



The Abounding Joy Herald

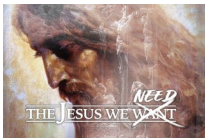
Thursday, March 26, 2026



Gathering in Joy - Reaching Out with God's Love **Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026** **Education Hour at 9:00 am with Worship at 10:00**



SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE live stream can be found on the Abounding Joy website (aboundingjoy.org) and click on Videos. Prepare your hearts for worship on Palm Sunday, March 29



by reading Zechariah 9:9-16, Philipians 2:5-11, and John 12:12-19. We have been focusing on moments in John's Gospel where Jesus meets the *needs* of the people, because He is our Savior we want.

IN OUR PRAYERS: *Joyce Cass, Jeanie Frolander, Karon Doble, Kathy Erickson, Jeffrey Karbedeh, Ken Lucy, Madge Rowe, Carol and Steve Sarff, Ginny Shimota, Siri* (Diane Spanier's daughter), *Johnny* (Holly Olson's father), *Jim* (Jeanie Frolander's, Joanie Peterson's, Joyce Cass' brother), *Barrett* (Deb Hendrickson's brother), *Gene* (Karon Doble's brother), *Kim and Traci* (Karen Greenwaldt's brother & wife), *Peggy* (Marc Schrantz's sister), *Mitch* (Tammy Holland's nephew), *Paul* (Mary Windels' cousin), *Tom* (Joyce Neyssen's cousin), *Pastor Charles* (Deb Hendrickson's friend), and *Pat* (Greg Voller's friend).

CONTINUED PRAYERS for and CONDOLENCES to *Dean Peterson and Family* on the recent death of his daughter, *Kim*; and,

to *Anna Bless-Lahr's Family* as they mourn the recent death of her brother Lee's wife, *Lynn*; and,

to *Kathy Erickson and Family* on the recent death of her sister *Carol*.

May the promise of the resurrection to new life in Jesus bring hope and comfort to all who grieve.

THANK YOU The cards and best wishes have been very much appreciated during my hospital stay and home care I'm currently receiving. I am so grateful to Abounding Joy and the visit from Pastor Brandon, it meant so much to me. I thank God for every blessing in my life and am hopeful to be back in church soon. *Karon Doble*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Debbie Hahn, Thursday, March 26

Cheryl Braaten, Tuesday, March 31

Margaret Rey, Wednesday, April 1



THIS WEEKEND: Reception of new members Kim Di-Laura and Jake and Maria Doto will be Palm Sunday. The Grant Hagen family was received into membership on Sunday, March 15th but due to weather conditions, Kim, Jake, and Maria were not able to be here so they will be received into membership this Sunday. Please join us in welcoming them as they join us in our mission together!

LADIES' LUNCHEON is at noon *tomorrow, March 27th*, at the Great River Bowl and Partners Pub (208 2nd St. S., Sartell). If you missed the sign-up please give B.J. Peterson a call to have a place set for you. All Abounding Joy ladies and lady-friends are invited and encouraged to share in great food and conversation.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS: On Maundy Thursday, April 2, we have three young men who will be joining us at the Lord's Table for their first communion. We welcome *Jack Blais*, son of Dana and Troy Blais; and *Nolan and Garret Worm*, grandsons of Jon and Jeanie Frolander.

SERVICE TEAM The April Service Team will meet Sunday after the worship service. We'll meet in the Comfort and Joy room at the end of the hall.

THANK YOU Usher Volunteers! You've filled all the blanks up to Father's Day. Great job! Only three blanks left and we're half way through 2026 with scheduling. Again—Thank you, *Marilyn*

PRAYER REQUESTS may be made to our volunteer Prayer Team Coordinator Pr. Deb Peterson: debp.prayerchain@outlook.com and/or 320-250-0647 or by using a purple request sheets found either on the info table or in the black attendance folder. She contacts the prayer team for prayer. Daily prayer will be offered for ONE month. If you wish to have continued prayer, please SUBMIT A NEW REQUEST.

God's Word is Powerful and Sufficient



Planning to be back soon.

See you Sunday?!

Pastor Brandon

HOLY WEEK Schedule:

Palm Sunday, March 29, at 10:00 a.m., we sing "Hosanna!" to the King who came to give His life for His people and enter into the week of Jesus' passion with Him.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, we will have our Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3, we will offer two opportunities to worship at noon and 6:30 p.m. This will be a Tenebrae service focusing on Jesus as He is denied all the way to the Cross, where He will die for our sins.

Resurrection Sunday, April 5, join us for worship at 10 a.m. for our celebration of our Risen Savior, Easter Sunday! Please note that there will be NO Education Hour this day.

EASTER OUTREACH MINISTRY wraps up Sunday! If you chose an egg from the Easter basket and purchased a gift card from the store named on the egg, please bring it in to the container provided on the display on Sunday. Cash gifts are also welcome. If you are aware of someone in need who would benefit from this ministry, please contact Pastor Brandon. Names are held in confidence. The gifts received will be distributed before Easter. Thank you!

CREATING A BLOOMING GARDEN: You can still be part of creating this garden in the Altar Area for our Easter Celebration but forms (on the Info Table) need to be given to Belinda Tysver or dropped off in the Office on Sunday! You are invited and encouraged to take your shared plant home on Easter after worship.

LIFEPAK DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) has arrived! This unit is a replacement for our outdated expired model and is located in the wall-mounted emergency box near the water fountains. There is a QR code on the unit. If you would like to become acquainted with the unit and use procedure, you are welcome to use the QR code to view a 2 minute video. This unit gives audio prompts as you use it in the emergency situation. *Be prepared to help should the need arise.*

2026 TIME AND ABILITIES Please take a few minutes to look over the sheet and mark the areas where you would like to share your time and abilities. We realize that our available time and physical abilities change as time marches on, so it's important for us to be up-to-date on areas where you will be most comfortable being called to help. Please return your Time and Abilities sheet to the box on the Info Table as soon as possible. Thank you!

MN FOOD SHARE month has been this month—MARCH. When shopping for your own household, it is deeply appreciated if you are able to buy a few extra items to share in the grocery cart by the entry coat racks. This grocery cart is available year around but this month is a special March Campaign in Minnesota. We appreciate and thank Carl and Betty Batdorf for their faithful collection and delivery of our donated items!



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Some recent releases you might want to check out are: "The Familiar Stranger" and "Essentials of Faith: Why do we go to church?"

OUR e-GIVING PLATFORM If you choose to give your offering electronically, you can give at this secure link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZN68/> or use the QR code. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment.



Sunday, March 22, 2026

ATTENDANCE: 135

OFFERING: Gen: \$3,391
AJ Capital Expense Fund: \$385

This Week at Abounding Joy



Friday, March 27

Noon Ladies' Luncheon at Great River Bowl and Partners Pub, Sartell

Palm Sunday, March 29

9:00 am Education Hour

10:00 am Worship Service, Pastor Tom Stover, Reception of New Members, Sunday School Singers

11:10 am April Service Team Meeting, Comfort and Joy room

11:10 am Fellowship and Refreshments

Monday, March 30

6:30 pm Gospel Gals Small Group Bible Study

Tuesday, March 31

6:30 pm Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 1

9:00 am Men's Faith Talk

Noon Bible Study

1:15 pm Joyful Stitchers Quilt-tying and Binding

1:15 pm Joyful Sisters Small Group Bible Study

Maundy Thursday, April 2

9:30 am Intercessory Prayer

6:30 pm Worship Service with 1st Communion and Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday, April 3

Noon Worship Service with Noah Braun, guest musician

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The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday, April 5

10:00 am Easter Celebration Service

The Abounding Joy Foundation

Carl Batdorf, Pres. Dale Hellickson, V-Pres. Deb Hendrickson, Sec. Bruce Peterson, Treas.

Tim Carlson Brian Frank Jane Martinson Pastor Brandon Foster

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