



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2026

NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lenten Services:

February 18 Ash Wednesday New Scandinavia 2:00
February 25 at New Scandinavia Meal 5:30 Service at 7:00
March 4 at United Lutheran Prairie Farm - Meal 6:00 Service at 7:00
March 11 at New Scandinavia Meal 5:30 Service at 7:00
March 18 at United Lutheran Prairie Farm - Meal 6:00 Service at 7:00
March 25 at New Scandinavia Meal 5:30 Service at 7:00

NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2026

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes, 27 voting members present
President Tom Ebler, Jr called the New Scandinavia meeting to order at 12:07 pm
Pastor Sara Feld led us in devotions and prayer
M/S/C – Kristal Gifford/Michelle Klefstad C to accept Secretary's report as written and presented by Sue Dau Pastor's report presented by Pastor Sara, with a video presentation by NW Synod of WI Bishop Reverend Martin Halom
M/S/C – Rick Brotén/Marion Wigen C to accept Treasurer's report as presented by Dawn Bryngelson
M/S/C – Gladys Huset/Kristal Gifford C to accept 2026 budget as written
M/S/C – Sue Dau/Robert Bryngelson C to accept nominations/elections for 2026 as proposed/written
President: Tom Ebler, Jr.
Vice President: Robert Bryngelson
Secretary: Sue Dau
Treasurer: Dawn Bryngelson
Financial Secretary: Chris Brotén
Superintendent: Kristal Gifford Deacon:
Deb Schieffer, with Marion Wigen agreeing to serve another 3-year term to fill vacancy
Trustee: Dave Dau, with Rick Brotén to fill vacancy
Board of Education: Shelly Shipley and Michelle Klefstad, with Kelly Martinson to fill vacancy
Synod Assembly: Vacant, await volunteers – event date is April 25th in Rice Lake
Luther Park Delegates: Doug Severude

Audit Committee: Michelle Klefstad

Nominating Committee: Rick Brotén

Old Business: Gladys Huset gave a special thank you to everyone who helped make the 150th Anniversary a success

New Business: None Tom Ebler, Jr thanked outgoing officers

M/S/C – Dawn Bryngelson/Debbie Rasmussen to adjourn meeting

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Dismissed by Pastor Sara Feld and table prayer

Respectfully submitted, Sue Dau, Secretary



GIVING MISSION CAMPAIGN

The awards and a celebratory meal will be held on February 15, 2026, after church.

Everyone is Invited to attend.



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL NEWS:

Sunday School Class (Pre-K thru 12th Grade) 10:00 am – 10:55 am

We are using Spark Lectionary Curriculum for Spring semester.

Shelly Shipley: Pre-K thru Kindergarten

Kelly Martinson – First, Second and Third Grades

Michelle Klefstad – Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades

Kristal Gifford - 7th – 12th Grade – I will be here each Sunday to have a lesson for Middle School and High School Students as always. It will be a laid-back class with a review of our CORE CURRICULUM below and discussions about Faith, the Bible and whatever the students have questions about faith.

CONFIRMATION 2026 - We will be having an overnight lock-in sometime in the spring at Luther Park Bible Camp. We will have more information for you as it is scheduled.

HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: I'm in the planning stages of doing a four-week Holy Communion Class at New Scandinavia during Sunday School hour using the Augsburg Fortress "A Place for You". I would open this up to all NS students High School and then down to 2nd grade as I have talked to some of the parents of the younger students. With Pastor Sara opening Communion to all ages – I would like to offer younger students an educational class with a celebration after this class to welcome them officially to God's Table.

Possible Students

Blake Kraczek (8th grade)

Brantley Ebler (5th grade)

Rylee Petersen (4th grade)

Saige Ebler (2nd grade)

Easton Gilles (2nd grade)

Rhetta Hilbert (2nd grade)

Location New Scandinavia Children's Chapel

Time: 10:00 am to 10:55 am

Dates:

February 15

February 22

March 1

March 8

March 15 - Rite of First Communion Celebration with punch, cheese tray and cake during Fellowship Hour. I will be giving them a small wooden communion cup and devotional book.

March 22

March 29 - Palm Sunday – Play using adults and kids to act out the Holy Week (can be extra to your sermon or take the place of it – if you need a break)

April 5, – Easter Sunday – No Sunday School– Easter Break

May 3, - Last Day of Sunday School and High School Senior Recognition Sunday. Reece, Ava, Natelee, and Dorothy. The ladies are hard at work making quilts!!!

THIS IS OUR CORE CURRICULUM FOR NS SUNDAY SCHOOL/FAMILY MINISTRY:

Pre K and K: 2 or 3 table prayers and or bedtime prayer, The Lord's Prayer, and church manners.

1st and 2nd Grade: The Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd The Commandments.

3rd and 4th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Bible usage (looking up verses).

5th and 6th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, John 3:16, Matthew 22:37-39, John 14:6, Matthew 7:7, Matthew 7:12, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Isaiah 40:3,5, Matthew 7:1-2, Matthew 5:43-44, 1 John 1:7, Matthew 28:19-20.

7th and 8th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 18:20, John 11:25-26, Matthew 25:40, Matthew 6:19-21, Mark 9:23b, Psalm 100, Roman 3:28, John 8:31b, 32, 1 Corinthians 10:13, John 20:23 and Matthew 18:18.

High School: Be a leader and good role model, open your Bible and devotion books 3-4 times a week or daily;), read any of the above Bible verses, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23.

Make homemade cards for our shut-in members. Smile often and sing –Hugs to you all!

Kristal Gifford -Sunday School Superintendent, Board of Education and Family Ministry- Michelle Klefstad , Kelly Martinson, and Shelly Shipley

Be sure and notify the church office of your college students address so we can update our mailing list. If you do this, they will receive notes from our congregation once a month during the school year. Let's keep them connected with us. You can also call Louise at 715-764-2072..

Thanks



Luther Park Bible Camp:

Registration Opens: December 1st

Early Bird Discount Ends: March 1st

Final Camper Payments Due: June 1st

If you are attending a full week the discount code is NSFull and for a shortened week it is NSHalf – when you register online. We can also offer Camper Scholarships to other Christian Bible Camps if you let Kristal Gifford or Pastor Sara know. Contact Kristal Gifford/Pastor Sara for questions.

WELCA Report

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Women met Tuesday, January 13th, 2026.

We opened with devotions by Marion.

We sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

We had Bible Study Now let us pray (praying with our bodies)

We took offering and sang "We Give Thee But Thy Own

We Sang Precious Lord Take My Hand"

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting is February 17th (9:00-12:00 quilting with Bible Study at 1:30)

Secretary Chris Brotén



Angela Jerome	02/02	Crissy Kraczek	02/17
Reece Duncan	02/02	William Ebler	02/18
Kim Bakken	02/05	Jim Reckert	02/20
Debbie Rasmussen	02/07	Robert Bitney	02/23
Gladys Huset	02/11	Charles Rihn	02/26
Louise Driver	02/12	Susan Bitney	02/27
Jeb Rasmussen	02/14	Sue Dau	02/28
Rylee Peterson	02/15	Blake Kraczek	02/28

1/17/2026

Dear New Scandinavia Friends,

Thank you so much for the Christmas card and gift. When I was writing out Christmas cards this season I had recently talked to my friend Jim, who was my organ tutor and inspiration. With the last conversation in November, I knew he had moved, so I did not have his current address to send a card. I decided to just Google his name to see if his new address would show up. The first thing that showed up was his obituary. I knew he had cancer, but he didn't let on that he was that sick.

Each of us probably has a person in our lives that stood out as award winning influencer who shaped us; a teacher, a parent, a grandparent, a friend. This is what Jim was to me. I met him 20 years ago when he taught an organ workshop in Cameron. He was a very talented musician who worked for Rodger's Organ Studio, as a side job. His main job was his dentistry. But his passion for sharing his music was contagious. I owe my skills on the organ at New Scandinavia to him. He trained me on the Dallas organ and then when NS burned down he was instrumental in helping us get the organ we have today.

I am very sad to have lost this amazing friend. I am also very thankful for his presence in my life. He was a true gift from God. We never know how our little or big acts of kindness affect another human being. Thank you for letting me share music with you each week. Of all the jobs I have had in my life, it is my favorite. When struggles and hope and love seem out of reach, music is the universal language of the soul.

Love, Jackie

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
1 Sunday School 10:00 Worship: 11:00	2	3	4	5	6	7 Luther Park Meeting 10:00 at Luther Park
8 Sunday School 10:00 Worship: 11:00	9	10 Church Council 6:30	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 10:00 1 st Communion Class 10:00 Worship: 11:00 12:00 Giving Missions Award Meal	16	17 Quilting 9:00- 12:00 WELCA meeting 1:30pm.	18 Ash Wednesday 2:00	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 10:00 1 st Communion Class 10:00 Worship: 11:00	23	24	25 Lenten Service at New Scandinavia 5:30 Meal 7:00 Service	26	27	28