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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

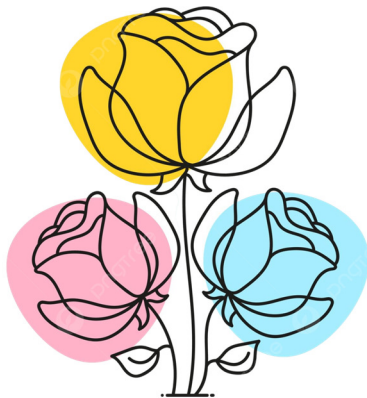
Jim Bundy 1/2

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.



## 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

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# June Scripture Readings

June 7: Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8

June 21: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

June 28: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

## June Birthdays

David Ericson-1  
Adalai Davies-2  
Allison Delperdang-3  
Annie Kjar-5  
Ian Kjose-5  
Kevin Groon-6  
Erica Kjar-7  
Verdell Swanson-7  
Shar Schuldt-9  
Alexis Klemme-10  
Beth Robertson-11  
Dene Doty-15  
Gage Endelman-16  
Kirk Miller-16;  
Mathias Kjose-16  
Darren Jacobson-17  
Mic Ruhland-19  
Esther Kjose-19  
Gwendolyn Johnson-19  
Kyle Kenefick-22  
Justin McCrill-23  
Becky Kjose-23  
Karen McCrill-25  
Missy Bundy-25  
Riggs Ericson-26  
Taylor Heeren-29

## 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

## Offering & Attendance

May 3  
Attendance 48 / Offering: \$1,810

May 10  
Attendance: 54 / Offering: \$836

May 17  
Attendance: 25 / Offering: \$385

May 24  
Attendance: 31 / Offering: \$750

# Monthly / Weekly Worship Duties

## **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,

Deana Heeren

### **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

## **July Communion & Bread**

Felicia

### **JULY 5**

Greeters: Carol

Usher & Bell: Kyle

Lector: Carol

Communion: Jessica

Fellowship: Kyle/Jessica

### **JULY 12**

Greeters: Sherri/Ryland

Usher & Bell: Sherri/Ryland

Lector: Sherri

Fellowship: Sherri/Ryland

### **JULY 19**

Greeters: Bruce/Patti

Usher & Bell: Bruce

Lector: Patti

Communion: Patti

Fellowship: Bruce/Patti

### **JULY 26**

Greeters: Tom/Heather

Usher & Bell: Tom

Lector: Heather

Fellowship: Tom/Heather

## Council Minutes

May 13, 2026

Union Creek Council Meeting , May 13, 2026

**Present:** Jim Bundy, Tom Podzimek, Felicia Miller, Patti Ericson, Nick McKee, and Lance Johnson.

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

**Secretary Report:** Lance made a motion to accept the report and Jim seconded. MC.

**Old Business:** Tom gave a report on the electrical work being done in the upstairs and how it is coming.

**New Business:** Call committee members Nick, Tom , Letitia and Joni along with Pastor Renee thought that we should hire an interim pastor and temporarily suspend the call process. Jim made a motion to hire an Interim pastor, Patti seconded. MC.

**Next Meeting:** June 17, 2026 at 7:45 p.m.

## Youth News

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

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

### **- 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.

### **- June 30 Noisy Offering -**

In many places around the world, just one bite from an infected mosquito can transmit malaria and lead to serious illness or death. A mosquito net can protect those most at risk — especially small children and older adults — from this life-threatening disease.

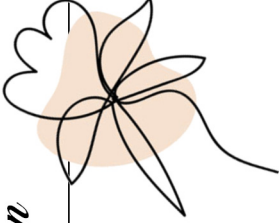
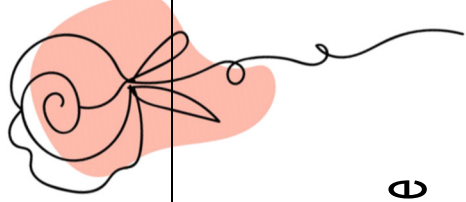
## Thank You

Special thanks to everyone who helped with our May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> worship services.



## WELCA News

WELCA Bible Studies will be suspended through the summer months.

<i>Sun</i>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
			7:00 p.m. Youth Mtg	2:00 p.m. Joint Worship & Praise Meeting at Roseni		
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>						
9:00 a.m. Communion Service <i>Pastor April Peterson</i> <i>Naomi Graves, Organist</i> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship						
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>						
9:00 a.m. Flag Day / Patriotic Worship Service <i>Mike Pedersen, Organist</i> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship			7:45 p.m. Council	WELCA Bible Study is suspended for the summer months		
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>						
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Worship Service <i>Mike Pedersen, Organist</i> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship						
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>N.O.: ELCA Good Gifts, Mosquito Nets</i> 9:00 a.m. Communion Service <i>Pastor April Peterson</i> <i>Naomi Graves, Organist</i> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship						

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