

March Worship  
10:00 am @ Trinity



March 2026

# Wanamingo Lutheran Church

## Pastor's Message

Greetings!

As we turn the calendar to March, we find ourselves in a unique season of transition. Outside, the world is beginning to wake up from its winter slumber. We will eventually see the first brave buds on the trees and hear the return of birdsong—signs that renewal is always possible, even after the longest, coldest seasons.

In the life of our church, March places us deep in the season of Lent. This is our spiritual "spring cleaning." Just as we might clear out the clutter in our homes, Lent invites us to clear the clutter in our hearts. It is a time to pause, breathe, and settle into the presence of God profoundly revealed in the resurrection of Jesus.

This month, I invite you to focus on three simple ways to grow:

- **Pause in the Sun:** As the days grow longer, take a moment to sit in the increasing warmth of the sun. As you do, remember Jesus' time in the desert and pray for the stamina to face your own challenges.
- **Look for New Growth:** Get close to a budding tree or a patch of green grass. Pray for the "unseen growth" happening in your own heart and in the hearts of our community.
- **Demonstrate Gratitude:** There is a renewing joy when we practice giving of ourselves, our time and our resources.

Whether you are "giving something up" or "taking something up" this Lent, remember that the journey through the desert always leads to the joy of the empty tomb. Let us walk together toward the light of Easter.

Grateful,

Pastor Dave Sorenson

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## Wanamingo Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Present: Tim Thoreson, Karissa Wood, Callie VanDeWalker-Sellers, Laureen Otto, Larry VanDeWalker, Matt Stelter, Birdeen Thoreson

Absent: Pastor Dave Sorenson

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dave absent

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Tim, motion to approve by Karissa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Callie, motion passed 7-0

Secretary's Report: Presented by Karissa, motion to approve by Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> by Birdeen, motion passed 7-0

Balances:

Building: \$4,267.83

Memorial: \$8,543.36

ELCA Mission Investment Fund - last statement: \$69,739.98

New Business:

1. Officer Elections. Karissa made a motion to keep the officers the same as last year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt, motion passed 7-0
  - a. President: Tim Thoeson
  - b. Vice President: Callie VanDeWalker-Sellers
  - c. Secretary: Karissa Wood
2. The group discussed issues raised at the annual meeting. Karissa will look into is she can help Linda with financial secretary while being a council member
3. Easter Service will be at 7:00am on Sunday 4.
4. The group reviewed the language surrounding membership in the constitution in preparation for updating the member list

Motion to adjourn by Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Callie, passed 6-0

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by: Karissa Wood

## Wanamingo Lutheran Church **Annual Meeting Minutes**- Sunday, February 8, 2026

22 congregational members present

Opening Devotions Lead by Pastor Dave

2025 Annual meeting minutes read by Karissa Wood. Motion to approve by Bill Theel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Teel, motion passed

2025 Financial Report and 2026 Proposed Budget were presented by Tim Thoreson. Motion to approve by Birdeen Thoreson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Callie VanDeWalker, motion passed

The following additions were made to the Ballot:

- Church Council: Matt Stelter, Laureen Otto
- Financial Secretary: Linda Thoreson and Karissa Wood
- Audit Committee: Tim Thoreson and Ryan Stahman
- Education Committee: Michelle Thoreson and Karissa Wood
- Worship Committee: Callie VanDeWalker
- Cannon River Confrence Delegate: Birdeen and Linda Thoreson
- SEMN Synod Assembly Delegates: Karissa Wood and family member
- Christmas Decorating Committee: Ryan & Jess Stahman
- Thrivent Branch Coordinators: Callie VanDeWalker, Larry VanDeWalker, Tim Thoreson

A motion to approve the ballot with the above additions was made by Kathy Theel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Perrett, motion passed

Youth Report was presented by Jess Stahman

### Old Business

1. New Roof was completed in September
2. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Silent auction raised and distributed \$2,595. Proceeds were split between Good Earth Village, ELCA World Hunger, Kenyon and Zumbrota Food Shelves.
3. Organizations receiving funds totaling \$3,050 from tWLC the Mission Endowment Fund included Kenyon Food Shelf, KW Community Education, KW High School Theatre, WTLC Sunday School Goodhue County Christmas Project
4. The back bathroom remodel was completed.
5. WLC membership list has been updated in conjunction with the completion of a joint directory.

### New Business

1. Usher Sign up was passed around for 2025
2. Reader Sign up was passed around for 2025

Motion to Adjourn by Bill Theel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Perrett, motion passed

Respectfully Submitted by Karissa Wood

# Church News & Events

## *LENT SERVICES*

### **March 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Soup Super  
7:00pm Worship at TLC

### **March 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Soup Super  
7:00pm Worship at TLC

### **March 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Soup Super  
7:00pm Worship at TLC

### **March 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Soup Super  
7:00pm Worship at TLC

*Lent Offerings will go to  
Kenyon and Zumbrota  
Food Shelves*



## *Holy Week Schedule*

### **Palm Sunday—March 29th**

10:00 am Joint Worship at Trinity

### **Maundy Thursday—April 2nd**

7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion at WLC

### **Good Friday—April 3rd**

7:00 pm Worship at WLC

### **Easter Sunday—April 5th**

7:00 am Worship at WLC  
10:30 am Worship at Trinity



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## 2026 EASTER GARDEN

If you would like to participate in the Easter Garden at Wanamingo Lutheran Church, please include payment in this envelope. Make checks payable to Wanamingo Lutheran. Return your order in the box by the mailboxes at the entry of WLC or put in Linda Thoreson's mailbox. Contact Linda at 507-951-5272 if you have questions. Order deadline is **March 6**.

_____ Easter Lilies – 6 inch Single	\$16.00 _____
_____ Easter Lilies – 8 inch Triple	\$36.00 _____
_____ Hyacinths	\$18.00 _____
_____ Tulips	\$18.00 _____
_____ Mums	\$20.00 _____
_____ Azaleas	\$28.00 _____
_____ Hydrangeas	\$34.00 _____
_____ Mixed Spring Bulbs	\$26.00 _____
_____ Calla Lily	\$30.00 _____

IN MEMORY or HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# Community News

### COMMUNITY MEAL

Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>

11:30am-12:30pm

Wanamingo Community Center

Sponsored by The Wanamingo Lions Club

### PRAYER SHAWL

Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm

Irene Ree's home in Wanamingo



# Youth & Family

## SOUP SUPPERS

All Youth in Grades 7-12 will be serving Soup Supper Wednesday's during Lent.

The Lenten schedule will be e-mailed and mailed to youth families.

Confirmation students are expected to attend Lenten Services



<b>3/1 @ TLC</b>	Sunday School	
<b>3/8 @ TLC</b>	Sunday School	<b>10:00am</b> Sunday School will sing during worship and collect <b>Noisy offering.</b>
<b>3/15 @ TLC</b>	Sunday School	<b>GAME DAY!</b> Bring a board game to share and play during Sunday School. 
<b>3/22 @ TLC</b>	Sunday School	
<b>3/29 @ TLC</b>	Sunday School	Easter Sunday School group lesson—bake resurrection rolls all together **Palm Sunday—kids wave palms in church**
	<b>Super Saturday Event</b>	 <b>Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Park in Wanamingo (more details to follow in church newsletters)</b>
<b>4/5 @ WLC</b>	NO Sunday School	Happy Easter

