



LUTHERAN
CHURCH
of DELL RAPIDS

May 2026

The Shepherd's Staff

MUFFINS *with* MOMS

Sunday, May 3

9:30 AM

during Sunday School Music Time!

All moms & their kids are welcome!



Congratulations GRADUATES

2026 Baccalaureate Service

MAY

10TH

Reception at 9:30 am

Service at 10:45 am

Congratulations to our Youth

WHO CELEBRATED THEIR

FIRST COMMUNION

ON APRIL 2, 2026



Front Row: Callen Johnson, Piper Pederson, Kailey Mathieu, Cale Bunkers, Macie Dahl, Wyatt Behan, Cru Davis

Middle Row: Case Church, Kylee Heilman, Callie Johansen, Tinnley Van Overbeke, Taryn Addengast, Nolan Howardson, Hayes Dulaney, Kasen Katzer

Back Row: Alex Matzke, Sienna Klein, Genevieve Bruhn, Delaney Diez, Max Pollmann, Finleigh Litka, Harlow Peppel, Elin Toennies, Elin Weidauer, Olivia Weidauer, Natalie Nelsen, Wesley Holmberg

From the Senior Pastor:

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids – greetings in the name of the risen Christ!

As we continue in this season of Easter, I always enjoy looking for signs of new life and God at work in creation around us – from the people to the shoots coming up from the ground after winter. We celebrate here at LCDR with the Morris and Dahl families as Rhodes Morris and Whitner Dahl are received into the body of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism in worship. We also celebrate transition and change as we welcomed Pastor Sue Grinde as our Seniors & Intergenerational Minister in April and as our seniors graduate from high school.

As we move toward the end of the school year, schedules get busy with concerts, spring sports, and midweek programming at LCDR draws to a close. For confirmation, our last midweek event will be a service night on May 13th. We will prepare food packs that will be distributed to those in need through the ministry of Church on the Street. Following that event, 9th graders and their parents will gather to talk about the confirmation retreat in mid-August and plans for confirmation in the fall.

On May 17th we will move to our summer schedule for Sunday mornings with one worship service at 9:30 a.m. Please check the church calendar for event dates for May and for the summer. We have 23 confirmation students going to NeSoDak in June and VBS in July. Also, if you have not yet downloaded the OneChurch app to your phone or device or established an account for your computer desktop, please do so. We are moving all sign-ups, calendars, and electronic giving to OneChurch so that we have everything in one place and if you do not have it you might miss some important details and events.

As continue to learn names and faces of the congregation, please continue to remind me of your names and if (when?) I confidently call you by the wrong name, please correct me! I have enjoyed making some home visits to get to know the congregation and if you would like me to visit your home or join me for coffee and conversation, please contact Arrielle or me to set that up. I usually have time for a few visits each week and I would love to come get to know you better!

Peace,
Pastor Willie Rosin



We have County Fair Gift Cards available to purchase in the office. Our youth ministry receives 5% back from County Fair. Available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 increments.

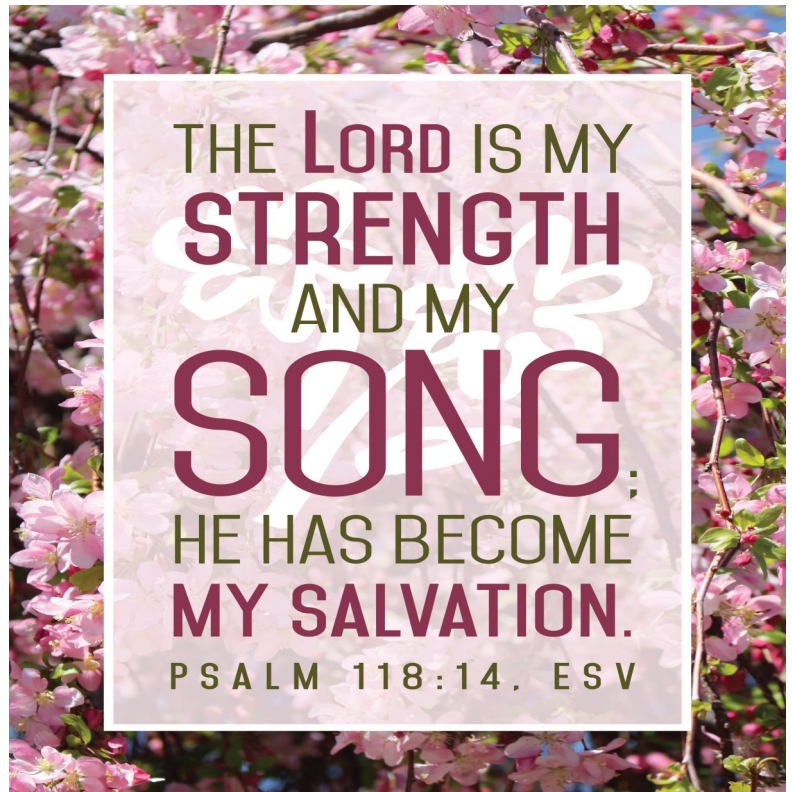
General Fund Financial Snapshot March 2026

Monthly Total Income Goal:	\$39,500.00
March Thankoffering:	\$43,200.01
March Expenses:	\$31,755.68

YTD through March:

General Fund Income	\$137,134.59
General Fund Expenses	\$121,358.34
	\$15,776.25

7.5% of Offering is given to Synod monthly



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2026 Council Members

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Scott Zellmer, Steven Munk, Bob Harms, Sue Bredlow, Lisa Wilber, Jackson Peppel.

From the Seniors & Intergenerational Minister:

Thank you for the warm welcome as I begin my role as Senior/ Intergenerational Pastor. April has been a whirlwind of activity including Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Seder Supper, Good Friday Worship, two Easter Sunday Worship Services, and facilitating Griefshare. What a great way to begin.

Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that God has plans for our welfare and a hopeful future, a verse especially relevant during Confirmations and Graduations. He assures us that it is his intention and promises to be with us into the future. Our family is celebrating Hannah's graduation and looking back on her journey and struggles. Ultimately, it was her faith that helped her overcome difficulties and led us to begin worshipping at Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids.

Many graduates haven't figured out their plans for the coming year, including which college they'll attend or what career path they want to pursue.

As we recognize all graduates, let's express our pride and encourage them as they step into the future with hope.

I'd like to share a poem by Robert Fulghum. Whether you're familiar with it or not, I think we can all learn something from it as the school year ends.

"All I ever needed to know, I learned in Kindergarten"

by Robert Fulghum

"Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand box at nursery school.

These are the things I learned. Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you are sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw some and paint and sing and dance and play and work everyday.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out in the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup? The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why. We are like that.

And then remember that book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK! Everything you need to know is there somewhere: The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation, ecology, politics and the sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all, the whole world, had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and clean up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out in the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together."

Blessings,
Pastor Sue

YOUTH MINISTRY

From the Youth & Worship Leader:

What a year it has been for youth at LCDR! Here's a look back at some of the highlights.

High 5

We began the year with nearly 40 5th graders showing up on Wednesday afternoons for High 5, and that number has stayed consistent throughout the year. It has been such a joy to get to know these kids better over the past 9 months!

Route 67

Our Route 67 youth have blessed our church in many different ways this year. Most recently, these youth helped perform the skits that were the heart of our Wednesday services in Lent and provided breakfast on Easter morning. This summer, 23 of our 7th graders are heading to confirmation camp at NeSoDak!

High School

Those LCDR youth meeting on Wednesdays at the high school for "Impact" had a very busy school year of service in Dell Rapids and the surrounding area. Our youth helped serve at the Banquet, volunteered at the St. Francis House and the Humane Society. They also packed over 400 boxes of food at Feeding South Dakota, and most recently held a food drive at the elementary school. Our high school youth have also helped serve the LCDR congregation on Sundays by reading lessons, portraying the carpenters on Good Friday, and more. And no one will ever forget how awesome it was to see these youth lead the music, lessons and message on Palm Sunday.

High School Helpers

Last fall, Pastor Andrea and John enlisted the help of a group of high school youth to assist with activities on Wednesdays, and it is not an exaggeration to say that we could not have delivered our youth programming without their help. We are so thankful for their willingness to be a part of a peer ministry program that we hope to grow in the years to come.

Small Group Leaders

Hailey Anhalt
Jase BeBout
Logan Behan
Alex Heinemann
Lucas Peppel
Jackson Peppel
Lauren Ronshaugen
Rhett Thoreson
Rorie Thoreson

Youth Musicians

Arien Anderson
Miles Pollmann
Gavin Sittig

It truly has been a great year! We are blessed!



- May 6** 3:30 pm High 5!
5:30 pm Simple Supper
6:15 pm Route 67/Confirmation
- May 10** 9:30 am Baccalaureate Reception
10:45 am Baccalaureate Service
- May 13** 3:30 pm High 5!
5:30 pm Simple Supper
6:15 pm Confirmation Service
Project
7:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation
Meeting
- May 20** 3:30 pm High Five
5:30 pm Simple Supper
- June 7-12** 7th Grade Confirmation Camp

If you have any questions, please contact John at 605-370-8092 • lcdryouth@siouxvalley.net

Confirmation Camp at NeSoDak June 7-12

We are sending 23 7th graders to confirmation camp this year! How awesome is that? Campers are to gather in the LCDR parking lot at 2:00PM on Sunday, June 7 to load vehicles and receive a blessing before leaving for camp. They will return to Dell Rapids by mid-afternoon on Friday, June 12. Any parent who is willing and able to help drive youth to/from camp, please visit with John.

A packing list can be found on the church website or by scanning the QR Code.





SUNDAY SCHOOL



thank you teachers

Sunday School Teachers: Suzie Cleveland, Carmen Rogen, Crystal Dahl, Rebecca Bonin, Kayla Carstensen, Katie Diez, Kelsey Rounds, Nicole O'Bryan, Rachel Rounds, Jill Smith, Brittany Moeller, Arrielle Scheibler, Shauna Hoglund, Nicole Dulaney, Carrie Addengast, Rachel Pierson, Nancy Kelm, Jann Saxon

Classroom Helpers: Logan Behan, Molly Kelm, Megan Grinde, Tristin Smith, Courtney Mathieu, Brooklyne Powelson

Confirmation Leaders: Alicia Anhalt, Angie Kaffar, Lisa Sittig, Courtney Person, Shanna Moke, Alyssa Zweifel, Lisa Wilber, Kara Mergen, Sue Grinde

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in teaching Sunday school starting next fall (curriculum is provided), we are looking for you!

No experience needed – just a love for children and a big sense of humor...because this is one ministry that will make your heart smile.

Please contact Darcie if you have any questions.

Spring FUN!

ACTIVITY

Flower Suncatchers

YOU WILL NEED:

- ♥ Clear contact paper
- ♥ Colorful flowers (real or faux)
- ♥ Scissors
- ♥ Ribbon or string



HOW TO:

- 1 Cut two pieces of contact paper.
- 2 Place flowers and leaves on one piece.
- 3 Cover with the second piece and press gently.
- 4 Trim the edges.
- 5 Add a ribbon, hang in a window, and enjoy!



Look at the beauty of God's creation!

SIMPLE & DELICIOUS

Spring FRUIT PARFAITS

YOU WILL NEED:

- ♥ Vanilla yogurt
- ♥ Granola
- ♥ Fresh berries
- ♥ Sliced bananas



HOW TO:
Layer yogurt, granola, and fruit in a cup.
Repeat and enjoy!

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 19 - Wednesday, July 22

Vacation Bible School is coming! Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

VBS week is **Sunday, July 19 - Wednesday, July 22**. We will serve a meal nightly from 5:30 to 6:00 with VBS programming going from 6:00-8:15. We look forward to seeing you and your children for another exciting VBS experience!

Children **age 5** (or going into kindergarten) and through **Grade 4** (going into 5th) may participate in Dells Community Vacation Bible School. Students entering Grades 7 or above **may volunteer as crew leaders or assistants** for the week or they may choose to help at one of the VBS Daily Stations.

Many **adult volunteers** are also needed, particularly as crew leaders.

Keep on the lookout for the registration form in the June newsletter. If you have any questions regarding VBS, please email me at lcdrdarcie@siouxvalley.net. Forms will also be on our website this month.

Thank you so much for helping to make the Dells Community VBS a success! Think summer, and may God bless you always!

May Altar Team:

Carmen Rogen, Jeanine Schnieders, Karen Nielsen, Bev Rieck, Sue Bredlow, Char McManus

Thank you for your time and dedication! If you are interested in joining the Altar Committee Ministry, please contact Sue at 605-321-1185.



Gather Bible Study



Wednesday, May 27 at 1:30 pm at Friendship Village. The Bible Study will be Session Three: Resurrection and Life from the March/April/May *Gather Magazine*.

The Bible Study this month will be at Friendship Village. All are welcome.

No preparation necessary. Just come.

Ways you can SERVE

Every Sunday our services requires:

- ◆ Ushers
- ◆ Communion Servers
- ◆ Scripture Readers
- ◆ Soundboard Operators

Your help is vital in our services running smoothly. If you have ANY questions please do not hesitate to ask! Our goal is to equip everyone with the information they need to make assisting in Worship enjoyable and simple.

We have made signing up to volunteer for these services easy through the One Church App.

SIGN UP in the welcome center, the One Church App, or just scan the QR code.

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers!



SAVE THE DATE

LAUNDRY WITH LOVE

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

July 28, 2026 3-7:30 pm

LCDR Volunteers and Laundry Supplies Needed

Sign-up sheets will be available in June.

**The Laundromat Co.
701 N. Cliff Ave., Sioux Falls**



**Young at Heart
Thursday, May 21
12:00 PM**

The Young at Heart will gather together Thursday, May 21, at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck and fellowship.

Young at Heart is for anyone wanting to gather for ideas, food and fellowship.



We are looking forward to coffee, treats, and fellowship for the summer ONE worship schedule. Please sign up to bring treats and/or make coffee just one Sunday during the summer. This begins the first Sunday in June.

Sign up in the One Church App under "Serving".

Online Giving Made Easy!

Giving with Venmo

You can now use Venmo for your online giving. In your Venmo account, select to pay lcdr@siouxvalley.net.



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One Church Giving

Log in to our new One Church app to set up your giving. If you prefer to sign up online, visit lcdr.onechurchsoftware.com.

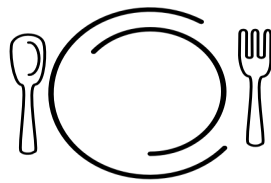


If you have any questions or run into any problems, please contact the church office at 605-428-3197 or lcdr@siouxvalley.net



- ⇒ Live Worship posted every Sunday.
- ⇒ Follow LCDR on Facebook
- ⇒ Subscribe to our YouTube channel
- ⇒ Visit lcdr-sd.org
- ⇒ Download the One Church App

Visit our website, lcdr-sd.org, to find a link to our YouTube channel!



Simple Suppers

Come and enjoy the remaining Simple Suppers on May 6, 13, 20, starting at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! All free will offering proceeds go to our youth program.

Thank you to all of the families providing food and service for these events!

FOOD PACKS FOR CHURCH ON THE STREET

Needed Items

- Beef Sticks
- Nuts/Cashews
- Cheese Sticks
- Granola Bars
- Crackers
- Pop Tarts
- Wrapped Cookie/Bar
- Fruit Snacks

MAY 13

Please drop off your donations by Sunday, May 10.





**PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY**

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."

~Janet Severi Bristow

If you, a family member or friend would like a Prayer Shawl, please feel free to take one from the rack in the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm at LCDR

The *STOREHOUSE* COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

"No one needs to go to bed hungry"

As summer approaches, the need at our local food pantry grows even greater as children are home from school and families may need extra support. We invite you to help support The Storehouse Community Food Pantry by donating food, household essentials, and everyday necessities. A donation cart is conveniently located in the church entry for your contributions.

The Storehouse Community Food Pantry is grateful for donations of all kinds, and every gift helps care for families in our community during a season of increased need.

For questions or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Carolyn Drew at 605-366-4832.

Have you set up your account with One Church yet?

We're excited to introduce **One Church**—a single place to help us grow, give, and serve together. Please take a moment to register and explore our new church directory and event calendar. You can download the app by scanning the QR codes below or visiting lcdr.onechurchsoftware.com.

One Church will be replacing Simply Giving, so if you do currently use that for automatic giving, it will need to be switched over. Arrielle is happy to help anyone who needs assistance during office hours.



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THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all who donated or purchased baskets for our Baskets & Bidding Fundraiser! Together, we raised over \$1,500 for our youth program!



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DELL RAPIDS
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2026

Opening Devotions: Pastor Willie led devotions.

Adoption of Agenda: Pastor Willie made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Dan. All members voting yes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda: All reports have previously been made available to members. Consent agenda approved. In addition to his stewardship report, Bob brought up an idea to include something on the annual meeting agenda regarding the Banquet. This would be to see if the congregation continues to support serving at the Banquet. Participation has been low. On another subject, Lindsey reported that we will have some youth who will need financial assistance in order to attend confirmation camp.

Committee Reports: Property - The water heater had to be replaced due to a major leak. The new one is twice the size of the old one which will alleviate the concern of running out of hot water. The quilting room was painted using a Thrivent grant for the paint. All the lights in the Fellowship Hall were upgraded with led light tubes. This completes converting the lights to led tubes in the Fellowship Hall, Fellowship Hall Kitchen and side room, and all the lights in the lower level (hallway and classrooms) at a cost of \$1,912.32. The conversion was done by two members of the Property Committee which saved us nearly \$15,000.00. A committee member fixed areas of paint that peeled off because of the tape used for the asbestos removal. One of the circulation pumps in the boiler room has bad bearings and is in the process of being replaced. Potential contractors are being contacted for ceiling and floor coverings for the Educational Hall. We are trying to find out who may have keys to the building and will determine the necessity of rekeying the locks in the campus buildings. Shingles that blew off the Chapel roof during some of the recent wind events were replaced. Stewardship - LCDR served the banquet on April 13, 2026. There were 6 volunteers to prepare the meal in the afternoon and that was sufficient. There were 7 persons from LCDR to help with serving the meal and cleanup. That is fewer than what is needed so additional volunteers were provided by the banquet. They have a calling list for extra help when needed. We do have \$1200 in the budget for support of the Banquet. An invoice will be sent. Approximately 230 persons were served. The Laundry with Love activity is scheduled for July 28, 2026. It costs about \$600 to supply the washers and dryers. We also provide a sack lunch and that can cost about \$250. That has been covered by a Thrivent grant in the past. The LCDR budget has a \$600.00 line item to Church on the Street and the Trust fund also gives \$600.00 for Church on the Street. Technology - No report at this time. Worship - There was super attendance at all the Easter services. There was communion at the rail for the Maundy Thursday service and Easter sunrise service. Thank you to all who helped. Baccalaureate service will be May 10th at the second service. The summer service schedule, where we change to one service at 9:30 a.m., starts on May 17. We have implemented the use of a white board so that, as members walk in, they can see what servers are still needed for that service. April 26 is Youth Sunday with the 1st through 4th graders participating at the 10:45 service. On May 3rd the 5th graders will be helping at both services and that is the last day of

Sunday School. Youth/Family Ministry, Education, Fellowship/Community Outreach - No report at this time.

Member Actions; None at this time although there is at least one couple that have expressed interest in joining.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reviewed the treasurer's report. For the year so far, we are running pretty close to budget. We do need to be sure expenses are being coded correctly. We are still getting quickbooks transferred to One Church. Tom reported that the line of credit for the roof repair has been paid off! There was some discussion and questions. Dan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Lisa. All members voting yes; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Willie expressed his appreciation to all who helped throughout the activities of Lent and Easter. He noted that Jen is subbing full time at the school. He is excited that Pastor Sue has joined the staff. Pastor Willie reported that he received a call for assistance and how he handled it. However, he would like more direction as to how these situations should be handled. He noted that it appears that the council holds a yearly retreat. Members discussed this together to come up with a date. It was decided to hold the yearly retreat along with the May meeting on May 17 at 11:00 a.m. to include lunch. The retreat will last about 4 hours.

Pastor Sue reported that holy week was busy but that they got through it. Grief share has started. Young at Heart will be tomorrow.

Old Business: None

New Business:
Sue's covenant/contract - Pastor Renee from the synod office indicated that her office does not need to be involved with the process of Pastor Sue starting with us due to the type of hire. Technically it is not a call. The covenant/contract with her is similar to Pat's. We used that document with some changed language to fit Sue's situation.

Charity/Assistance policy review - We do not currently have a policy to address this. After some discussion, it was decided to take a look at this at the retreat. Pastor Willie has had some experience with this sort of thing but our situation here is very different.

Executive Session: No executive session was needed.

Announcements: Next meeting: May 17 at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. along with the retreat Committee reports are due by noon on May 14

Adjournment: Jackson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Sue. All members voting yes; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Kathleen Bongers
Church Council Secretary

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Coming Up at LCDR

- 5/3 Muffins with Moms/Teacher Appreciation
- 5/10 Baccalaureate Reception and Worship Service
- 5/13 Confirmation Service Project/9th Grade Parent & Student Meeting
- 5/17 Council Retreat
- 5/21 June/July Newsletter Deadline
- 5/29-5/30 Synod Assembly