

Getting to Know our Church Family



Cory Hanna was born in Mason City, and is currently employed as a truck driver. He has two boys: Ryder and Rusty. His hobbies include hunting and fishing. His favorite song is “A Father's Love” by George Strait.

He began attending Pilot Knob Lutheran church because of his dad, and says he likes the pastor and people here. “It's just everything I believe in”.

Some of the most influential people in his life are his dad, his aunt, and Jesus. He says that if he could spend one day with anyone past or present, it would be his grandpa.

When asked to choose who from the Bible he would want to meet and visit with he says: “Jesus: (no explanation needed!)”

If he could choose to do anything and money were not a problem, he says he'd like to open a summer camp for young men.



January Sermons & Scriptures

** January 4 , 2026*

Second Sunday after Christmas

Morning Worship Service & Holy Communion

Sermon: Outsmarted

OT Lesson: 1 Kings 3:4-15

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:40-52

** January 11, 2026*

Third Sunday after Christmas

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: Dead or Alive

OT Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

** January 18, 2026*

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: A Compassionate God

OT Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42a

** January 25, 2026*

Third Sunday after Epiphany

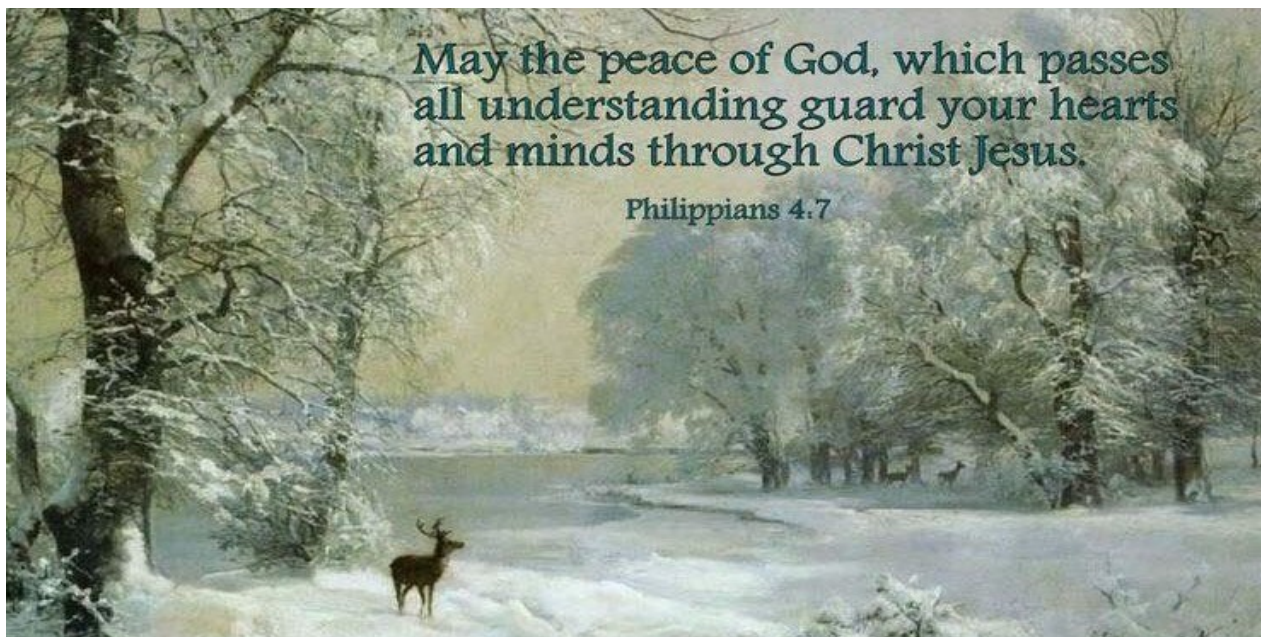
Morning Worship Service

Sermon: Radical Conversion

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-22

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 1:11-24

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 19:27-30



May the peace of God, which passes
all understanding guard your hearts
and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

What God Wants Us to Hear the Most

You aren't the mistakes you've made. You aren't the labels that have been put on you. And you aren't the lies the Enemy has tried to sell you. You are who God says you are.

You are a child of God.

You are the apple of God's eye.

You are sought after.

You are more than a conqueror.

You are a new creation in Christ.

You are the righteousness of Christ.

All our identity issues are fundamental misunderstandings of who God is. Guilt issues are a misunderstanding of God's grace. Control issues are a misunderstanding of God's sovereignty. Anger issues are a misunderstanding of God's mercy. Pride issues are a misunderstanding of God's greatness. Trust issues are a misunderstanding of God's goodness. If you struggle with any of those issues, it's time to let God be the loudest voice in your life!

God doesn't love us because of who we are. God loves us because of who He is.

When we succeed, God says, "I love you."

When we fail, God says, "I love you."

When we have faith, God says, "I love you."

When we doubt, God says, "I love you."

Love is His answer to everything. Why? Because He *is* love. There is nothing you can do to make Him love you any more or any less. God loves you perfectly. He loves you eternally.

God wants us to hear what He's saying, and we must heed His voice. But much more than that, He wants us to hear His heart. So He whispers softer and softer so that we have to get closer and closer. And when we finally get close enough, He envelops us in His arms and tells us that He loves us.

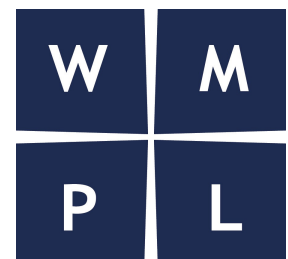
We've been deafened by the voice of conformity, the voice of criticism, and the voice of condemnation, and the side effects include loneliness, shame, and anxiety.

The good news? You not only bear God's image but you know His voice. It's His voice that knit you together in your mother's womb. It's His voice that ordained all your days before one of them came to be. It's His voice that began a good work and His voice that will carry it to completion.



Check in with the Schroeders on their webpage to see what they have been up to recently:

<https://mailchi.mp/191f45f6fac4/were-just-grateful-to-be-here-schroeder-prayer?e=e99009c42f>



January Volunteers

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Communion	Don			
Reader	Sarah	Nicki	Angie	Nick
Greeters	Dave/Alicia	Bill/Sarah	Don/Sue	Brandon/Amanda
Ushers	Bill/Sarah.....			
Computer	Rachel	Dave	Donna	Bobby
Sound	Greg	Devon	Steve	Brandon
Acolyte	Zade	Makenna	Kinsley	Ella
Custodians	Sherry/Greg.....			
Pianist	Marcia	Val	Marcia	Sheryl

* If you find that you have been scheduled for a ministry time that you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let pastor know. Thank you!

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Communion Sunday Greeters: Dave/Alicia Reader: Sarah Acolyte: Zade No Sunday School	5	6	7 Confirmation- 4:30pm	8	9	10
11 Greeters: Bill/Sarah Reader: Nicki Acolyte: Makenna	12	13	14 Confirmation- 4:30pm Deacons- 5:45pm Council- 6:30pm	15	16	17
18 Greeters: Don/Sue Reader: Angie Acolyte: Kinsley	19	20 Women's Bible Study- 2pm	21 Confirmation- 4:30pm	22	23	24
25 Greeters: Brandon/Amanda Reader: Nick Acolyte: Ella	26	27	28 Confirmation- 4:30pm	29	30	31

Birthdays

5- Randy Stensrud
 11- Amanda Cink
 12- Luke Peine
 15- Emily Daggett
 17- Don Elbert
 30- Donna Edelen

Call to Me,
 and I will answer you,
 and show you great and mighty things,
 which you do not know.

Jeremiah 33:3