

Union Creek Lutheran Church  
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### **Notice of Congregational Vote**

***The Union Creek Lutheran Church Congregation will vote to extend a call to Pastor Kent Krumwiede on Sunday, May 3, 2026 immediately following worship. Only full members present that day may vote. The sole purpose of the meeting will be this vote and no other business.***

A successful Meet and Greet Event was held at Union Creek on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> with 40 Union Creek members and 16 Roseni members present. We spent about 90 minutes getting to know Pastor Kent and his wife Lisa.

Following the event, we met in the basement for refreshments.

On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Kent preached services at both churches. Pastor and his wife, Lisa, joined in fellowship at each church following worship.

If you could not attend either of these opportunities to meet Pastor Kent, please contact Nick or Joni to get the link to a private YouTube channel to review a recording of the Meet and Greet. Joni will livestream Sunday morning as usual and that service will be available on our Facebook page.

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## 2026 Church Council

*Numbers indicate term/year*

Patti Ericson 2/3

\* Connie Tentinger 2/1

President Nick McKee 1/3

Vice President Tom Podzimek 1/3

Lance Johnson 1/2

Jim Bundy 1/2

Felicia Miller 1/2

Sherri McKee, Treasurer  
April Sommervold, Financial Secretary  
*(not on Council)*

*\*Elected for 2026*

Patti *will not* be eligible for reelection.  
Nick & Tom *will* be eligible.

## Offering & Attendance

March 29

Attendance 45 / Offering: \$1,235

April 5

Attendance: 75 / Offering: \$2,445

April 12

Attendance: 36 / Offering: \$350

April 19

Attendance: 32 / Offering: \$650

## Worship With Us!

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
(September — mid-May)

VBS: First full week of August

## Communications

Website: [unioncreekchurch.org](http://unioncreekchurch.org)

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## May Scripture Readings

May 3: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 10: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 17: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 24: Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or* Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39

May 31: Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

## Our Sympathies

We extend our sympathies to the family of Ione Lucht. Burial services will be held later in the summer at Union Creek. Please keep the family in prayer.

## Prayer Concerns

The Family of Ione Lucht  
Joann Hedeby  
PeeWee Kincaid  
Becky Kjose  
Duane Forslund  
Ron Siemers  
Marilyn Heeren  
Penny & Richard Britt  
Doug Eckmann  
Dylan Haverhals  
Nettie Dunham

## May Birthdays

Lainey Kjose-1  
Berklie Jacobson-1  
Waylon McKee-1  
Elena Saloum-3  
Jayce Ruhland-4  
Nicholas McKee-5  
Lakin Heeren-7  
Calvin Saloum-10  
Cooper Jacobson-12  
Rylen Calentine-12  
Ron Siemers-16  
Owen Doty-19  
Marshall McCrill-20  
Moxon Doty-20  
Lillian Heeren-21  
Joni Noble-22  
Deb Vreugdenhil-24  
Allison Fickbohm-29  
Garry Jacobson-30  
Amber Saloum-30  
Ryland McKee-31

## Youth News

### **- Meet Stick Sale -**

The youth are selling the remaining meat sticks for \$1.25 each.

### **- April 26 Noisy Offering -**

Give your neighbors a community fish farm, and they'll eat for a lifetime. A fish farm begins with a pond, training, and fast-growing fish.

### **- May 31 Noisy Offering -**

A new latrine, along with training to help with maintenance and hygiene, leads to a much healthier community, and a safer way to take care of business.

## Monthly / Weekly Worship Duties

### May Communion & Bread

April

#### **MAY 3**

Greeters: Carol

Usher & Bell: Dene

Lector: Carol

Communion: Patti

Fellowship: Dene/Jean

#### **MAY 10**

Greeter: Gary/Karen

Usher & Bell: Gary

Lector: Karen

Fellowship: Gary/Karen

#### **MAY 17**

Greeters: Bruce/Patti

Usher & Bell: Bruce

Lector: Patti

Communion: Patti

Fellowship: Bruce/Patti

#### **MAY 24**

Greeters: Jason/Letitia

Usher & Bell: Jason

Lector: Letitia

Fellowship: Jason/Letitia

#### **MAY 31**

Greeters: Sherri/Ryland

Usher & Bell: Sherri/Ryland

Lector: Sherri

Fellowship: Sherri/Ryland



### June Communion & Bread

Karen

#### **JUNE 7**

Greeter: Becky

Usher & Bell: Sherri/Ryland

Lector: Sherri

Communion: Sherri/Ryland

Fellowship: Becky

#### **JUNE 14**

Greeters: Rob/Deb

Usher & Bell: Rob

Lector: Rob

Fellowship: Jim & Shar Schuldt

#### **JUNE 21**

Greeters: Dene/Jean

Usher & Bell: Dene

Lector: Selene

Communion: Selene

Fellowship: Dene/Jean

#### **JUNE 28**

Greeters: Garry/Cheryl

Usher & Bell: Garry

Lector: Cheryl

Fellowship: Garry/Cheryl



# Council Minutes

**April 15, 2026**

**Present:** Jim Bundy, Tom Podzimek, Felicia Miller, Patti Ericson, Nick McKee, Lance Johnson, Connie Tentinger, Sherri McKee , Treasurer

President Nick called the meeting to order. Nick said a prayer

**Secretary Report:** Patti made a motion to accept the report, Tom seconded. MC.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance 02.28.26 ..... \$30,958.69  
Inflows.....8,822.05  
Outflows ..... 2,374.59  
Balance 03.31.26 ..... \$37,406.15

**Youth Report:** The Easter breakfast served by the youth on April 5<sup>th</sup> went well. The pancakes were well liked and good! The meat sticks sale will be starting Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> \$1.25 per stick. Farmers market the youth will be serving sometime in July.

**Old Business:** Sherri said the website has gone through a checklist and is now up and running. The site had 233 inquiries and 33 times looking.

Tom said Union County Electric has started prep work for the electrical work upstairs , thanks to Tom for getting this set up! We have Naomi Graves teaching confirmation classes for both churches for the next seven weeks.

**New Business:** Jim made a motion, Lance seconded to remove the WELCA and Annual books from the website MC.

Patti made a motion, Jim seconded, to have Pastor Kent Arthur Krumwiede for a Meet and Greet April 25<sup>th</sup>, and to have him do Sunday services on April 26<sup>th</sup> if it works for him. A big thank you to our call committee for their work.

May 10<sup>th</sup> we will honor the graduates.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be May 20, 2026 at 7:45 p.m.

Being no further business, a motion by Patti, seconded by Tom, to adjourn the meeting. MC.

We all said the Lords Prayer .

*Connie Tentinger, Council Secretary*

## HS Graduate Recognition

*Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>*

**Bishop Heelan High School**  
Payton Ericson

**Akron-Westfield High School**  
McKenna Combs


**Alcester-Hudson High School**  
Rachel Graves

## Grandparents' Grad Corner

**Akron-Westfield High School**  
Reegan McKee  
*(Grandson of Sherri & PeeWee)*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln**  
Brett & Derek Pirak  
*(Grandsons of April & Alan)*

If we have left anyone out, please let Joni know and we will update the list and mention them on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 a.m. Communion Svc <b>10:00 a.m. Congregational Vote on calling Pastor Krumwiede</b> 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	4	5	6	7	8	9
				6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Youth Mtg			
<b>10</b>	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Graduate Recognition Sunday</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship Svc 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	11	12	13	14	15	16
				6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. A-W Baccalaureate			
<b>17</b>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 a.m. Communion Svc 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 2:00 p.m. A-W Graduation	18	19	20	21	22	23
				6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:45 p.m. Council			
<b>24</b>	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship Svc 10:00 a.m. Fellowship	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Memorial Day		6:30 p.m. Confirmation			South Dakota ELCA Synod Assembly Our Savior's Lutheran, Sioux Falls
<b>31</b>	<i>Holy Trinity N.O.: ELCA Good Gifts, Latrines</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship Svc 10:00 a.m. Fellowship						
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