol's Birthday by Jeff Albertsen & family
- 15:** In memory of Leroy Sand & Elmer Carlson by Nancy Sand
- 22:** Given by Steve & Raydene Mathisen
- 29:** In celebration of their wedding anniversary by Dick & Judy Baker

**The cost per Sunday remains at \$22  
Please designate your payment "flowers"**



## "TRUE NORTH" Vacation Bible School August 4-August 7

Registration forms are in the lobby on the VBS table or you can register online by scanning this QR Code.

If you would still like to sponsor a child to attend VBS, the cost is \$10, payable to OSLC.



**There will be a list of items needed in the Lobby soon!**

**ADULT/YOUTH HELPERS ARE NEEDED!!**

Contact Katie, 712-304-4033 to volunteer!



## A Special Thank You

To all who helped sponsor a child(ren) to attend Vacation Bible School.

We look forward to a fun program this year, but most importantly, we are happy to know that so many youth will have the opportunity to learn about Jesus being our TRUE NORTH!

## MAY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *(unapproved)*

- Accepted all reports, and approved April, 2025 Council Meeting minutes
- Shannon presented financials, including CD funds for OSLC - accepted.
- Country Players details are scheduled for August 11-15, 2025.
- New Memorial Bench concrete pad was laid and bench is being constructed.
- Education will explore a 'Safe Gatherings' / 'Safe Sanctuaries' program for educating all persons who help/assist with children in our church.
- Property is awaiting roof-rep to discuss moisture/leaks on North side sanctuary ceiling.
- Traci trained council on AED. Will schedule ushers later. AED's need regular battery checks.
- Staff handbook adjustments were discussed and approved. Council will continue to further review in the months ahead along with Digital Infrastructure policy.
- Website needs review/adjustment as does electronic-giving; QR code integration advised.
- Mutual Ministry Team members are: Daniel Bierbrodt, Jolene Burns, Jenn Ellingsen, Elayne Sinow, Nate Vorm
- Church computers will transition to a cloud-based network. Pastor Sean will contact current provider and keep Council updated.
- June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as next Council meeting.



### **Saints In Service**

Thank you to all who dedicate their time and efforts to ensure we run a smooth service every Sunday! OSLC is blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers!

#### **Video/Streaming helpers**

**needed;** training available for those interested. Please sign up on clipboards (in balcony), call the office for more info, or leave a note for Pastor on the service bulletin Connection Card.

### **MAY STEWARDSHIP SQUARE**

Date	Attendance	General Offering
5/4	134	\$11,478.32
5/11	117	\$ 3,807.00
5/18	158	\$ 3,141.00
5/25	91	\$ 1,681.00

# Baptism

5/18/25 Maylee Raye Borkowski, Daughter of  
Westly Borkowski & Brooklyn Danner.

Sponsors are Maddie Simons & Layne Borkowski.

***We give thanks for God's gift of new life in Jesus Christ!***

## **PENTECOST & ITS SEASON**

The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year. This is the Time of the Church—the time we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity. Pentecost represents a season of growth. The church is decorated in green, the color of growing plants. This marks the season of growth living in our Baptism and receiving the Lord's Word and Sacraments.

**During the Time of the Church, we focus on  
growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.**

Acts 2:41-47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Ephesians 3:14-19

Colossians 3:12-17



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## ***Looking Forward...***

***June 14th @ noon-Golden Dinner Club will host a Senior Meal***

***June 15th during service-Baptism of Ruthie May Hansen***

***June 21st-Burns/Mazinski Wedding***

***June 22nd during service-OSLC will host a Fire Chaplain Blessing***

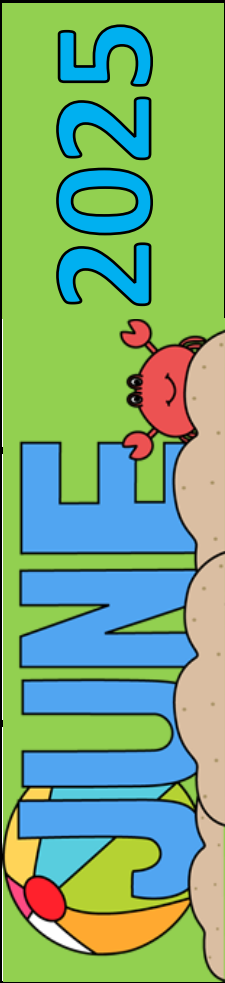
***June 22nd following service-Waffle Feed open to ALL***

***Books of the Month: My Amish Childhood & Traveling Light***



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Ascension Sunday</b> 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15am Coffee Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00am Women's Bible Study 'The Chosen' Season 4	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study
<b>8 Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Education Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00am Women's Bible Study 'The Chosen' Season 4	<b>11</b> 10:00am Women at the Well Bible Study	<b>12</b> 10:30am Friendship Home Communion	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study 12:00pm Golden Dinner Club Luncheon
<b>15 Father's Day &amp; Holy Trinity</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion & Baptism (R. Hansen) 10:15am Coffee Fellowship	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Building & Property Meeting	<b>17</b> 9:00am Women's Bible Study 'The Chosen' Season 4	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Council Meeting	<b>19</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>20</b> Burns/ Mozinski Wedding rehearsal	<b>21</b> 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study 9:00am Worship Mtg <b>Wedding —</b> <b>(Burns/Mazinski)</b>
<b>22 "Waffle Sunday"</b> 9:00am Worship and <b>Fire Dept Chaplain Blessing</b> 10:15am Waffle Served	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00am Women's Bible Study 'The Chosen' Season 4	<b>25</b> 10:00am Women at the Well Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study
<b>29</b> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship	<b>30</b>					<b>OSLC Office Hours:</b> 9:00am-noon & 1:00pm-3:00pm Monday-Friday



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	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
<b>Greeters</b>	Steve & Suzanne Derry	Jim Dick & Lori Applegate	Jeff & Sue Edwards	Barry & Lois Eldal, Mary & Alex	Nancy Sand & Barb Jacobsen
<b>Acolytes</b>	Dalton Miller & Dawson Miller	Irelyn Bladt & Carly Ellingson	Mary Eldal & Madison Obermeier	Scarlett Toft & Taryn Stroehler	Kadi Burger & USHER
<b>Readers</b>	Janet Collins	Lori Applegate	Megan Kjergaard	Lois Eldal	Elayne Sinow
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Janet Collins & Raydene Mathisen	N/A	Megan Kjergaard Kyle Kjergaard	N/A	N/A
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Collins & Natalie Lange	Janet Collins & Natalie Lange	Janet Collins & Natalie Lange	Janet Collins & Natalie Lange	Janet Collins & Natalie Lange
<b>Organist /Music Leadership</b>	Barb Smith	Diane Kleckner	Barb Smith	Barb Smith	Diane Kleckner
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Diane Kleckner Pat Mullenger Leo Pugh-Wacha	Nate & Sara Vorm	Wes & Calise Thygesen	(Waffle Feed)	Larry & Diane Kleckner
<b>Sound</b>	Logan Nielsen	Traci Irlmeier	[see bulletin]	[see bulletin]	[see bulletin]
<b>Projection</b>	Curtis Derry	Traci Irlmeier	[see bulletin]	[see bulletin]	[see bulletin]
<b>Video/ Streaming</b>	[see bulletin]	Chris Bylund	[see bulletin]	[see bulletin]	[see bulletin]
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Andersen (Captain)  Steve Mathisen Jeff Albertsen Danny Budd Brian Jensen Kyle Kjergaard Wes Thygesen	Bruce Andersen (Captain)  Steve Mathisen Jeff Albertsen Danny Budd Brian Jensen Kyle Kjergaard Wes Thygesen	Bruce Andersen (Captain)  Steve Mathisen Jeff Albertsen Danny Budd Brian Jensen Kyle Kjergaard Wes Thygesen	Bruce Andersen (Captain)  Steve Mathisen Jeff Albertsen Danny Budd Brian Jensen Kyle Kjergaard Wes Thygesen	Bruce Andersen (Captain)  Steve Mathisen Jeff Albertsen Danny Budd Brian Jensen Kyle Kjergaard Wes Thygesen