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Sunday, May 31:

Communion Sunday
Mat Loom Makers 9:30am
Office Hours 8:00am-12:00pm
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Senior Sunday
Mat Loom Makers 9:30am
Neighbors Meeting Neighbors Community Coffee
1:30-3:00pm
Office Hours 8:00am-12:00pm
Outreach Committee Meeting 5:00pm
Office Hours 8:00am-12:00pm
Mat Loom Makers 9:30am
Wesley's Kitchen 11:00am-12:30pm
Free VFW Community Meal Sponsored
by UMC 5:00pm
Education Committee Meeting 7:00pm
Church Office Closed- Memorial Day
Church Council Meeting 6:00pm
Confirmation Sunday
Noisy Offering
Trustees Committee Meeting 9:15am

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Worship Sunday mornings at 10:30am



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Newsletter of the United Methodist Church of Estherville, Iowa

May 2026

Dear Friends,

May has a way of arriving quietly and then suddenly filling our days with color. Trees that looked lifeless a month ago are now dressed in green. Lawns wake up. Birds return with their morning songs. Even the air seems to carry a hint of promise. Spring never rushes, yet it always arrives right on time.

I often think of May as a month that teaches us something about the life of faith. So much of God's work in us happens slowly, quietly, and often without our noticing. We pray, we worship, we serve, we show up for one another—and somewhere along the way, new life begins to take root. Grace has a way of working beneath the surface long before we see its blossoms.

This season invites us to pay attention to the small signs of God's renewing work:

- A conversation that brings unexpected encouragement
- A moment of clarity in prayer
- A relationship beginning to heal
- A burden that feels just a little lighter
- A sense of hope returning after a long winter of the heart

These are the "spring buds" of the Spirit—subtle, but real.

As we move through May, I encourage you to take a few moments each day to notice where God is stirring new life in you. It may not be dramatic. It may not be fast. But God is faithful, and the seeds God plants always grow in their season.

May this month bring you renewal, joy, and the quiet assurance that God is still at work—within you, around you, and through you.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kathy

A Prayer for May

Gracious God, as the earth awakens around us, awaken our hearts as well. Where we feel weary, bring renewal.

Where we feel uncertain, plant Your peace. Where something new is beginning to grow in us, give us patience to trust Your timing.

Teach us to notice the small signs of Your presence— the kindness offered, the hope returning, the quiet strength that meets us in ordinary days. Let Your Spirit breathe new life into our prayers, our relationships, our service, and our dreams.

May this season of growth remind us that You are always at work— gently, faithfully, and often beyond our sight. Make us people who carry Your grace into every place we go.

Amen.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

May Bible Verse: Romans 8:28 (CEB)

"We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Monday, May 4th 7:00 p.m.

Hostess & Program: Susanna Wesley Circle

Offering: Love Gift

SPRING FLING 2026

Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 pm

Ruthven UMC

RSVP: 712-362-4886 or umc@mchsi.com

by Sunday, May 3rd. We will carpool at

6:20pm on May 7th from the church parking lot. Ruthven Church has an

Please continue to pray for

Tom & Lynn Anderson,
Ed Peterson, Kurt Moeding,
Kay Besaw and Lee Evans.



We will be celebrating 2026 High School Seniors on *May 10th* with cake and ice cream during Fellowship at 9:45am and the Worship Service at 10:30am.

Congratulations on your achievements!

2026 Seniors: Cassandra Harvey, Addison Hatland and Caden Hoffman.

Midwest Mission and the Lake Okoboji UMC Camp are partnering for a service project that campers at the Amusement Park Camp, July 13-18, will be part of. One evening, the 50 campers will learn about and assemble Midwest Mission Student Kits.

We want to ask the churches in the Lakes Circuit to join in this partnership project, making 300 completed kits a reality. How can you help? Three ways:

We need \$1,200 to build 300 kits. We are going to purchase all the supplies in bulk, as soon as the Back-to-School sales start. Not only is this good stewardship, but it also will assure we have the right quantity of the correct supplies. The kits (supplies bought on sale) cost about \$4/kit.

Checks should be made out and mailed directly to Lake Okoboji UMC Camp, 21455 Seward St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360, by June 20, with service project in the memo line. Monies you give are donations to the camp. If you prefer to purchase supplies yourself, you can do that for your own church. We are unable to accept in-kind donations for this project EXCEPT...

We need 300 one-handle bags! Rev Cindy Finn, revcindyfinn@gmail.com, will coordinate receiving the bags. Contact her with the number your church can commit to and deliver to Spirit Lake UMC **by June 20.**

There will be **volunteer opportunities** closer to the actual pack to help unload and prep supplies, set up lines, and fill and deliver completed kits back to Jefferson.

We're asking for your help because you have that both/and spirit-Midwest Mission & Lake Okoboji UMC Camp. Together, what a difference we can make!

How will your congregation respond? Blessings to you all & thank you!

Alaire Willits from Midwest Mission will be speaking on Sunday, June 7, 2026. This will also be Communion Sunday. Potluck to follow at noon.

Confirmation Sunday is May 31st, please join us in honoring our confirmands. There will be baskets in Fellowship Hall on this day if you would like to bring a card for them: Cael Harvey and Caiden Ingvall.



Gerry Smith celebrating her 100th Birthday!! Pictured with Gerry is her daughter, Peggy and granddaughter, Kristin.



50 Years in Business

Join Steve Danielson & family for an open house to celebrate Steve's 50 years in business.

Saturday, May 2, 2026

2:00-4:00pm

United Methodist Church- Fellowship Hall

Susanna Wesley Circle will meet on May 4th with the UW in Faith in Fellowship Hall. We will do the program and we will also Hostess!

We Welcome All New Ladies!

The Ecumenical Good Friday Service offering raised \$265 which was donated to the Estherville Area Ministerial Association. Churches participating were Estherville Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and Estherville United Methodist.

The Emmet Conty Outreach Office & Food Pantry would like to thank Judy, Pat and Diane for donating a total of \$150 to our pantry! We look forward to using it to purchase Easter food baskets for families and individuals in Emmet County. Thanks again!



Sincerely,
Tayler Carranza
Outreach Specialist

Wesley's Kitchen Free Meal

sponsored by the Outreach Committee

May 18th 11:00 am-12:30 pm

All are welcome to come & enjoy Walking Tacos, Ice Cream & Fellowship

If you would like to help with this event, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

Free Community Meal at VFW

May 18th 5:00- 6:30pm

Serving:

Spaghetti, Bread Stick, Corn, Cupcake, and Beverage

This month is sponsored by UMC & VFW

If you would like to help, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

ON AIR

Sponsor a Radio Broadcast

Sponsors are still needed for the 2026 radio broadcasts. Call the church office to reserve your date!

It is only \$65

Available dates:

June 14th July 12th

Aug. 9th Aug. 23rd Aug. 30th



01	Aubree Hansen	16	Dennis Valen
02	Joie Christensen Joel Christensen		Jeff Croner Travis Cole
03	Julie Nelson	17	Zoey Huntley
05	Sherry Mace	19	Jody Condon
	Michael Fredrickson	20	Richard Kline
06	Rob Goebel Michelle Cole		Riley Breiner Ryan Haukoos
08	Linda Myers	21	Sue Truog
09	Jodie Greig	22	Jason Vedder
10	Ardis Hanson	23	Steve Andrews
	Elissa Sexe		Elizabeth Reardon
11	Pat Reardon Brittany Steele	24 26	Emily Shryock Kathryn Tirevold
12	Bryan Morisch Matthew Watt	27	Velvet Ross Zachery Edwards
14	Kathy Culbertson Kay Besaw	30	Darrell Boe
	Isaac Reineke	31	Tyler Lowe
15	Gavin Huntley Ireland Mitchell		Alex Murray



2 nd	Doug & Diane Lampkin
9 th	Lee & Kathy Steele
10 th	Mike & Sharon Hooge
16 th	Dennis & Sharon Ross
20 th	Curtis & Jennifer Finn
21 st	Mathew & Lacey Kilgore
27 th	Steve & Pat Watt
29 th	Curtis & Susan Dare
31 st	Jason & Briana Foster

May Ushers

Travis Cole – Captain
Steve Lauritsen
Brian & Cathy Miller
Lynn & Linda Thompson
Dave Metcalf



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31 Confirmation Sunday Noisy Offering 9:15am Trustees Committee Meeting 9:45am Coffee & Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship 11:00am Central De Vida Worship						

Circles are scheduled to meet as follows:

Martha
May 21st at 9:00am

Ruth
May 18th at 7:00pm

Susanna Wesley
May 4th at 7:00pm

United Women in Faith
May 4th at 7:00pm

Committee Meeting Reminders:

Church Council:
May 26th 6:00pm

Education:
May 19th 7:00pm

Finance:
No Meeting

Outreach:
May 12th 5:00 pm

Trustees:
May 31st 9:15 am

Worship:
No Meeting

May Greeters

3 Travis & Tammy Grange
Arlyn & Sue Omtvedt

10 Education Committee

17 Rob & Heidi Goebel
Barry & Marcia Huntsinger

24 Volunteer Greeters & Cookies (Memorial Day)

31 Corey & Shayla Meyer
Arlyn & Sue Omtvedt