



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2026 NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 10, 2026

Called to order by President, Tom Ebler

Devotions by Deb Schieffer – “A Lamp Shining in a Dark Place”

Last month's minutes – M/S/C – Rick/Dawn, Edit dates in Pastor's report summary that ELCA's Youth Ministry “Extravaganza” was January 28 to February 2 in St. Louis, MO.

Treasurer's report -

Copier maintenance has increased per quarter, and Pastor's medical insurance has also increased. \$607 to fix coffee pot came out of building fund.

M/S/C to accept Treasurer's report – Robert/Kristal

Pastor's report -

Ash Wednesday service is planned at 2 pm on February 18 at NSLC, and 7:00 pm at Prairie Farm. Lenten services will include Holy Communion every Wednesday. Meals at NSLC will begin at 5:30 pm. Pastor is planning a confirmation retreat with Kristal in April. The Youth Extravaganza is scheduled to take place in Minneapolis in 2027.

Deacon Ministries – Planning communion for Wednesday Lenten worships.

Trustee Ministries – Drain maintenance was completed. Downed tree in cemetery needs to be removed.

Children Youth and Family Ministries – Kristal read thank you cards from the 3 Adopt a Families we sponsored for Christmas. Kristal is administering first communion classes, with rite of celebration on March 15th, refreshments will be offered from 10:00 to 10:55 am before church. She is also looking consider a play for Palm Sunday on March 29th and will likely need adult participation to perform.

Old Business – Gift Away is slated for this Sunday, February 15th. The ladies from ULC Prairie Farm will be serving lunch, anticipating approximately 80 in attendance.

New Business – Tom discussed putting a railing alongside the pulpit motion made to approve installation.

M/S/C – Rick/Sue. Dawn received our annual insurance policy renewal. Blanket coverage through Church Mutual will no longer be included in our insurance policy. Also our deductible increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000, and our annual premium increased by \$300. Dawn has pursued quotes from Hoff Insurance, Erie Insurance was quoted with “like for like” coverage, for a decrease of approximately \$3,000/yr. However, the only line item that we aren't sure about is grave marker coverage. Policy is

due April 1st, Dawn will make some calls and possibly schedule a meeting with Hoff Insurance to discuss policy details before next month's meeting. Suggestion made to table the discussion until March council meeting. Lent/Easter offering will go to Luther Park. March and April noisy offerings will go to Barron County Pink Ribbon Advocacy and the Free Clinic, respectively. **M/S/C** – Kristal/Dawn.

Adjourn – **M/S/C** – Dave/Sue

Next meeting – March 10th, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Devotions – Kristal

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dau, NSLC Council secretary

Present – Pastor Sara Feld, Tom Ebler, Jr., Robert Bryngelson, Dawn Bryngelson, Sue Dau, Dave Dau, Chris Broten, Rick Broten, Kristal Gifford, Marion Wigen, Debbie Schieffer.

Absent – Kelly Martinson, Michelle Klefstad, and Shelly Shipley



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 April (possibly on April 10-11) 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.

“Gift Away”

On February 15, 2026 we had lunch and a Gift Away for the following groups.

Each charity was encouraged to come to the banquet to explain how they would use the money and to receive their checks. The following were the charities that would receive this money: Rock steady Boxing, St Jude's Children's Hospital, Chetek Ambulance Service, Food for the Poor-Guatemala, St Croix Hospice, Barron

County Historical Society, Chetek Police Shop with a Cop, Natures Edge Therapy Center, 4-h Rabbit Program, Community Cats Coalition, Loving LOIC Foundation, Pieper-Marsh Legion Post 194, Marshfield Hospice Services, Barron cupboard and Closet, Arianna Strong, Barron county ADRC. Prairie Farm Booster Club. Neighbor to Neighbor, ELCA mission projects were helped with the purchase of stamps, baby clothing, quilt supplies and school supplies. A total of \$ 27,000 was awarded.





WELCA Report

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Women met Tuesday, February 17th, 2026.

We opened with devotions by Deb Schieffer.

We sang "Shall We Gather at the River"

Discussed serving for March 11th Lenten Meal.

We had Bible Study

We took offering.

We Sang Happy Birthday to Gladys and Debbie R.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

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

Secretary Chris Broten



Gavin Farias	03/04	Audrey Kreutz	03/13
Austin Shipley	03/04	Mary Brown	03/14
Curtis Matton	03/05	Easton Giles	03/22
Kelly Martinson	03/08	Isabel Massie	03/23
Jodi Bryngelson	03/08	Elizabeth Steele	03/24
Megan Giles	03/09		

Lenten Services:

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

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
1 Sunday School 10:00 Worship: 11:00	2	3	4 Lenten Service at United Lutheran 6:00 Meal 7:00 Service	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 10:00 Worship: 11:00	9	10 Church Council 6:30	11 Lenten Service at New Scandinavia 5:30 Meal 7:00 Service	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship: 11:00 Rite of First Communion	16	17 Quilting 9:00- 12:00 WELCA meeting 1:30pm.	18 Lenten Service at United Lutheran 6:00 Meal 7:00 Service	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 10:00 10:00 Worship: 11:00	23	24	25 Lenten Service at New Scandinavia 5:30 Meal 7:00 Service	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 10:00 10:00 Worship: 11:00	30	31				

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***Return Service Requested**

"In Christ, we reach, teach and celebrate God's Word."

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