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Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Little Christs All Around

My handicap is obvious. As a matter of fact, it is becoming more obvious with each passing day. Of course, I am not pleased about it. The first time I saw my walk reflected in a large glass area, I had to choke away tears – and I was walking “very well” at the time! I started using a cane at the age of 40 and when, six years later, an orthopedic surgeon told me to use a cane and not be so vain, I could only scoff. Vanity is usually not the first thing on the minds of folks with physical disabilities.

In Eagle Grove and here at Evangelical Lutheran we have a number of folks who have trouble with mobility. We see plenty of canes, walkers, rollator and wheelchairs. Good! Physical limitations ought not mean that social life dies before our bodies do. And, in order to get around and participate in events and take care of daily needs, we/they must often rely on the help of others. If I have mentioned it once, I have mentioned it many times: Martin Luther talked about becoming little Christs for each other. In specific terms that means that both, the one with needs and the one with a helping hand, have a task from God. The person in need gives opportunity to others to “love God and their neighbor as themselves”. A crucial aspect of what it means to be the Body of Christ is fulfilled in this way. We are doing what Jesus himself praised, and engaged in countless times.

July 2026

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SOLVEIG ZAMZOW

When I was a young woman, my sister had connection to the director of an institution for severely handicapped persons who offered to give us a tour of the facility. Decades later I still remember especially one child – I thought – who was confined to a crib. She laid there without arms or legs, obviously with mental stress and cognitive impairment. The “child” was actually an adult stuck in a childlike body. The director made a special point to impress upon us young women that this resident was particularly beloved among the staff. Not because of her severe handicap but because the staff had the special opportunity to love and care for her. She was so entirely and utterly helpless that the staff almost saw her as an extension of their own bodies. The day of the visit has stayed with me for over 50 years now.

As biblical Christians we are immediately reminded of Jesus’ words to Nicodemus: For God so loved that world that he gave his only begotten Son. Jesus was given for all of us. Together we make up the world. Whether we climb rock walls and run marathons or whether we sit in a wheelchair: we are part of the world for which Jesus was given.

Of course, it is not that long ago that especially in the developing world persons with disabilities were pushed to the side. They bore the burden that a larger society imposed upon them because very often disability was associated with divine retribution.

Remember the Gospel story of the blind man? The disciples asked Jesus right away: Who sinned? This man or his parents? The answer: Neither! In him the works of God will be made manifest. Today, still, the works of God are seen, manifested, in those around us who need our assistance – and who, at the same time, remind us that we have been given gifts that can and ought to be used to make the gathering of disciples more genuine and truer to the Word of God.

Jesus, of course, treated disabled persons with dignity, actively including them in his circle and making their return to society possible. He rejected the idea that disabilities are punishment for sin.

My encouragement for you is to make a point of not excluding or neglecting or ignoring your neighbor whose physical and mental capabilities are not like yours. You will be a blessing to those who receive your kindness. Most of the summer still lies before us, a great time to practice being “little Christs” to those most vulnerable. In the love of Christ, PZ+



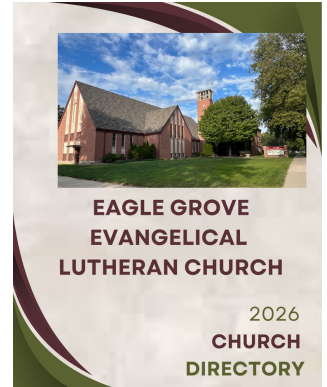
A NEW CHALICE

In May Pastor Z dedicated this new, beautiful chalice. While our ‘old’ one still looked very nice as well, the bottom of the chalice had corroded heavily and transformed wine into “bitter gall” after a short while. After considering several options, our Altar Guild purchased this new vessel. Thank you! This chalice will hold the blood of Christ for us as we gather for Holy Communion and receive the gracious forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. It will serve us for many years to come.

CHURCH NEWS

Church Directory

OUR NEW DIRECTORY IS HERE Remember when we took your picture and told you about it! Now our very nice new directory is here for you to take home and refresh your memory of who is who at Evangelical Lutheran. We hope this will not only be a nice and needed help for all of us but especially for our new pastor. Please find a copy on the table in the narthex. We ask that you please deposit **\$10.00** in the container that is provided to help us pay for this endeavor. Thank you. Also, a printed directory with names and addresses, etc. can be found right next to it. Please feel free to take one.



We Appreciate All Those Who Help Out at the Church

I wish to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way before, during or after the benefit dinner for Taylor Larsen on June 14th. We collected \$3,843.00 (plus some unopened cards). My first praise needs to go to the Youth Committee (Jen Conaway, Mollie Lehman, Tony Olson, John Kauffman, Adam Harvey) for all the planning and providing. Several of our Youth Group members also actively helped on Sunday night (Jace, Kenley, Eli, Keegan and Chase). A special word of gratitude goes to Sarah Jensen who baked all the yummy bread and made the Alfredo sauce right then and there – delish! In addition we had excellent support from a number of folks who simply offered to come and assist. We really could not have done it without you. Thanks go to Camilla Grandgeorge for the great poster and to Linda Spangler for watching for the small and big things on the way. It is my sincere hope that the financial gift we now can offer will aid Taylor in his recovery and adjusted life circumstances. Our prayers are with him. Pastor Solveig Zamzow

A big thank-you goes to all the ladies who planned and worked our Salad Luncheon on June 18th. What a delicious selection and a great tradition!

Much gratitude to those who actively helped with the funeral luncheons for Susan Erickson and Mel Sampson. The families certainly appreciated your gracious assistance at their time of need. Thank you for offering up your time and care.

Thank you to Alan Linn who once again out-did himself in fixing everything that supposedly is unfixable! Even our organ benefitted from his brilliant solutions! Pastor Z is still trying to find something Alan can't repair....she might need some help with that

Christy Larsen is taking care of our flowers – thank you, Christy!!

Thanks to the Altar Guild members for faithfully preparing our altar and chancel for worship each and every week. It is indeed appreciated.

Thank you to the PA/Facebook Live volunteers on Sunday mornings!

COUNCIL MEMBER BRIEF & YOUTH

Church Council Brief

June 10, 2026 Meeting

Church Council June 10, 2026

All reports given and approved.

Pastor Zamzow – 9:00 Wed. Bible Study – starting Revelation

Taylor Larsen Benefit plans well underway

She has been serving EGELC for 1 year now. She is requesting Aug. 10-20 for vacation time.

22% of the vacancies in the NALC are from the Iowa District. (Just an FYI)

Youth Ministry will meet June 14.

Boiler update – Cost is \$33,000. Trust Fund will pay \$18,000. Congregation will need to pay the remaining.

Sound System - The Nesheim Family will donate \$10,000 towards the new system. The remaining balance will be paid from the memorial account and from another family who wished to help with the cost.

Parsonage garage doors are installed, new windows ordered but we are needing funds to pay for the installation of them.

Ever wonder what the boiler looks like?

Here is a couple pictures of the new ones!! We will be nice and warm this winter.



Salad Luncheon



STEWARDSHIP

"Money, Money, Money"

There may be nothing that is more of a turn off for people when it comes to church than when money is talked about from the pulpit. I've read many studies that look at reasons why people don't attend church, and nearly every list contains something along the lines of: "They just want my money," or "All they talk about is money." I think that at the heart of the matter, none of us likes it when some unflattering feature about ourselves is highlighted or criticized. We are more than happy to listen and talk about "sins" that don't really apply to us, or that at least can't be proved about us. It wasn't at all uncommon a generation or two ago for pastors to lambast those who participated in the 'evils' of drinking or smoking or dancing or playing cards, since many self respecting church-goers were able to shun such vices (at least in public). I suspect that less often were the sins of greed or gossiping or sloth or gluttony lifted up with as much intensity. And even if they were, most of us are amazingly well equipped with a ready defense along the lines with, "Well, I know that I may not be perfect when it comes to such-and-such a sin, but I'm not near as bad as a lot of people I know." And then there will be the occasional Sunday when a pastor becomes particularly bold and pointed in his preaching against a common sin shared by all in attendance. Yet, as parishioners leave, the pastor will hear the comment "Really good sermon, Pastor. It's too bad the people who needed to hear it weren't here." Truth be told, I avoid talking about money in my sermon whenever possible. But there are occasions when the texts for the day simply don't allow a pastor to ignore the issue. For one thing, Jesus had a very meddlesome way of bringing up the subject way too often. And most often he warned against the problems that money can cause. At the heart of the matter, the problem with money, or any other such wealth, is that it has an insidious way of becoming too important to us. Our culture constantly feeds us the message that to have enough money will lead to happiness; security; prestige. And our corrupted nature is easily seduced by such messages. Yet the truth is that money is not, in itself, evil. Neither is wealth evil. But for the Christian, there are better ways to deal with money and wealth. Namely, for the Christian, one is always to remember that our possession of such things is only temporary, so that we see ourselves as managers or stewards of God's treasure, especially as we are given opportunities to use our money and wealth to serve our neighbor. And a Christian must also remember that with money and wealth comes an even greater obligation to be vigilant that they don't become our god. The Bible does not say that money is evil, but it does say that "the love of money is the root of all evil." And the simple truth is that money is easy to love. But when it comes to preaching about money, most people skip right past getting defensive, and instead go straight to taking offense.

Pastor Christopher Staley Iowa Mission District Co-Dean, East

Vacation Bible School

EGELC VBS "Join the Quest To Know His Name" is August 3, 4, 5th from 11:30 til 5 PM for children entering grades 1-6. Lunch will be provided daily from 11:30 til noon. For those who have finished preschool and are entering kindergarten VBS will be from 3-5 PM, with snack being served. We are [hosting a noisy offering on July 19th during our church service for VBS, so from now until then collect your change](#), thank you in advance! We are also looking for donations for decor, all things will be returned! If you have any "archeology quest" items like maps, chests we can use to make a treasure chest, palm trees, binoculars, or other items like those we would love to borrow them! If you would like to help with VBS by hosting Riverside staff, lunch, or volunteering your time during VBS (we need helpers!) or in any other capacity please let Lindsay, Angela, Sarah, Felicia, Linda S. or Pastor Z know! Thank you so much for supporting our youth!

CHURCH EVENTS

Golden Confirmation

SAVE THE DATE- **September 13th 2026** has been set aside on our master calendar to be a day of celebration for a GOLDEN CONFIRMATION. We will be inviting everyone who was confirmed at Evangelical Lutheran in 1976 or before. Think of it as a reunion with meeting old friends, worshipping together, sharing a meal and tell stories (probably of who snuck into the sacristy to taste the Communion wine). We are still in need of addresses for a number of folks. If YOU are one of those former confirmation students and can help us locate some of your class mates, please contact the church office where we are compiling lists so we can contact everyone with and invitation. Question: please talk to Linda Spangler or myself. Thanks for your help. Pastor Z.

Pictures from
The Taylor Larsen Benefit

Thank you to all who helped & a special thank you to all who came and enjoyed the Pasta night.



ELCW WOMEN

Hometown Cookin' Favorites

**Loretta
Krahling**



Hawaiian Pork Chops

Ingredients:

4 pork loins or rib chops, 3/4 to 1" thick

1/8 teaspoon salt

4 pineapple rings

4 tablespoons brown sugar

4 tablespoons ketchup

Instructions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Trim excess fat from chops. Place chops in a greased 9" x 13" dish and season with salt. Top each chop with one pineapple ring, 1 tablespoon of brown sugar and 1 tablespoon ketchup. Cover tightly with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and baste chops. Bake until done or about 30 minutes. Enjoy!

ELCW June Meeting

Our ELCW met on Thursday, June 4th at 1:30 p.m. We finalized plans for the Salad Luncheon to be held on June 18

Thanks to all who brought salads for the luncheon. Our turnout was smaller than some years but the food was still great. Linda Van Vleet counted 31 salads!! Thank you to all who helped. We use our proceeds toward missions, and appreciate all monetary donations. We will not meet until Sept.

REMEMBER – The Food Panty can always use your help with volunteers and also with food. And if you are interested in volunteering a couple hours a week to help at the pantry, contact Marcella Johnson at 515-448-3743. Remember we have the grocery cart in the entrance where you can bring your donations. Monetary donations are always welcome also as they do purchase some items for the pantry.



Attendance & Giving

DATE	ATTEND- ANCE	GENERAL BENEVOLENCE	
May 31	85	\$ 676	\$0
June 7	63	\$1,938	\$50
June 14	76	\$1,687	\$25
June 21	63	\$5,462	\$155
June 28	N/A	N/A	N/A

Monthly Operating Budget \$18,239

Mission of the Month

July Mission of the Month

Go Serve Global

The mission box is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: 0 Funerals: 3 (1 N/M)

Weddings: 0 New Members: 0



Our records show that the following members celebrate birthdays in July. We pray for their health and happiness as we share in their celebration. We appreciate being notified of any errors.

7---1 - Zach Haugland
7---2 - Brooke Allen, Elizabeth Houser
7---4 - Jeanine Reichter
7---8 - Lorrie Allen
7---9 - Scott Jensen
7-10 - Sandra Campbell, Steven Christopher, Janet Jergens
7-11 - Cynthia Leshner, Dave McCurry, Deb Stensland
7-15 - Lindsey (Voss) Schlessner
7-16 - Mark Spangler, Peyton Larsen
7-19 - Olivia Flumerfelt
7-20 - Rachel (Kist) Johnson, Doryce Halverson
7-23 - Trudee Dobbs, Elaine Schiller
7-25 - Nathaniel Loomis, Bill Krahling
7-26 - Marla Christopher, Trent Erickson, Ashley Kist
7-27 - Troy Stockdale, Mark Dawson
7-28 - Lance Larsen

We pray for their health and happiness as we share in their celebration. We appreciate being notified if anyone's birthday is not on the list.

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Church Facebook Page

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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.

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