



## News of Elizabeth Lutheran Church

### March Highlights

#### March 1<sup>st</sup>

Altar Guild Mtg after worship

#### March 4, 11, 18 & 25<sup>th</sup>

Lenten services @ 6:30pm with a meal to follow

#### March 5, 12, 19 & 26<sup>th</sup>

Crafts & Quilting @ 1pm in the FH

#### March 17<sup>th</sup>

Brotherhood mtg/meal @ 6:30 pm

#### March 19, 20 & 21

Community pantry volunteer opportunities

#### March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Council mtg @ 5:30 pm

#### March 30<sup>th</sup>

Newsletter info deadline @ 10am

#### April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Maundy Thursday service @6:30 pm

#### April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Good Friday service @ 6:30 pm

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Penny Neal

Dianna Curington

### Council Members

President – Cody Novosad

Vice Pres – Vince Neal

Secretary – Christie Havemann

Treasurer – Jaxton McNair

Property – Trent Groce

Worship – Vince Neal

Cong Life – Melanie Woods

Christian Ed – Rhonda Schroeder

Membership – Maryanne Rogers

Evangelism – Shawn Faust

Temp Pastoral Services – Richard Brunk

**Loving God, loving others, sharing the Word.**

## Pastor's Post

### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES

Are you like me, wondering how 2026 has sped by so quickly? Here we are into the Lenten Season, just a few weeks from Easter Sunday. How is your Lenten Journey going? I hope you are following the "I am" daily Lenten readings (included at the end of this newsletter) and reflecting on their meaning in your life. On Ash Wednesday I pointed out that there are at least two ways Christians can look at those two words.

The small letter, "I am" reminds me of who I am in relationship to my Creator, My Savior, and My Redeemer. The daily Bible readings help me understand who I am as one of God's children, living in the grace I am given freely through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

The all-capital letter, "I AM" is one name for God. I AM includes more than I can ever imagine or describe. "I AM" covers all of eternity, everything I will ever see or touch in my lifetime, and every person who lives, has lived, or will live. That covers a lot of territory, doesn't it?

For me, it is overwhelming to ask, why should "I AM" care about who "I am"? That is not just a play on words, it is at the center of our Lenten Journey and the Resurrection at Easter. To borrow just a few words from John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that....." I am not important for what I do or have done, I am not lovable, I am not worthy, I am not anything except that I AM so loved the world that I am a Child of God, called, redeemed, and rescued. When I ask you to enjoy your Lenten Journey, please hear it as invitation to allow Christ to put His joy into your daily life.

See you soon,  
Pastor Brunk

During this transition period I will be helping with visitation, hospital calls and other pastoral services. Give me a call if I can help in any way. 832-483-0702 or [brunkfin@aol.com](mailto:brunkfin@aol.com)






Let's start collecting Easter Eggs for the BIG hunt on April 5<sup>th</sup> after 9 AM worship.

Pre-packaged are preferred. Please place them in the box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank You !!

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## CELEBRATIONS\*

<b>March Birthdays</b> 	<b>March Anniversaries</b> 	<b>March Baptisms</b> 
Devin Gerland 1 Greg Titzman 3 Sharon Burgess 5 Barbara Warren 5 Emmitt Wolz 7 Matthew Amaya 11 Henry Curington 12 Brittany McManus 16 LaRisa Rok 16 Brice Woods 17 Paul Hobbs 20 Ray Brinkman 21 Keith Schroeder 22 Colby Havemann 22 Jimmy Tobolka 25 Kaden Schroeder 28 Stephen Hibbeler 28 Mike Stevenson 30 Rodney Havemann 31	Ray & Sue Brinkman 14 TJ & Abby Wolski 14 Jaxton & Bailey McNair 16 Patrick & Maryanne Rogers 17 Arlen & Kim Holle 17 Kevin & Brittany McManus 24 Benny & JoAnn Degelia 26 Jim & Raisin Schwerdfeger 31	Duane Suehs 3 Vince Neal 3 Larry Blum 8 John Hoffman 9 Hadleigh Novosad 9 Phil Wood 12 Sharon Burgess 21 Marcus Blum 26 Caitlyn Faust 26 Brette Suehs 26 Paul Schulle 27 Kevin McManus 28 Devin Gerland 30 JoAnn Degelia 31

\*For corrections or additions, please email [office@elizabeth-lutheran.org](mailto:office@elizabeth-lutheran.org)



We are grateful that our fellowship room can host bereavement gatherings, showers, parties, and other special events. To help keep this space welcoming for everyone, we kindly ask that all groups follow fellowship room etiquette. Please return tables and chairs to their original setup, remove all decorations and personal items, wipe down surfaces, and take out the trash before leaving. Restoring the room ensures it is clean, orderly, and ready to bless the next event that gathers here. Thank you for your care and consideration.

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## March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Altar Guild Mtg after worship			Lenten service & meal @ 6:30 pm provided by WOW	Crafts & Quilting Day @ 1pm in the FH		
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
			Lenten service & meal @ 6:30 pm provided by Bereavement	Crafts & Quilting Day @ 1pm in the FH		
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
		Brotherhood mtg/meal @ 6:30 pm	Lenten service & meal @ 6:30 pm provided by Brotherhood	Pantry Volunteer 6 PM  Crafts & Quilting Day @ 1pm in the FH	Pantry Volunteer 9 AM	Community Pantry Distribution 7 to 10 AM
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	Council Meeting in the FH @ 5:30 pm		Lenten service & meal @ 6:30 pm provided by Pantry	Crafts & Quilting Day @ 1pm in the FH		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	Newsletter info deadline by 10 AM		Passover begins at sundown	Maundy Thurs service @ 6:30 pm	Good Friday service @ 6:30 pm	

### Monthly Financial Information:

2026 Annual Budget:	\$257,375.00
Amount needed monthly:	\$ 21,447.92
Amount needed weekly:	\$ 4,949.52
Operating acct rec'd in Feb:	\$ 17,079.00 (5 services)
Building Funds rec'd in Feb:	\$ 2,415.00 (\$570.0000 current principle balance owed)
Kimmel acct rec'd in Feb:	\$ 5,030.00 (new playground)
Average Sunday attendance:	87

## March Worship Responsibilities

9 AM Service	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
<b>USHERS</b>	Cody Novosad, Shawn Faust, Rodney Havemann, Stephen Hibbeler, Brad Novosad, Keith Schroeder and Buddy Warren				
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Melanie Woods and Kelsey Graves				
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Aubrey Maurer	Jackson Lloyd	Lila Supak	Jenna Hibbeler	Savanah Faust
<b>READERS</b>	Joni Cook	Rylie Lloyd	Makala Gerland	Melanie Woods	Hudson Novosad
<b>AUDIO/VISUAL</b>	Vince Neal	Devin Gerland	Vince Neal	Devin Gerland	Britt Lloyd
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>	March Ushers	March Ushers	March Ushers	March Ushers	March Ushers

## WOMEN OF THE WORD NEWS

- ✚ All women are invited 😊
- ✚ Do you know of someone in need of prayer? Prayer chain contact info on the front page or call the church office @ 567-4286.
- ✚ All ELC women, 18 years and older, are automatically WOW members!
- ✚ Has your contact info changed? Would you like to serve on a 2026 committee? Please contact: Joni 979-220-0417



Guys! Looking for the perfect birthday or anniversary gift? How about flowers? Listen, this is win-win: Sign up for flowers for the altar and note the special occasion. On that Sunday, take the pats on the back and congratulations for being such a caring husband, then take the flowers home to be enjoyed and adored by your sweet wife. This beautifies the church and makes momma very happy, true story!.....but we really do ask for people to sign up to provide flowers for the Altar. The process is very easy: Call a local florist to deliver to the church, pick up potted plants, or arrange your own live arrangement. Won't you sign up? Thank you for making our Altar and service even more beautiful!

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## **Please support weekly fellowship time after church**

We would love your help in supporting our weekly fellowship time after church service! This is a special opportunity for our church family to gather, connect and encourage one another over light refreshments and conversations. You can help in one of two ways:

1. Host Weekly Fellowship: Volunteers are to help host our fellow-ship time. Hosting may include setting out snacks, making coffee, cleaning up and helping create a warm inviting atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. Please sign up on the fellowship chart on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Replenish Cookies or Snacks: You can bring cookies or other simple refreshments to replenish what we share after service. This is a wonderful way to contribute even if you are unable to host. Your participation helps strengthen our church community and provides a meaningful space for friendship and fellowship each week. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

## **CRAFTS & QUILTING DAYS - EVERY THURSDAY at 1 PM**

*Crafts and quilting days continue each Thursday at 1 pm. It is never too late to join the fun & fellowship with a wonderful group of ladies!*



The WOW celebrated February birthdays on 2-10-2026 at Copperas Hollow Nursing Home. Pictured are Doris Sebesta, Pat Tobolka, Eileen Barnes, Marcia Post and Clair Schulle. Committee members not pictured are Joni Cook, Lisa Blum, Connie Suehs, Dianna Curington and Kim Holle.

## *"I Am" Scripture List: 40 Lenten Devotional Readings*

*"I Am" ... for me to discover who I am in Christ. It is powerful to reflect on how you are to live in Christ and your identity in Him. Meditate and pray these and take to heart and renew your life this Lenten season.*

### *Prayer, Repentance and Self-Denial*

- Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday "I Am" to discover who Jesus is and who we are in Christ*
- Feb 19 – I am created in God's image. (Genesis 1:27)*
- Feb 20 – I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)*
- Feb 21 – I am a child of God. (John 1:12)*
- Feb 23 – I am chosen. (1 Peter 2:9)*
- Feb 24 – I am a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)*
- Feb 25 – I am royal priesthood. (1 Peter 2:9)*
- Feb 26 – I am the temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)*
- Feb 27 – I am forgiven. (Ephesians 1:17)*
- Feb 28 – I am more than a conqueror. (Romans 8:37)*
- March 2 – I am a co-heir with Christ. (Romans 8:17)*
- March 3 – I am the salt of the earth. (Matthew 5:13)*
- March 4 – I am free in Christ. (Romans 8:1-2)*
- March 5 – I am the light of the world. (Matthew 5:14)*
- March 6 – I am a citizen of heaven. (Philippians 3:20)*
- March 7 – I am seated with Christ on heavenly places. (Ephesians 2:6)*
- March 9 – I am free of condemnation. (Romans 8:11)*
- March 10 – I am a friend of God. (John 15:15)*
- March 11 – I am loved unconditionally (Romans 8:38-39)*
- March 12 – I am God's workmanship. (Ephesians 2:10)*

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- March 13 – I am God's ambassador. (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- March 14 – I am God's field and building. (1 Corinthians 3:9)
- March 16 – I am a part of God's family. (Ephesians 2:19)
- March 17 – I am strong in the Lord. (Ephesians 6:16)
- March 18 – I am justified. (Romans 5:1-2)
- March 19 – I am an over comer by the blood of the Lamb. (Revelations 12:11)
- March 20 – I am fearlessly bold in Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:12)
- March 21 – I am blessed with every spiritual blessing. (Ephesians 1:3)
- March 23 – I am holy and blameless before God. (Ephesians 1:4)
- March 24 – I am sealed by the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13)
- March 25 – I am sanctified. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- March 26 – I am complete in Christ. (Colossians 2:16)
- March 27 – I am called to bear fruit. (John 15:16)
- March 28 – I am free in Christ. (Galatians 5:1)
- March 30 – I am hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:13)
- March 31 – I am a member of the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- April 1 – I am a living stone in God's spiritual house. (1 Peter 2:5)
- April 2 (Maundy Thurs) – I am redeemed. (Colossians 1:13-14)
- April 3 (Good Friday) – I am victorious (1 John 5:4)
- April 4 – I am God's possession. (Titus 2:14)
- April 5 (Easter) – I am raised with Christ. (Colossians 3:1)

These scriptures are to give you purpose and peace!