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Good Shepherd Fort Dodge

Little Lambs Preschool
576-6308

We extend a special welcome to all who worship with us in God's House today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make Good Shepherd your church home.



April 12, 2026
The Second Sunday of Easter

Please sign the attendance binder in the pew and mark Communion if you partake

If you need communion at your seat, please let pastor know before service.

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting 1 Page 151
Opening Hymn: 463
Sermon Hymn: 470 sts 1-5
Distribution: 490, 487, 531, 467
Closing Hymn: 470 sts 6-9

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am - Divine Worship w/HC
10:30am SS/Adult Bible Study

MONDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool

TUESDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool
9:00am-Sewing
12:00pm-LL Preschool
1:30pm-Friendship Haven
6:30pm-Kingsmen
6:45pm-Hannah's Circle

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool
5:15pm-CC Classes
6:00pm-Singers
7:00pm-Ringers

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study-**Canceled**
8:15am-LL Preschool
12:00pm-LL Preschool

FRIDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool
9:00am-Ardys Mae Bible Study
12:00pm-LL Preschool
5:30pm-LL Preschool Fundraiser
Pizza Night & Music Bingo

SATURDAY

5:00pm – Divine Service w/HC

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00am-Divine Service w/HC
10:30am-SS/Adult Bible Study

"Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"

— John 20:29

In Our Prayers:

Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Dorothy Kester
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Ken Ropte
Peggy Anderson
Lynette Bossart
Sandra Fiala
Sherry Richardson
Violet Dencklau

The family of Lila Moore (Caroline Eichor's sister). She was taken to her eternal rest on Good Friday.

Baptismal Birthdays:

David Hilken-April 12
Jameson Kastendieck-April 13
Mary Dencklau-April 14
Casey Alexander-April 17

Attendance – 69, 220

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$8,229.07
Maundy Thursday-\$875
Good Friday-\$660
Mission Central-\$20
Online-\$620
Swaddling Clothes-\$50
Fellowship Hall-\$40
Total of all Gifts: \$10,494.07

Elders in Charge of Communion:

4/11-Dwight Wedemeyer
4/12-Jerry Bossart &
Dennis Detmering

Acolytes

4/12-Amelia Bruss & Brooklyn Crouse

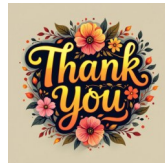
Organist/Pianist

4/11&4/12-Joan Arndt

April Ushers

Steve Doty

The LWML would like to thank everyone for their participation in their Egg bake fundraiser. They were able to raise over \$800 for their adopted seminary student.



Easter faith encourages us to give generously—even when we cannot see the outcome—trusting the risen Lord to multiply our offering as the Church expands His kingdom's impact both locally and globally.

“Quiet Activity Tree” We have activity bags for your children aged Two to Five to use in the back of the church. Pick up a bag before church, use it and return it and all the items to the tree for the next service.

The nursery is located in the back of church. Parents are welcome to take their children in there at any time during the service. Please note there is a changing table/restroom through the south door in there as well.

The Endowment Committee has a total of \$25,000 to award this year to any individual or group with special needs or projects (should not be for ordinary operating expenses for the church). **Application forms can be picked up at the church office and must be submitted by April 20, 2026 to be considered.**

Stewardship Corner:

1 Peter 1:3–4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

Building Healthy Families: Listen to the news on any given evening and you will be inundated with accounts of terrible things that are happening, around the world and close to home. It's easy to become distressed and overwhelmed. And it's possible for a traumatic news story to trigger memories of your own trauma – experienced recently or in your personal history long ago. This week, take a few minutes to commit Jesus' words to memory and recall them whenever you hear distressing news: “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Know that we're here for you and others you know to help overcome the hardships of life – bringing professional supportive counseling grounded in our shared worldview and Christian faith. Call us – it's why we're here! Learn more at:

www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service

“The cross that held Jesus' body exposed all the sin, violence, and injustice of this world for what it is. At once, the cross revealed what kind of world we have and what kind of God we have: a world of gross unfairness but also a God of sacrificial love.”

Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty A Life Quote from [Lutherans For Life](http://LutheransForLife)

<https://lutheransforlife.org/>

“Early Adopters” The risen Jesus is the “display model” of what we will be, through faith in Him.
(1 Corinthians 15:20)

[Hear about it on the Lutheran Hour](#)
WHO (1040 AM) 7:30 am. Sunday,
KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday,
KQWC (95.7 FM) at 11:00 am KHBT
(97.7 FM) at 11:30 am Sunday. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details.

Lutheran Family Service is looking for volunteers to help with a large mailing in April. We need hands to fold materials, stuff envelopes, apply address labels, as well as stamps. If you are able to give a little bit of time or a lot this month, we'd appreciate it. We have 4 different time slot opportunities for you to grab your friends and come help out:

Wednesday, April 22nd 9:00 am

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Thursday, April 23rd 9:00 am

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The materials will be ready on the 20th, so if you can't attend one of the groups above, there is still opportunity to help anytime between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from April 20th through the 30th. Just stop in the office, at 409 Kenyon Road, Ste. C, and we'll get you started.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Wanda Pritzel;
wpritzel@lutheranfamilyservice.org or
515-573-3138.

Introit

Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

C: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C: make known his deeds among the peoples!

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C: tell of all his wondrous works!

P: Glory in his holy name;

C: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;

C: seek his presence continually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. He remembers his covenant forever,

P: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

C: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Collect

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD OF GOD VERSE

833 v 3 Listen, God Is Calling

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your teachings,

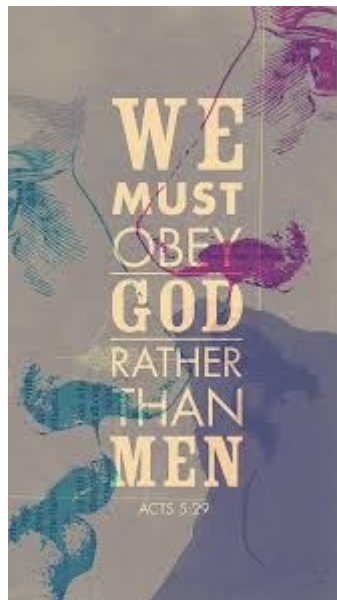
All: Led by Your Word.

Leader: Listen,

First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.



Epistle*1 Peter 1:3–9*

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Holy Gospel*John 20:19–31*

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Voters' Meeting agenda

Sunday, April 26-Following Adult Bible Study

1. Open with prayer
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Board & Committee Reports
 - Trustees
 - Elders
 - Christian Management
 - Christian Outreach
 - Endowment Committee
 - Bd. of Education
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers
7. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer

MEMORY VERSE

**NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YOU
WHO ONCE WERE FAR OFF
HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR
BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.
FOR HE HIMSELF IS OUR PEACE,
WHO HAS MADE US BOTH
ONE AND HAS BROKEN DOWN
IN HIS FLESH THE DIVIDING
WALL OF HOSTILITY.**

EPHESIANS 2:13-14



LITTLE LAMBS SPRING FUNDRAISER

Serving Pastor and his crew's homemade pizzas. We will have a deluxe dessert auction and will be playing music bingo for prizes!

FREE WILL DONATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

@ 5:30PM



Thank you for all of the beautiful Easter Lilies that were donated. The sanctuary looks amazing!



Lutheran Women
in Mission

**LWML Iowa West District
42nd Biennial Convention
Camp Okoboji–Milford, IA
June 11-13, 2026**

Deadline is May 10, 2026

Registration fee BEFORE May 1, 2026 - \$50 / AFTER May 1 - \$60

Lodging/Meal Options:

Option 1: Camp Lodging/Meal/Snack Bundle (2 nights air-conditioned including Thursday lunch- Saturday lunch) entry **\$210**

Option 2: Friday only Lunch/Snack bundle entry **\$25**

Option 3: Friday Lunch/Dinner/Snack bundle entry **\$40**

Option 4: Meal/snack bundle (Thurs lunch-Saturday lunch) available to those staying offsite desiring to eat meals at camp entry **\$115**

OFFSITE LODGING OPTIONS—You are responsible to reserve and pay for your Hotel Room, and your own transportation to camp.

Ingathering items are Swaddling Clothes Organizations across the District.

If you are interested in attending please contact Carol Johnston for an application. 515-570-4635