



A Word from GLC Council President, TJ Hopkins

Thanks and Invitation

Thank you to everyone who attended our congregational meeting on the 26th to call our new pastor! This next chapter at GLC brings a lot of excitement. Please be sure to read the included information on Pastor Dorothee.

We will be working with Dilworth Lutheran to establish worship times that are conducive to Dorothee being able to serve both congregations.

I saw a recent study that shows that just 2-3 people “stepping up” at a rural or small church can drastically change the efficiency and vibrancy of the church for the better. Are there ways you can help GLC?

We’re heading into summer where we don’t have Wednesday worship or Faith Formation classes. I’d invite you to join us on Sunday mornings to continue to be fed by the holy Spirit. I’d especially welcome you to save June 14th on your calendar – that will be Pastor Dorothee’s installation day. “I’m sorry, we go to the lake on the weekends, and that’s family time.” Couldn’t agree more! I love the lake and spending time on the water. Are you available at your convenience to help mow the church lawn during the week? Keeping our property maintained is just as important of a contribution as serving communion or being on a committee. We’d love to have a full sign-up list, so we don’t need to beg, or the same people don’t need to do it each week. Perhaps you’ll be around during Glyndon Days and can help with that fundraiser?

Speaking of Fundraisers – our biannual Festival of Tables was a big success, bringing in over \$2,500 for GLC. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, hosted a table, or purchased tickets. You are the best!

Very much looking forward to the warm weather and excitement of a new pastor,
-TJ

One Last Hurrah: Celebrating Faith Formation & Our Class of 2026!

It’s time for the grand finale! As we wrap up another wonderful program year, we invite our entire church family to join us on Wednesday, May 20, for a night of celebration, gratitude, and a proper send-off before our summer break.

While we take a breather in June, July, and August, we want to end the season by recognizing the growth and spirit of every Faith Formation student who joined us this year.

Honoring Our Seniors

A major highlight of the evening will be honoring our Class of 2026 graduating seniors. We are incredibly proud of their journey and look forward to celebrating:

- Danielle Boyd
- Alyvia Couchman
- Kaden Cullen
- McKara Hoban
- Madalynn Neisen

Special Invitation to Our Quilters

We extend a heartfelt invitation to our talented quilters to join us for worship. Our seniors will be wrapped in the "quilts of love" you have so carefully handcrafted. We would love for you to be there to see your beautiful work blessed and gifted - a tangible reminder to our grads that their church family always covers them in prayer.

The Celebration Schedule

5:00 PM: Pizza & Root Beer Float Supper

5:30 PM: Celebratory Games for all students!

6:15 PM: Worship Service, Senior Recognition, & Year-End Blessing

Let's fill the sanctuary with joy as we send our students and seniors into the summer season. We can't wait to see you there!

An Introduction to Dorothee Caspari

Personal Ministry Statement: God has given me compassion, curiosity, and joy in the context of church ministry. Equipped with leadership skills and trusting in God's guidance, I embrace the call to proclaim the gospel, celebrate and mourn with God's people in their lives, and build strong relationships in the Body of Christ.

Current Home: Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa

Hometown: Lorch, Germany

Expected Graduation: May 2026

Areas of Expertise: Stewardship, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Preaching/Worship Leadership, Ecumenical Work, Christian Education

Areas of Strength: Administration, Music/Worship, Arts, Multicultural Ministry, Small Group Ministry, Youth and Family Ministry

In Her Own Words:

Hello! I am Dorothee Caspari, a final-year student at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. Until I was 19 years old, I lived in Lorch, a town of about 12,000 people in the southwestern part of Germany. My parents raised us Lutheran, and I have lived my whole life in relationship with God. My older brother Tobias is an agricultural machinery mechanic who works, like my dad, as a landscaper. His wife Jana works in the Ministry of Education. My mom will retire in April from her position in church administration.



After I graduated high school in 2018, God called me to serve for one year as a volunteer at the wheelchair project in Chiang Mai, Thailand. This was a year of unique experiences, relationships with amazing people, a time of growth and learning, and another level of trusting God as well as discerning where my path would lead me. In September 2019, I started my undergrad in theology at the Augustana Hochschule in Neuendettelsau, Germany, where I graduated in July 2022. In September 2022, I started studying at Wartburg Theological Seminary, where I'm planning to graduate in May 2026. During my first year at Wartburg Theological Seminary, I met my fiancé Matthew, who graduated in May 2023. He is currently serving as a pastor at First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes. We are excited to get married this May, as well as for a second celebration of our marriage in October 2026 in Germany. After graduation and our wedding, I will be moving into our house in Detroit Lakes. I am excited to also go into ministry and follow my calling to serve God's flock. Thank you very much for considering me.

One Call Serving Two Churches

Pastor Dorothee will serve 60% of her call at Dilworth Lutheran. She will serve 40% of her call at Glyndon Lutheran. Her salary, benefits and ministry supplies will be split between the churches.

What will this look like?

Pastor Dorothee will serve both churches each week. Her time will be divided between the congregations. Remember, she is not full-time at either church!

At Dilworth Lutheran

- Will preach 50% of Sundays and Wednesdays.
- Evangelism and Congregational Life Committee leadership and leadership on 1 additional committee.
- Emergency and Hospital Visitation
- Teaching: Lead seasonal adult education and learning, and teach confirmation class, and a Milestone

At Glyndon Lutheran

- Preaching 75% of Sundays and Wednesdays. One week a month, Glyndon will have a guest preacher.
- Church Council leadership.
- Visitation, Youth Ministry, Special Services and Parish Administration.

The councils of both Dilworth Lutheran and Glyndon Lutheran are both working to finalize the details of this shared call and its impact on worship schedules and/or activities. We ask for your cooperation and flexibility in making this work for everyone.

Save the date: Sunday, June 14.

We are officially installing **Pastor Dorothee** at Glyndon Lutheran Church! It's going to be a wonderful day of celebration, community, and fresh beginnings. You won't want to miss it. Stay tuned for more details soon!

We'd Love to Pray for You

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

- **Philippians 4:6-7**

At Glyndon Lutheran Church, we believe deeply in the power of praying together. Whether you are celebrating a joyful milestone or walking through a difficult season, you are not alone—your church family is here to stand with you in faith and love.

How to Share a Prayer Request

To make sharing easy, you may submit your prayer requests by emailing office@glyndonlutheran.org.

GLC Prayer List: Bernice Envik, Bob Kinnen, Charlotte Fischer, Darlene Sandal, Esther Schreiner, Ida Andersen, Joan Stenerson, Larry Fiala, LeRoy Babolian, Lois Bekkerus, Marvel Jones, Romaine Andel, Tom Watt, and Wanda Peterson.

May Birthday Celebrations

Let's help these wonderful people celebrate another year of God's blessings!

 **May 1** – Jamie Kitchell

 **May 1** – Dylan Cummings

 **May 3** – Lucas Fischer

 **May 3** – Bryce Fischer

 **May 3** – Easton Fischer

 **May 3** – Peyton Fischer

 **May 5** – Shirley Taves

 **May 6** – Michael Kinnen

 **May 6** – Kolden Cullen

 **May 8** – Brooks Couchman

 **May 11** – Ian Halvorson

 **May 14** – Michael Rude

 **May 14** – Ethan Hellerud

 **May 15** – Dylan Taves

 **May 17** – Mark Powell

 **May 17** – Elisah Cullen

 **May 19** – Darcy Hoban

 **May 19** – Hunter Rosenfeldt

 **May 20** – Bailey Fuchs

 **May 22** – Esther Schreiner

 **May 24** – Daniel Hamernik

 **May 25** – Larry Fiala

 **May 25** – Daniel Skolness

 **May 27** – Pam Rudolf

 **May 28** – Thomas Tollefson

 **May 28** – Debra Kinnen

 **May 30** – Darlene Sandal

 **May 30** – Jeremy Richards

If you see them this month, be sure to wish them a **happy birthday** and help them celebrate their special day!  

Faith in Focus

A look at the joy, fellowship, and life of Glyndon Lutheran

Share Your Story Through the Lens!

Did you snap a great photo at a recent church event, during fellowship, or maybe even a beautiful sunset over the church? We'd love to see it! Photos help tell the story of what God is doing in our community - from everyday moments to special celebrations.

 **How to Share:** Email your photos to office@glyndonlutheran.org



Figure 1 Henry and Leah received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday (left)



Figure 2 Cub Scout Pack 3641 hard at work cleaning the north lot (right)



Figure 3 Newly crowned 2026 Festival of Tables Champions Sienna Ranz, Leah Hopkins, and Kinley Cullen (left)



Figure 4 Fun & Fellowship at the 2026 Festival of Tables (right)

Thank you for helping us capture and share the faith, joy, and connection that make Glyndon Lutheran such a special place. Together, we tell God's story—one moment at a time.

May 2026 — Glyndon Lutheran Church

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee
4	5 9:00 AM Quilting	6 5:00 PM Potluck Supper 5:30–6:15 PM 7–9 Confirmation 5:45–6:15 PM Pre-K–6 Faith Formation 6:15 PM Worship	7 4:00– 6:00 PM Food Pantry	8	9	10 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee
11	12 11:00 AM– 1:00 PM Food Pantry	13 5:00 PM Supper 5:30–6:15 PM 7 & 8 Confirmation 5:45–6:15 PM Faith Formation Music 6:15 PM Worship	14	15	16	17 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee
18	19 2:00 PM Mary Circle @ Shirley Trickle's home	20 5:00 PM Pizza & Root Beer Float Supper 5:30–6:15 PM Faith Formation (all ages) final celebration 6:15 PM Worship & Senior Recognition	21 4:00– 6:00 PM Food Pantry	22	23	24 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee
25 Memorial Day	26 11:00 AM– 1:00 PM Food Pantry	27	28	29	30	31 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee

Stay Connected with Glyndon Lutheran!

Want to stay in the loop with everything happening at Glyndon Lutheran Church? We'd love to keep you connected—wherever you are!

Follow Us on Facebook

Find the latest announcements, photos, and community updates on our [Glyndon Lutheran Church Facebook page](#).

Watch on YouTube

Can't join us in person? No problem! Catch up on worship services, sermons, and special moments anytime on the [Glyndon Lutheran Church YouTube channel](#).

Whether you're worshipping in the sanctuary or tuning in from home, we're glad you're part of our church family. **See you online!** 

Financial Update – General Fund Only

Balance as of February 28, 2026	\$40,796
Income	+\$6,517
Expenses	-\$9,480
Balance as of March 31, 2026	\$37,833

If you have questions about the financials, Ron Labrensz, church treasurer, would be happy to answer them. You can talk to any council member about suggestions and ideas for them to bring to the full council.



On your phone, take a picture of the QR code. Follow the link to give to Glyndon Lutheran. Or click on this link:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4P9/home>

Glyndon Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community church, nurturing the faith of all generations.

Our values: *Respect Everyone | Honesty | Community | Faith*

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