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*Join Us for
Holy Week*



April 5

Services: 6:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am & 2:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service

April 2nd

6:30 pm



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

April 3rd

Services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 pm





Morningside Lutheran Church

700 South Martha Street
Sioux City, IA 51106

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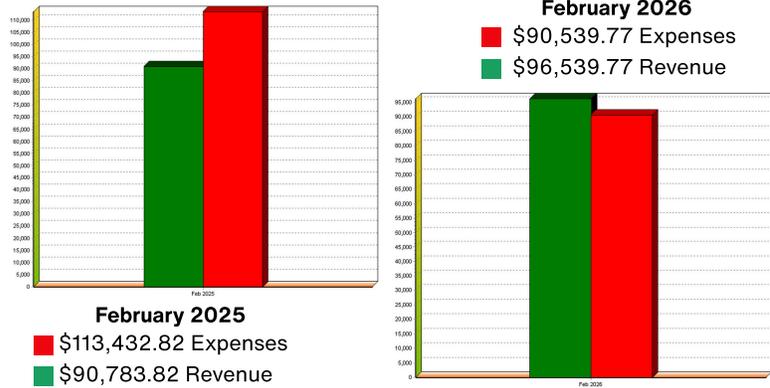
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Send in articles before the next
 deadline on April 25.
 Email: mlc@morningsidelutheran.com

BY THE NUMBER



Organizations Receiving Mission/Tithes Distribution in February 2026: Missionary Sponsorship

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” -Hebrews 13: 15-16

-Finance Team

March approved financials will be in the May Visitor.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online



Text “Give” to
712.800.8611



In Person



By Mail



MLC SAFETY TEAM

We have now put together our Safety team and you will start seeing them around on Sunday mornings! We have 16 men and women on our team and have been meeting since February to become clear on our purpose which is: “To offer a safe place for children and adults to gather in worship, Bible study, fellowship and serving. This team is here to help where needed, and available to support and assist if necessary.” Each of the team members will be wearing a yellow name tag and lanyard and they are a part of our Welcome Ministry Teams which include Ushers/Greeters, Hospitality, Funeral Serving team and Communion Servers! We will have at least two people each Sunday starting this Easter!



April Sermon Series

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| April 5 | Acts 13: 29-33 |
| April 12 | John 15: 1-8 |
| April 19 | Ephesians 4: 14-16 |
| April 26 | 2 Corinthians 5: 17-20 |

PARKING ON EASTER

Parking this Easter. If you are able to be with us this Easter, please note that we have two main exits to our parking lot. The one that most people are familiar with is at the upper south end of the main parking lot, but we have another at the northeast corner of the parking lot. It opens to S Newton Street and if traffic is busy, that may be a better choice.



Wigs

April 8th
at 12:00 noon

\$6 Meal & Presentation

Christy Batten Clark is the Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Siouxland, a role she has held for the past 10 years. In her time at the Ronald McDonald House, Christy has focused on increasing the reach and capacity of the organizations programs to serve Siouxland families of hospitalized children. Christy takes this mission of serving families to heart as she and her husband Kevin Clark, have 2 daughters.



Radio Broadcast
Sunday, 11:00 am
KSCJ 94.9 FM
1360 AM



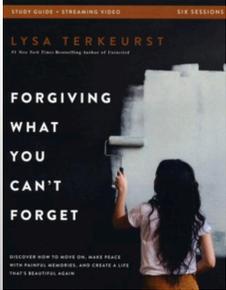
www.morningsidelutheran.com
8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am



Morningside Lutheran Church

Church Office/ Building Closed April 6

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



What: Forgiving What You Can't Forget by Lysa TerKeurst

When: Begins Thursday, April 30, 2026, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Ends June 4th.

Where: Fireside Room at MLC

How: By Thursday, April 9, 2026, register at the
Welcome Desk or call the church office 712-276-2511

How much: \$14.00 for the study guide

Why: In this 6-session Bible study, you will discover what the Bible says about forgiveness and how to find the peace that comes from embracing it.

Author and teacher Lysa TerKeurst developed this study for those who have been hurt by others, who feel stuck in a cycle of unresolved pain. Forgiveness is a major part of the Christian faith. We know God commands us to forgive each other. But, apart from simply saying the words, "I forgive you," many of us have unasked questions about it how it works, why it's so important, when to forgive, and how to find healing.

BAPTISMS

Bailey Stansbury
Stetson Peterson
Lila Herbold
Nichole Yang
Samuel Yang
Jason Davis

WEDDINGS

Kimberly & Joe Gartner
Marie & Mickey Haider (renew)

FUNERALS

Terry Bride
Bing LoVan



THANK YOU

Morning Glories would like to express their appreciation to those who have donated materials for quilt tops, fillers and backings, along with monetary gifts for our quilting group. We are making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, our church's graduating high school seniors (May) and Ingham Okoboji Lutheran bible Camp auction (August). A gentle reminder that you don't have to be a quilter to join us on Tuesday morning (9-Noon), just be able to tie a square knot. But if you are a quilter and cannot join us on Tuesday mornings we are looking for those who can make quilt tops at home. Materials provided.

MORNINGSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Help Wanted:

- Nursery Staff

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
JESSIE@morningsidelutheran.com

YOUNG AT HEART



GYM
Monday
9:00-11:00 AM

Tuesday
9:00-11:00 AM

Thursday
9:00-11:00 AM

Contact Us

mlc@morningsidelutheran.com

www.morningsidelutheran.com

712.276.2511

Office Hrs: 8:30am - 4:30pm

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

APRIL 8- MAY 13

Pastor Vander Tuig, our Director of Connections will be offering a 6 week Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 pm starting on April 8th, right after Easter. The study will be a look at 6 Biblical people who changed from enemies of God to followers! The process by which this happens is called "conversion". In this six week study we will look at six accounts in the Scriptures that show us the power of the Holy Spirit to draw people into a relationship with their Creator, in both the Old and New Testaments. Hopefully this will help us to be able to be more aware of those around us who don't know Jesus, find ways to share our testimony, and maybe even be the one who helps someone to come to faith! Bring your Bibles, and we'll discover the Conversion Experience together!



Morningside Lutheran will be collecting items for Safe Place. (CSADV)

These items will be used to help the women and children at Safe Place.

We will be collecting items from

April 12-April 26.

Items Needed are:

Towels, wash rags, small leggings, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, tooth paste, soap, diapers size 5 & 6, diaper rash cream and other essentials.

Cash and checks also accepted.

A graphic for Morningside Lutheran Church (MLC) featuring a smartphone in the foreground. The phone screen displays a blue cross icon, the text "Sign Up today!", and a QR code. To the right, the text "EXPLORE MLC" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, the church's name "Morningside Lutheran Church" and address "700 S. Martha St" are listed. At the bottom right, the dates "April 12 & 19" and the time "11:45 am - meal and childcare provided" are shown. The background is a dark, textured grey.

LAM WATCH PARTY

Lutheran Asian Ministries (LAM), a ministry located here at Morningside, and a recognized missionary agency of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) is having it's 5th Annual Watch Party! We will have a dinner and program on Sunday evening, April 12th starting at 5 pm dinner, and 6 pm Watch Party. We invite you to come and share this evening with us, and our partners outside of Iowa can join us on Facebook, live streamed starting at 6 pm. The hour-long program includes music, testimonies, interviews with some of our leaders in Southeast Asia, trivia and more! Put this is on your calendar and come and see what the Lord is doing through us in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar!

YOUNG AT HEART

Sioux City History Trip. Thursday, April 30th. This will include War Eagle grave, a visit to the Theophile Brugier cabin, Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center and the Sgt. Floyd Riverboat Museum.

Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$10.00 plus your lunch.

Sign up at church

or call the office at 276-2511.





June 8-11, 2026

5:30-7:30 PM

Pk-5th Grade

Cooking is more than just mixing stuff together—it takes time, creativity, care, and knowing what each ingredient brings to the table. The same is true when it comes to growing our faith! In this 4-day series, kids get to put on their aprons and discover how to practice spiritual habits that bring them closer to God. Through Old Testament stories like those of Jacob, Moses, and Deborah, our young chefs will realize that God always makes time for us, God gave us gifts that make a difference, God makes us stronger together, and we make God known when we share our story.

Register Today!



THANK YOU

Thanks to the 35-40 members who joined other groups at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday 2/28 to package Mercy Meals. With your help, 151 boxes which equals over 32,500 meals were packaged and will be shipped to Orphan Grain Train of Norfolk to be distributed to those in need. While I couldn't be present due to illness, I was told that our group was great and worked hard. Pictures will be posted on the Mercy Meals of Siouxland Facebook page for you to see. If anyone is interested in volunteering again, meals are packaged on the last Saturday of each month. You can contact me for more information. Again, Thanks! Karen Eberle

FIRST RESPONDERS

Our newly formed Safety team is hoping to discover those in our congregation who have training and skills in helping others. If you are a police officer, sheriff's deputy, nurse, doctor, EMT, Fire fighter or any other kind of first responder, please let us know. We are hoping to simply become aware of who we might turn to in a time of crisis while we gather for worship, study, prayer or fellowship. If you are willing to do so, please contact Mark Vander Tuig at Mark@morningsidelutheran.com and let us know which worship service normally attended.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
Dig Deeper into God's Word



Sunday Mornings
at 10:30am
in the
Prayer Room
with Jason Kaat

**Adult
Bible
Study**
with Mark Vander Tuig

Wednesday
Evenings
at 6:00pm
in the
Children's Center
April 8-May 13

**Adult
Bible
Study**
with Norm Washburn

Wednesday
Mornings
at 10:30am
in the
Kitchen Lounge

**Women's
Bible
Study**

Thursday
Mornings
at 9:00am
in the
Fireside Room