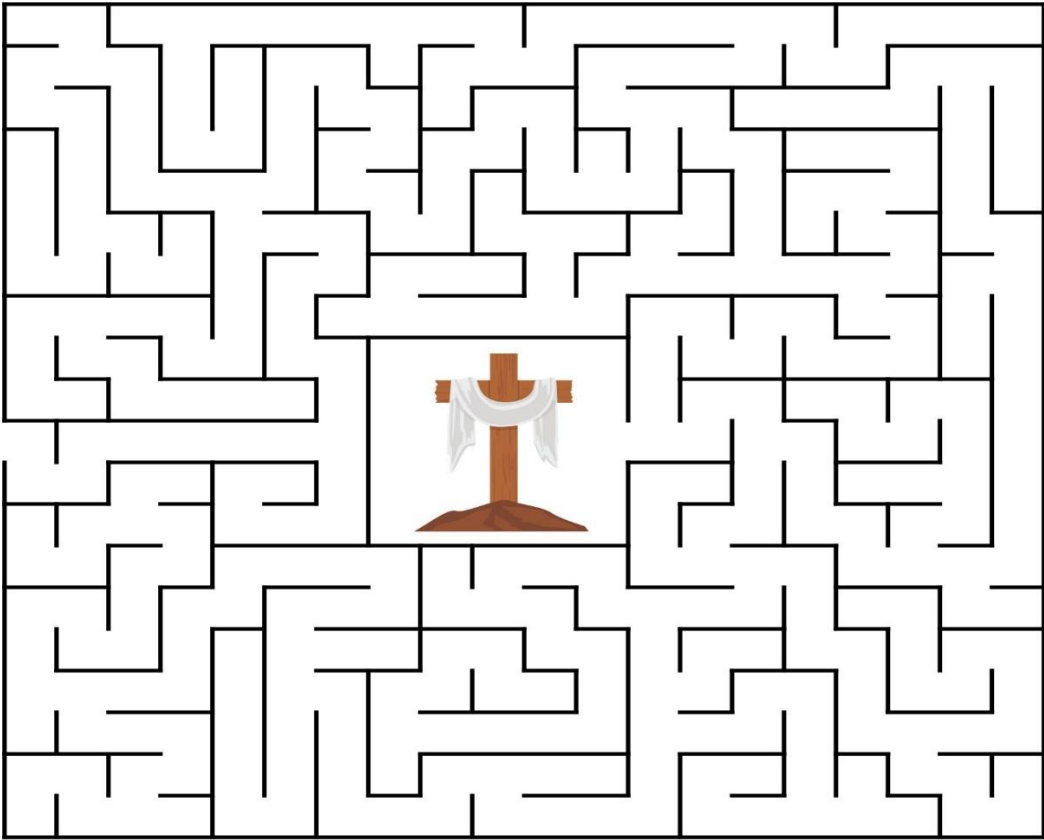




**APRIL NEWSLETTER 2026
NEW SCANDINAVIA
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Bible Easter Maze

Help the dove get to the cross



New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 10, 2026

Called to order by Vice President, Robert Bryngelson

Devotions by Kristal Gifford – “Our Eternal Friend”

Last month’s minutes – **M/S/C** – Dawn/Kristal

Treasurer’s report -

Workman’s compensation insurance was paid.

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

Pastor’s report -

Pastor was considering two Wednesday Lenten services to accommodate both churches, but will reconsider next year. April 11-12th will be a Confirmation retreat at Luther Park Bible Camp. Will be in touch with camp director at LPBC to arrange a “Kids Camp” weekend at NSLC, possibly the 2nd weekend in November. Pastor Sara continues her leadership training and includes doing some personal coaching. Pastor will be gone this weekend for family funeral, service will be done by Addyson Micheels,

Deacon Ministries – Planning communion for Wednesday Lenten worships.

Trustee Ministries – Downed tree in cemetery was removed.

Children Youth and Family Ministries – Kristal ordered Palms and will be picking them up the Friday before Palm Sunday. She also contacted Growing Wishes greenhouse to order the Easter lilies. Kristal is administering first communion classes, with rite of celebration moved to Palm Sunday, refreshments will be offered from 10:00 to 10:55 am before church. Last day of Sunday school is May 3rd, and also high school recognition with 4 seniors will be on same day.

Old Business – Dawn put together a very nice spreadsheet reviewing our existing coverage with Church Mutual versus the bid with Erie Insurance through Hoff Insurance in Barron. **M/S/C** – Rick/Kristal to approve moving to Erie Insurance. Annual premium cost savings will be \$1,877/year.

New Business – Tom requested we update the Calling Tree. Discussed, Chris will email the list to Sue to update for review at next month’s meeting. Synod Assembly is April 25th in Rice Lake at Bethany Lutheran, Dawn has agreed to attend and will get registered, still looking for one more attendee. Motion made to send \$100 to Synod meeting. **M/S/C** – Marion/Kristal.

Adjourn – **M/S/C** – Dawn/Sue

Next meeting – April 14th, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Devotions – Shelly Shipley

Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dau, NSLC Council secretary

Present – Pastor Sara Feld, Shelly Shipley, Robert Bryngelson, Dawn Bryngelson, Sue Dau, Dave Dau, Chris Broten, Rick Broten, Kristal Gifford, and Marion Wigen.

Absent – Kelly Martinson, Michelle Klefstad, Debbie Schieffer, and Tom Ebler, Jr.



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOLY COMMUNION CLASS PARTICIPANTS Blake, Brantley, Riley, Saige, Retta and Easton. Rite of Holy Communion was on March 29.

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 at Luther Park Bible Camp on Saturday, April 11, and Sunday April 12. More details from Pastor Sara.

Sunday School

Location New Scandinavia Children's Chapel

Time: 10:00 am to 10:55 am

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

May 3, - Last Day of Sunday School and High School Senior Recognition Sunday.

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:

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.

Luther Park Annual Meeting

Park Annual Meeting was held on 2/7/26. The meeting was called to order. Devotion done by Executive Director Eric Klein. Presentation on the Agenda was approved. Roll Call taken and no new church congregations to be approved for acceptance. Introductions were completed by the President John Moen and staff introductions completed by Executive Director Eric Klein. Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Executive Director Eric Klein gave a report regarding the camp. It was mentioned that camp is not as good as it used to be, overnight camper numbers declined in 2025. Camp highlights for 2025 included – 3519 total guests, 2643 Retreat Guests, 154 quilt retreat participants, 533 Overnight campers (down from 722) 189 On site Day campers, 175 traveling VBS campers, 26 staff, 34 monthly donors and 36 new donors. Camp use to be one of the major funding sources for Luther Park but this has decreased. Eric states that one of the most significant realizations this year was that we can no longer rely on summer camp revenue to subsidize the entirety of our ministry, Luther Park cannot simply be a summer camp anymore. They have made the decision to keep camping prices the same currently but have increased the price for retreats and rental rates. Due to response of this they have hired a Development Associate to intentionally grow the fundraising capacity and position Luther Park to function more fully as a nonprofit organization. Luther Park ran a full summer onsite day camp as an affordable childcare option for local families. While overnight campers decreased, onsite day camp increased by over 100 campers. More individual donations were received in 2025. Major expense in 2025 included infrastructure expenses, replacing major mechanical systems, adding a walk-in freezer, purchasing 140 new cabin mattresses, 4 new water heaters, replaced Welcome Center furnace, removed 3 trees and beginning a solar project. Luther Park also moved forward with a solar array project, reflecting the commitment to care for creation and long-term stewardship by offsetting approximately 45% of energy usage. It was announced that the solar project was fully funded by church donations, and it is expected to save the camp roughly \$7000 annually.

Heart for Luther Park was held on 8/2/25, the live auction contained over 80 beautiful quilts and well as a variety of other handcrafted creations. The silent auction contained 47 items. It was mentioned that this is a great event and lots of fun had by all. The event raised over \$27,000 in total. This year the Heart for Luther Park will be 8-1-2026. Information will be given to the church if interested.

Endowment Fund Committee - This committee began in 2023 and took some time to get it up and running properly. Chair Scott Davis reported that the goal of organizing the structure and the investments of the Endowment Fund has been accomplished and now the committee has began work on the long-term viability and fruitfulness of the Fund for the sake and future of the camp. Fund growth was achieved in 2025 through gifts and return on investments. The Endowment group was able to donate to the camp \$2,375.36 in 2025, for the camp to use on whatever they feel would benefit the camp.

New Business – The 2026 budget was approved; Pastor Anna Sorenson spoke regarding Sharing the Development Strategy. New Board Members and Nominating Committee were elected and installed. A new accounting firm was hired to assist with the finances of Luther Park due to the prior firm not meeting the needs.

Announcements:

Spring Work Day – Saturday April 18, 2026
Heart for Luther Park – Saturday August 1,2026
Golf Outing – August 6,2026
Next Annual Meeting – February 6, 2027
The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served

Charlie and Renee

WELCA Report

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Women met Tuesday, March 17th, 2026.
We opened with devotions by Marion Wigen. 1 Corinthians 13:2
Secretary and Treasure Reports were read
Graduation quilts are completed
Upcoming Meetings
 June 29-30 - Retreat
 October 10th Day of Renewal
We sang “Old Rugged Cross”
We had Bible Study – God Who Abides (Bread, Light, and Vine)
We took offering.
We Sang Happy Birthday to Gladys and Debbie R.
We closed with the Lord’s Prayer
Next meeting is April 21st (9:00-12:00 quilting with Bible Study at 1:30)
Secretary Chris Broten



Bonnie Swanson	04/01	Duane Link	04/14
Renee Rihn	04/02	David Driver	04/16
Dorathy Parker	04/04	Aaron Bryngelson	04/19
Jane Wicken	04/06	Ethan Gifford	04/25
Marion Wigen	04/07	Dawson Klefstad	04/25
Emmit Hundley	04/10	Nathan Skoug	04/28
Lilly Wigen	04/13	Nicole Mindinger (Dau)	04/29

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
			1	2 Washing of the feet 12:00 -2:00 at NS Maudy Thursday Service at United Lutheran 7:00 Service	3 Good Friday Services NS 2:00 United Lutheran 7:00 Service	4
5 Worship: 11:00 	6	7	8	9	10	11 Confirmation retreat at Luther Park Bible Camp
12 Sunday School 10:00 Worship: 11:00 Confirmation retreat at Luther Park Bible Camp	13	14 Church Council 6:30	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 10:00 10:00 Worship: 11:00	20	21 Quilting 9:00-12:00 WELCA meeting 1:30pm.	22	23	24	25 Synod Assembly Bethany In Rice Lake
26 Sunday School 10:00 10:00 Worship: 11:00	27	28	29	30		

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***Return Service Requested**

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

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