



# BROADCASTER

*Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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Pastors Solveig & Michael Zamzow

**Who is in  
charge of this  
place,  
anyhow?**

The above question is certainly not one we have never heard or asked ourselves. Often we ask it when we are displeased with this or that. So, then: Who is in charge of this place, anyhow? The Pastor, the Council, the rank and file membership or D) all of the above?

One thing is for sure: pastors are not permanent features. They come and go. Some stay longer, some stay only for a short while – but they are not lasting residents of a faith community. Therefore my very long-standing advice: never join or leave a congregation because of the clergy other than in case of false teaching or abuse. Even church staff comes and goes.

But, members also come and go. We get old and die, babies are born, folks move to different communities to follow a job, further their education or get married. Sometimes church members believe a ‘new flavor’ of religious life is needed to spark a deeper faith.

**MARCH  
2026**

# MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SOLVEIG ZAMZOW

In the midst of such transitions, our question is rather fair: who is 'in charge'. First off, we shall state the obvious - there are certain tasks that are indeed wisely assigned to certain people and positions.

In our Lutheran tradition, pastors are clearly 'in charge' of what is called Word and Sacrament Ministry. That is indeed the Call of a Lutheran clergy person!! Not the decision of what color the new carpet ought to be, mind you. But in the matters of faith as connected to the Word of God within and outside of worship do almost exclusively lie with the pastor. Most of us, of course, seek seriously to connect and be mindful of others!

Likewise, the staff of a parish have particular tasks whether that is mopping, typing, playing instruments, or mowing grass. Depending on the position staff members are responsible to a higher or lesser degree and 'in charge' based on a particular work agreement.

Then we have the responsibilities of a Council – the governing body of a faith community. The Council has its duties clearly defined by the Constitution. In many/most cases, 'the buck stops' with the Council. And yet, in certain areas of congregational life, the entire membership is 'in charge' – for example at the Annual Meeting. While the Council might painstakingly hover over the budget, resolutions, etc. it is the congregation in assembly that decides to accept, reject or adjust it. It is the congregation in a special meeting only that can call a new pastor, acquire or dispose of real estate, amend governing documents or establish/discontinue a relationship with a church body. Yes, YOU all are in charge of those matters!

Well, if you and I are 'in charge' of certain aspects of our life together, who is in charge of the congregation in its entirety? It is not me, it is not you, it is not the Council, it is not the staff but...JESUS. Yes, we are the Body of Christ and Jesus is our head, our leader, our final authority, the One who holds us together; Jesus is 'in charge' and all of us, without exception, are well advised to remember that carefully. If anyone thinks we/they/he/she is in charge of the entire enterprise we call 'congregation' we are in trouble with a capital T.

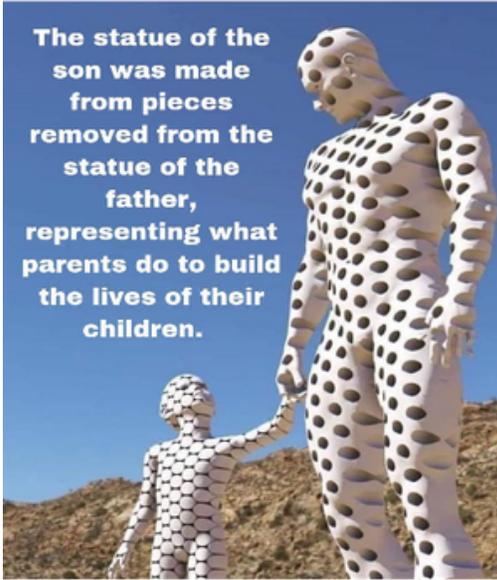
Evangelical Lutheran Church belongs to Jesus. We are the community that follows Jesus in all that we do...or so we pray. Our final concern always needs to be what Jesus is asking of us based on what he did and promised and continues to do. It is certainly highly appropriate and necessary to consider the feelings and thoughts of our friends in Christ. To be mindful of others is imperative! To be kind and friendly ought to be a hallmark of our gatherings! To respect each other in the positions to which we are called/elected/chosen should never be set aside even if we disagree or wonder why somebody makes the choices they make. I hope we always will stop, think, ask and discuss with one another before we go and make any decision! Our future will be bright and joyful if we keep our eyes and ears directed toward Jesus. We will be very busy doing the jobs we have, improving on all we do and helping others rejoicing in their ministry roles. As for everything else: **Jesus will be in charge. Bless you – Pastor Z+**



# JESUS

# CHURCH NEWS

The statue of the son was made from pieces removed from the statue of the father, representing what parents do to build the lives of their children.



This picture is a stark but wonderful reminder of how parents shape and influence their children. Here at Evangelical Lutheran we strive to help moms and dads with the responsibility of sharing the faith. Please remember that we have Sunday School on Sundays after worship. Please join all of us, with your kids and grandchildren, as we worship God.

## Sunday School

The Sunday School class meets right after church service from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

## Church Choir

If you think you might like to sing in the Choir, it is not too late. Come and join us. We practice on Sundays after worship. Questions: please see **Sandy Muzzey**.

## Visitation Teams

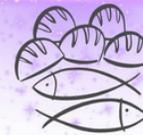
If you have signed up to join our Visitation Teams, please note that we will have a short meeting to get organized on **Sunday, March 15<sup>h</sup>** immediately following worship. Bring your questions!

## Evening Bible Study

Our Evening Bible Study group will meet on Mondays during Lent. **March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>** are the dates. We are working our way through the Acts of the Apostles and invite you to come and join us!

*Fry-Day Night*

**LEN<sup>+</sup>EN FISH FRY**



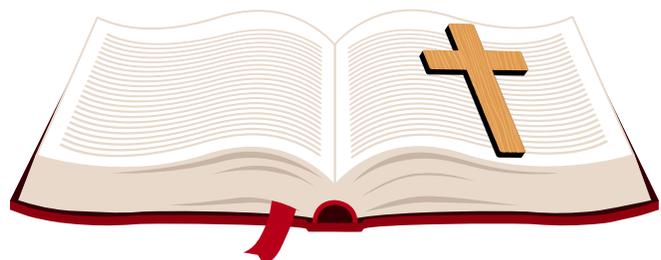
*Big John's Famous*  
**All You Can Eat Fish**

Free Will Offering

*Friday, March 27, 2026*

**5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

*Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
615 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Eagle Grove



# COUNCIL MEMBER BRIEF

## Church Council Brief

February 11th, 2026 Meeting

The council met on Wednesday evening Feb. 11, President Todd Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting and treasurers report were presented and approved.

Pastor Zamzow's report

- Been preparing for the season of Lent for Ash Wed. service and Lenten Services. Ash Wednesday will have a 1:00 service as well as 7:00 p.m.
- The youth will be doing the Sunrise service and breakfast .
- Said the Evangelism Committee is planning a "High Tea" April 19.
- Evangelism Committee is working on a Golden Confirmation event in Sept.
- Confirmation is May 10, 2026.
- Two young people are getting ready for their first communion.

Call Committee

- Nothing new to report

Old Business

- The new sign is installed – and we are in the learning process of how it operates .
- Programmable Thermostats are ordered.
- Parsonage update - Alan Linn has been working on the parsonage and doing several things that needed to be done.
- Youth Ministry - making plans to attend a Java with Jesus get together in May (last one was canceled due to illness of the youth.
- Pancake supper - Feb. 17 - proceeds to the youth mission trip.
- Update on the sound/power point. Todd has received the bids for updating the system. He will be speaking to the families that will be paying towards it as a memorial

New Business - None. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## New Digital Church Sign



## Pancake Supper

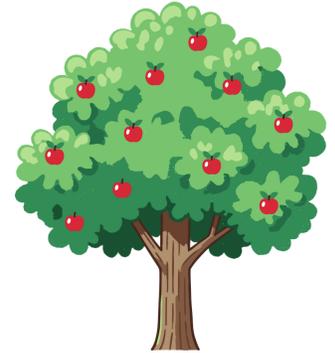
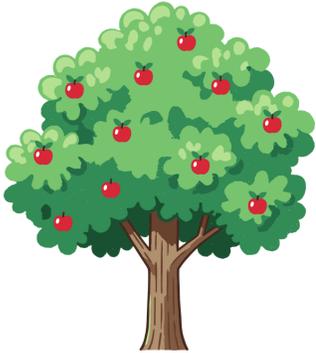


# STEWARDSHIP

We are in the process of renovating our church parsonage, so it's ready when our new pastor is called.

If you are wanting to help pay for some renovations, please contact our church treasurer, **Dani Eisentrager**, at **515-851-2728**, [Dani@eisentragerlawoffice.com](mailto:Dani@eisentragerlawoffice.com).

Thank you for all who have already donated!



## STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Oh, the Lord is good to me. And so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the apple seed: the Lord is good to me. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, A.....MEN

Our young charges who have attended Riverside Camp or another summer camp (and surely some of you adults) will know that song. It is one that is used for 'singing Grace' at camps. It is a favorite because it is short and easy to remember. This "Johnny Appleseed" song is not overly profound at first glance – so we need to dig a bit deeper.

'The Lord is good to me' is often turned around to 'Why is the Lord not better to me' or 'I wish God would pay attention to my prayers'. I think we often focus on what we still desire rather than on what we already have. Indeed, 'The Lord is good to me' can be a tough statement to make when we are in the midst of personal struggles with our health, our finances or our loved ones. Oh yes, the Lord is good to me – even if it feels like my world is falling apart once again.

When you sing the "Johnny Appleseed" song you declare that you know that the Lord gives us the things we need: the sun and the rain and the apple seed. When is the last time you gave thanks for either one, let alone all three of those? It sure has been awhile for me! I expect the sun to come up! I usually complain that it rains too much or too little, and this winter I have openly whined about the snow and ice we had. And no, I really can't say I have thanked God for the seeds in the apples I purchased recently. I do, however, thank God that one can buy mangos in Iowa...

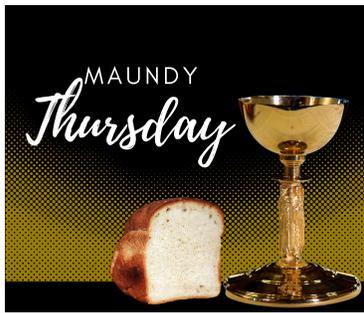
I have not sung the "Johnny Appleseed" song in quite a while. Perhaps I should start to add it to my repertoire of the songs I sing when I am driving my car and talk radio gets too boring. It is never too late to remember the endless generosity of God – generosity that comes our way whether we realize it or not. Without our deserving and without us being as perfect as we would like to think. And so I thank the Lord! **Are you with me? Pastor Z+**



# LENTEN SERVICES



**Jesus' Sermon on the Mount**, as found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, will be the basis for our 2026 Lenten Season gatherings on Wednesdays. All Mid-week services will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel



**Maundy Thursday** with Holy Communion will be April 2nd, 2026 at 1:00 pm in the Chapel and at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



**Good Friday** worship will be at 1:00 pm in the Chapel (watch updates) with our annual Ecumenical Good Friday service at 7:00 pm.



## **Palm Sunday Service**

is on Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.



**Easter Sunday Service** is on Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

**The first week of Lent** we hear the call of Christ, telling us to be salt and light in this world of sin. We who have tasted and seen his great love for us on the cross can spend our Lent savoring his salvation and shining with his glory and grace in the places where he has put us.

**The second week** of the season brings us the discipline of prayer and fasting. We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with him, and we learn more about him and ourselves by giving up those things that can distract us from our connection to him.

Join us again for the **third week of Lent**. In this service we recognize that so much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that he knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end.

**Week four of Lent** leads us to recognize that we live in a very judgmental world, so Jesus' advice not to judge sounds radical to our modern ears. When we leave all judgment up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.

**The last week of Lent** we want to be reminded that we build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus teaches us that the only solid foundation is he himself, the Rock of our salvation. On him alone we build.

# ELCW WOMEN

## Hometown Cookin' Favorites

Muffins are always a treat. A crumb topping would be my recommendation, even if these are good without. I have included this at the bottom of the recipe.



**Loretta  
Krahling**



## Apple Crisp Muffins

### Ingredients:

- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 3 cups peeled, diced apples
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/4 cups vegetable oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

### Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray 2 (12 cup) muffin tins. In a large bowl, combine flour, apples, sugar, salt, baking soda and cinnamon. Stir in oil, eggs, and vanilla. Fill muffin cups 1/2 inch from the top. Bake for 30 minutes. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from the pan. Enjoy!

### Crumb Topping (Optional):

Combine 1/2 cup flour, 1/3 cup brown sugar, 4-6 tablespoons butter (slightly melted) and 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon. Spread on muffins before baking.

Our ELCW met on Thursday, February 5 at 1:30 p.m. Following devotions we discussed several things. We would like to be able to purchase some new long tables to replace the white ones that are beginning to show much wear and are not the sturdiest anymore. Currently we have raised \$275 from servicing coffee fellowship, \$371 from the Hot Beef Supper - \$646 total for the tables. Linda is going to check on what the shipping will cost and we will then decide how many to order. We will be having our **annual Salad Luncheon on June 18** - so please mark your calendar! The Lenten Luncheon will be at EGELC on March 12. Linda reminded us that we are going to be at Rotary Senior Living on Feb. 12 at 2:00 p.m. We are just going to take treats and just spend time visiting with the residents. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## Summer Bible Camps

We have flyers available if parents want to check out the dates of bible camp.

If any of the parents have children going to camp, please have them check with Linda Spandgler at the office regarding scholarship money to help pay for camp.

High School Youth - Are you looking for a summer job? Check out the flyer we have for Riverside Bible Camp helpers or you can call Riverside Bible Camp for more information.

## Attendance & Giving

DATE	ATTEND- ANCE	GENERAL BENEVOLENCE	
Jan 25	60	\$3,916	\$0
Feb 1	60	\$1,311	\$0
Feb 8	65	\$1,626	\$50
Feb 15	60	\$4,727	\$5
Ash Wed	55	\$376	
Feb 22	60	\$1,511	\$105

## Mission of the Month

March Mission of the Month is D/SAC - **Domestick/Sexual Assault Outreach Center**, located in Fort Dodge, IA. The mission box is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

## Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: 0      Funerals: 0  
 Weddings: 0      New Members: 0



3-1 – Elaine Jorgensen

3-2 – David Stansbury

3-3 - Wally Lorenzen,  
Katie Smith Baker

3-4 – Camilla Grandgeorge,  
Carolyn Evans

3-5 – Jana Amdahl,  
Myron Amdahl

3-8 - Andrew Loomis

3-9 - John Kauffman

3-12 – David Gross,

3-16 – Jacob Harvey

3-18 – Anna Gross.

3-19 – Tom Fevold

3-21 – Janis Haugland

3-23 - Corbin Dutcher

3-24 – Doris Smith Trittle,  
Katelyn Summers

3-25 – Stephen Gross

3-26- Colten Locke

3-28 – Danny Conaway,  
Kent Jorgensen

3-30 – Susan Maier

3-31 – Addison Carlson,  
Heather Loomis

Our records show that the following members celebrate birthdays in March. We pray for their health and happiness as we share in their celebration. We appreciate being notified of any errors or if anyone's birthday is not on the list we have.

## **Church Facebook Page**

Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran  
Church

Our church Service is broadcasted  
on Facebook Live every Sunday  
morning at 9:00 a.m.

## **Radio Broadcast**

Our church service is also heard on  
KQWC Radio 97.5 Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

## **Church Website**

**[www.EGELC.org](http://www.EGELC.org)**

## **Church Email**

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515-448-3697

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