

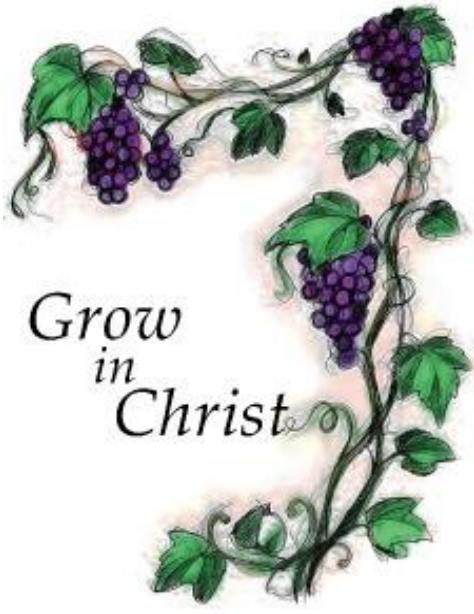
The Grape

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Faith Lutheran Church
Lake Hanska Lutheran Church

June 2026

Happenings in & around the Parish



Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. Explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Faith Lutheran Church
Sunday-Thursday, July 26-30, 2026



June:
 Lake Hanska 9:00 AM
 Faith 10:30 AM

July:
 5th 10:00 AM Joint Communion service
 Lake Hanska County Park
 (Coffee & rolls at 9:00 AM)
 Transportation available from parking lot to worship area

Rest of July & August:
 Lake Hanska 9:00 AM
 Faith 10:30 AM



Sunday, June 21st

Join Us For Worship!
 If you are searching for a church home or are currently a member, we want to extend a warm welcome to you.
 Faith and Lake Hanska observe the "Open" communion policy - for all people in Christ are welcome at our Lord's Table.

Congratulations to our Graduates

- * Noah Davila *
- * Lauren Grev *
- * Caden McMullen *
- * Adrienne Missling *
- * Makayla Sorenson *

Summer is upon us and with it comes vacation time, trips to the beach, Valleyfair, cookouts, town celebrations, the State Fair and much more. It is a time when activities in the church community take a break from the hectic pace of confirmation, JAM, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. But soon we will ramp up again with our fabulous Vacation Bible School which this year will feature the “Rainforest.” I can’t wait to see what great designs take over our fellowship hall and altar area. It is jam packed within a five-evening timeframe – exhausting for many, exhilarating for many more.

June brings the annual Synod Assembly the first Friday and Saturday. This year will be extra special and humbling for me personally as I will be commissioned as a Synod Authorized Minister at the worship service on Saturday. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think that someday I would be asked to:

- ◆ Commit myself to the new trust and responsibility in the confidence that it comes from God.
- ◆ Preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confession of the Lutheran church.
- ◆ Carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitution of the ELCA.
- ◆ Be diligent in my study of the holy scriptures and faithful in my use of the means of grace.
- ◆ To love, serve, and pray for God’s people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by my own example in faithful and holy living, and
- ◆ To give faithful witness in the world, that God’s love may be known in all I do.

And I will with great emotion answer: “Yes, with the help of God.”

I definitely rely heavily on the help of God in this role I have been blessed to do, but I also know that I can only do it with the help of each one of you. Your encouragement and support over these last two years and hopefully for many more to come is what makes this life journey I have embarked on so enjoyable and I am thankful every day for the ability God gave me to do it.

So as the summer many times brings fewer people to church each Sunday morning because of activities we only get to take on in the short time of nice weather, take time to thank the God that gave us this creation to enjoy the beaches, the prairies, the picnics (ants included) and remember he is always with you. As we do every Tuesday at Living Meadows, remember to pray without ceasing.

My goal for the summer is to take time in meditation and reflection with God, to thank him for allowing me this responsibility. And to ask him to give me the words he wishes me to share with you each time we are together. Also to thank him for what he has given me. I sometimes wake up and wonder – what did God see in me that he chooses me to be on Jesus’ team. Whatever it was, may I always be a good teammate.

Enjoy the summer, in Minnesota we never know how long the warm weather will last. Thank God we get what we get, and we cannot have a fit! (Per Mary F.)

Just one of you in Christ - *Ralph*

Scripture Readings for June

DATE	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday, June 7 2nd after Pentecost	Hosea 5:15—6:6	50:7-15	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Sunday, June 14 3rd after Pentecost	Exodus 19:2-8a	100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-23
Sunday, June 21 4th after Pentecost	Jeremiah 20:7-13	69:7-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
Sunday, June 28 5th after Pentecost	Jeremiah 28:5-9	89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42

Church Councils

Faith

Lori Pietsch *President*
Randy Gustafson *Vice President*
 Stacy Reed *Secretary*
 Randy Gustafson, Arlo Feder *Financial Secretary*
 Jane Piepgras, Kathy Guyer *Treasurer*
 Ben Odegard, Chad Becker, *Trustees*
Pam Bocoock, Stacy Reed
 Lori Pietsch, Cindy Lehman, *Deacons*
 Sherri Gustafson, Mary Feder
 Steph Odegard, Tammy Krebs, *Board of Education*
 Julia Young, Patty Young

Lake Hanska

Melissa Engelhart
 Jim Lilleodden
 Cheryl Doe
Bonnie Lilleodden
Beth Kral
 Brian Kjelshus,
 Norman Skarphol
 Pam Kjelshus,
 (Position Open)

WELCA Coordinator Bonnie Lilleodden

BOLD NAMES = Joint Executive Board



Lake Hanska Lutheran
 No information
Faith Lutheran
 Thursday, June 11th, 7:00 PM



Vital Statistics

Faith Attendance Offering

April 19	42	\$ 1,044.00
April 26		\$ 1,081.00
May 3 Confirmation	125	\$ 1,767.00
May 10	43	\$ 2,610.00

Lake Hanska

April 19	29	\$ 765.00
April 26	22	\$ 270.00
May 3	24	\$ 1,715.00
May 10	24	\$ 593.00

2026 Faith Altar Guild

June:

Bob & Jane Sorenson

July:

August:

September:

Barb & Bruce Nelson

October:

Julie & Mark Hoeft

Chelsea Hoeft

Sarah Hoeft

November:

Cindy & Brian Lehman

December:

Arlo & Mary Feder

Lori Pietsch

Social Media for our Churches

Faith:

Website:

www.faithlutheranmadelia.org
[Facebook.com/FOSParish](https://www.facebook.com/FOSParish)
[YouTube/FaithLutheranMadelia](https://www.youtube.com/FaithLutheranMadelia)

Lake Hanska:

[Facebook.com/Lake Hanska Lutheran Church](https://www.facebook.com/LakeHanskaLutheranChurch)

Remember as summer rolls around that your church needs do not go away.

Please consider giving to your church each week or at least once a month.

Simply Giving can help you do that!

Talk to a Faith council member or Joyce, in the office.

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY BOARD MEMBERS ASSOCIATION SEEKING DONATIONS

The Riverside Cemetery Board would appreciate donations for spring cemetery road work and tree removal...we are in need of donations to maintain the dignity and beauty of the cemetery.

Please make checks payable to: Riverside Cemetery
107 Dill Avenue SW, Madelia, MN 56062

We are also in need of board members, if you would be interested in joining our board, please contact

Arlo Feder at (507)995-5651
 or Bruce Nelson at (507)642-8922

Thank you! Riverside Cemetery Board

Men's Morning Out

Saturday, June 6th & 20th
 8:30 AM at Dean Neumann's

Ruth Bible Study

Monday, June 15th
 9:00 AM
 Lake Crystal American Legion



First Day of Summer

Sunday, June 21st

Happenings in the Parish recently

Funerals

Weddings

Baptisms

~ CONFIRMATION CORNER ~

Congratulations to our Confirmands

~ Alayna Caraway ~ Kendra Frederickson ~

~ Khloe Johnson ~ Addison Odegard ~

~ Brook Rannow ~ Kendra Rannow ~

Confirmation

Faith Youth Confirmed

Sunday, May 3rd

6 of our youth at Faith reached a major milestone by being Confirmed. Shown here are: Brook Rannow, Kendra Rannow, Addison Odegard, (Ralph Flitter) Alayna Caraway, Khloe Johnson, Kendra Frederickson, and (Lori Pietsch).

Congratulations and God's Blessings to each and every one of you!



Graduation

Faith Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 17th three of our 5 seniors were in church to be recognized.

Graduating from High School is another major milestone for our youth. They now have to choose what they would like to do on their next adventure.

Shown here, wrapped in their quilts, are:

Makayla Sorenson,
Adrienne Missling,
and Caden McMullen

Our other seniors are:
Noah Davila and Lauren Grev

May all your paths lead to happiness, and may all your dreams come true.





Wednesday J.A.M. had another great year. Pictured is one of the final projects.

Want to help next year, contact someone on the Board of Education



Carnations for Mother's Day at Faith



Shown are Confirmation students & helpers with carts loaded for the Madelia Food Shelf. The kids raised \$1,400.00 to go shopping.



A First Communion class was held on Saturday, April 25th and they took their 1st Communion on Sunday, May 17th. Listed above right, from Faith, are Jaxson Halvorson, Easton Gustafson, and Ian Gustafson. Those from Lake Hanska that took the class were Kellan Kamm, Nolan Kamm, Nadia Goblirsch, and Paxton Schmiesing.



Lake Hanska Lutheran Church Council Meeting

May 3, 2026

The Lake Hanska Lutheran Church Council met on Sunday, May 3, 2026. President Melissa Engelhart brought the meeting to order at 10:10 AM following worship service.

Special Sunday services were discussed with the following days scheduled.

- ⌘ May 17 - First Communion Service for Kellan Kamm, Nolan Kamm, Nadia Goblirsch, & Paxton Schmiesing
- ⌘ June 14 - 9:00 AM -- Settler's Service in the School House
- ⌘ July 5 --- 9:00 AM Coffee & 10:00 AM - 4th of July Service at Lake Hanska County Park
- ⌘ September 27 --- 10:30 AM -- 3 year olds and 3rd Graders receive Bibles
- ⌘ October 11 --- 10:30 AM -- New Member Sunday

July 5th at the county park will be our 50th year of doing this. Necessities (altar, flags, keyboard, etc.) were discussed and assigned for person to be in charge of getting them to the park. Coffee hour is at 9:00 AM in the park shelter. Faith Lutheran will provide the rolls. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. In case of inclement weather conditions, the service will then be held at Lake Hanska Lutheran Church.

On May 14th, there will be a Securing Sacred Spaces meeting in Mankato from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. This will discuss the safety of attendees at worship services. Melissa and Jim will consider going to this event.

The new contract for Ralph Flitter ending his contract on December 31, 2027 has not been received and signed at this point.

Lenten Service for 2027 have been set with 3:30 PM service at Lake Hanska Lutheran Church, and Good Friday worship will be at Lake Hanska.

A Clean-Up date to clean outside and inside was discussed. Melissa will deal with it and let us know when.

A new Water Heater was installed on March 27 by Vee Plumbing and Heating. This one is a 50-gallon tank. There have been some issues with the old one. When plumbing in the new one, they found that there needed be new wiring done before getting it started. The project is completed.

Our church will be used for four wedding, so far, in 2026. The narthex carpet needs to be cleaned drastically, so 3 estimates were gotten. GW Cleaning will do the cleaning. Jim Lilleodden m/m and Norm Skarphol s/m, with the cleaning approved.

The tree situation was discussed again. We need to go out and observe the situation and decide what we want to do. Pete has given Norm some estimates on various evergreens.

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on September 13th. There will not be a morning service as the service will be held at 6:00 PM in the parking lot. A meal will be served in the church basement at 5:00 PM. We will hope to be able to use Thrivent dollars to help with the costs. More details will be planned closer to the date.

Bonnie Lilleodden m/m and Melissa Englehart s/m to adjourn the meeting.

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes –May 12, 2026

President - Lori Pietsch

Treasurers - Kathy Guyer, Jane Piepgras

V President - Randy Gustafson

Secretary - Stacy Reed

Trustees - Ben Odegard, Chad Becker, Pam Boccock

Deacons - Sherri Gustafson, Cindy Lehman, Mary Feder

Secretary's Report:

April minutes were not printed in the newsletter. Lori printed and distributed for everyone to read.

Treasurer's Report:

April expenses were \$13,826.12 and receipts \$12,370.03.

Trustees Report:

The glass panel is in and needs to be installed. We would like to have a security camera system installed and we will look into Christensen Communications offer more closely and discuss next meeting. Securing Sacred Places meeting was moved to June.

Deacons:

Graduation Sunday and 1st Communion will be held this Sunday, May 17th. Will have chocolate kisses for Father's Day in June. Deacons will cover July and August Alter Guild. Ralph will be away May 31st, the Deacons will need to cover the Order of Worship, and sermon is covered. Park Days Sunday, July 12th, will be a Peace of the Prairie service, one service only that day. Bible Sunday is set for Sept. 27th. New Member Sunday will be Oct. 11th.

Board of Ed:

Last day of Jam was April 29th, 29 students attended. BOE will meet in June to review the family surveys.

Ralph's Report:

Ralph led 4- Pray without Ceasing at Living Meadows; 1 communion service at Living Meadows along with some individual visits. 2 Baptisms at Faith, attended Watonwan River Conference at Our Savior's in New Ulm, the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations annual meeting and participated in the S.A.M. and mentor retreat at Salom Hill Farm. He held the 2nd communion class with 9 attendees; 4 from Lake Hanska and 5 from Faith. Final confirmation class was on April 29th- with 6 young ladies to be confirmed May 3rd at Faith. Synod Assembly is June 5-6; Ralph will be commissioned as a SAM at the worship service on June 6th.

Motion to accept reports was made by Kathy/seconded by Ben.

Old Business:

Mary inquired about the church bell; we will get a service call scheduled as it has been determined it is an electrical issue. Randy and Chad will coordinate this. We have received lots of good comments on the organ.

New Business:

Need a new cart for the tables, the old one broke. Mary made a motion to purchase a new cart, Ben seconded. Lori will purchase the cart. A large donation of miscellaneous items was donated to the shopping with Mrs. Claus event. The nursery has 2 large tables, we only need 1, will look at donating the other one. There was a \$1200.00 memorial donated to the church, there have been several requests to establish a free library with the use of these funds. There will be a committee to maintain the upkeep of this library. Lori will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

**Thank you to Lynne Hoefft for continuing to handcraft the beautiful quilts
that are given at baptisms and to the graduating seniors.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy and seconded by Ralph.

Respectfully submitted, Stacy Reed - Secretary

News From Lake Hanska Lutheran Church

Settler's Service - We have enjoyed using the School House for our worship service for the past several years. Sunday, June 14, we will once again have our Sunday morning worship service in the schoolhouse. Please come join us for this worship.

First Communion Service - On Sunday, May 17th we will be observing First Communion service for 4 children from our congregation. Those being honored are Kellan Kamm, Nolan Kamm, Nadia Goblirsch and Paxton Schmiesing.

Our Church Building - Our church building will be used this year for 4 weddings besides other worship and events. Please help keep our building neat and clean by helping to keep the carpets and bathrooms clean. Call Melissa Engelhart at 920-836-9564 if you can pitch-in.

Food Shelf Report - We delivered 27 lbs. of products last month. We are so grateful to deliver goods at the end of each month. It is so easy to drop any non-perishable groceries, cleaning supplies, or hygiene supplies into the box provided in the Narthex of the church.

WELCA Quilters Report - 5 ladies met on Wednesday, May 6th for another get-together. They prepared 2 more quilts. We'd love for you to come join us. If you have any materials good shape, or donating cash to buy more materials as our resources for funds are limited. If interested, we do also sell our quilts for \$25 each.

Bible Study - Ralph Flitter leads us in a more in-depth look of the Gospel from the worship the Sunday before we meet. Everyone (men-women-Faith Lutheran members and non-members) are welcome to join us. You do not have to do quilting if you come for the Bible Study. We will enjoy coffee and treats (optional: bring a treat to share) during the study. We look forward to seeing you.

Living Meadows General Store - The Living Meadows at Luther celebrated the Spring Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 14th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia. It was a full luncheon with so much food. The Auxiliary will be able to provide several activities for the residents during this coming year. Much 'Thank You's' to those that provided a salad and those ladies that worked at the luncheon.

Lawn Mowing Time - This time is here. A list of mowing schedule will be sent out to everyone. Please respect your time slot. **If for some reason you can not mow during that time slot**, please trade with another person to keep our property looking excellent all summer. Thank you for your help.

Altar Committee - Pam Kjelshus and Jane Ahlness

Ushers - June 7th and 14th - Renee Bertilson and Roxy Oscarson
June 21st and 28th - Kevin Byro and Tim Peterson

Lawn Mowers - This schedule is on a 2-week schedule
May 29 thru June 11- Daniel Grothem and Taylor Ahlness
June 12 thru June 25 - Andrew Lilleodden and Norm Skarphol
June 26 thru July 10 - Mike Paulson and Bradley Paulson



Settler's Service

Sunday, June 14th
Lake Hanska Lutheran Church
will celebrate with worship
in the Schoolhouse.
Hope you can join us.



Please pray for ALL serving in the Military

~ both here and abroad ~

JONAS Eldridge JAC Gunderson KADEN Johnson
ANDREW McCumber ANDREW Peterson



Prayer Concerns



*** Please help us to keep updated on our prayer concerns ***

*Let us know as peoples' health situations change by calling the church office (642-8500)
or by emailing faithofficemadelia@gmail.com*

Prayer's will be listed in the bulletin for 2 weeks, unless otherwise notified.

**** Thank you! ****



2026 Synod Assembly

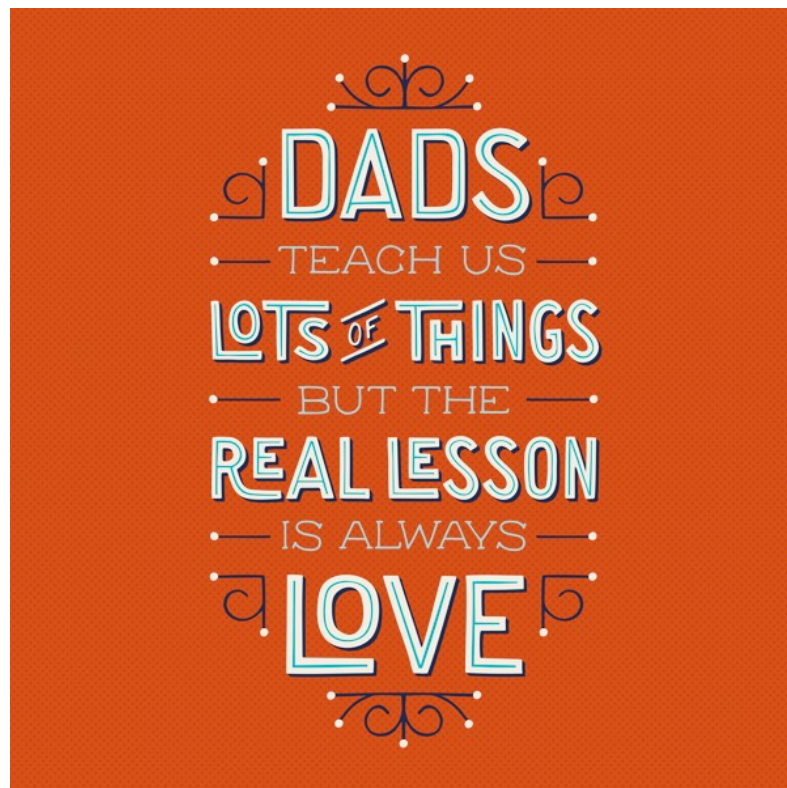
When: June 5-6, 2026

Time: Registration opens 11:30 AM -
Friday, June 5th (on-site)

Where: Gustavus Adolphus College,
St Peter & online via Zoom

Theme: Grounded in Hope

Prayers for a meaningful
2026 Synod Assembly!



Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes-April 9, 2026 (not printed in May)

Vice President: Randy Gustafson

S.A.M. – Ralph Flitter

Treasurers: Jane Piegras, Kathy Guyer

Deacons: Sherri Gustafson, Mary Feder

Trustees: Chad Becker, Pam Bocock

BOE: Patti Young

Secretary's Report:

- * Reviewed March minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

- * March expenses were \$11,787.63 and receipts \$10,183.41.

Trustees Report:

- * The organ has been repaired \$560.67 with a good share of the expense being covered through donations. Boiler room door has been unlocked. A new office e-mail has been established for the church office; faithofficemadelia@gmail.com. Total Lawn Care has generously donated their lawn care service for the 2026 season. A big thank you to Dustin and Sarah VanHale. Council approved a request of Wellspring in Action to host a seminar "First Aid for Older Adults."

Deacon's Report:

- * May 10th-Mother's Day, carnations will be ordered and handed out that Sunday.
- * May 17th Senior Recognition Sunday-invite letters will be sent to the graduates.
- * April 12th- Two communion options will be offered, intinction or wine cups.
- * April 29th- Outside church clean-up. Confirmation students are required to help.

Board of Ed:

- * Last day of JAM, April 29th, will also be a Family Night with a short program and a meal. Looking at some additional activities when JAM is not in session.

S.A.M. Report:

- * Ralph co-hosted with Janet Adams (5 times) "Pray without Ceasing" at Living Meadows, visited non-members while there. Made telephone visits with members. Attended the SW MN Synod Council on March 14th and the Watonwan River Conference on March 19th. Held a First Communion class for 4 students on March 21st. A second class is scheduled for April 25th. Lenten Services and Easter Services went well.

Motion to approve all reports was made by Patti Young and seconded by Pam Bocock.

Old Business:

- * Chad Becker and Stacy Reed will attend a Church Safety Meeting May 14th.
- * 61Key Service repaired the organ.

New Business:

- * Executive Council will meet Thursday April 16th, 5:30 p.m. at Faith. Thank you to the Todd Simpson family who donated memorial funds in memory of Todd Simpson. Thank you to Ralph Flitter for Lenten and Easter services, Pam Bocock for playing the trumpet Easter Sunday and Sherri Gustafson for organizing the Easter Garden. Upcoming Children's sermons will be April 21st, May 10th and June 14th. Ralph recommended the following students for May 3rd Confirmation: Brook Rannow, Kendra Rannow, Addison Odegard, Alayna Caraway, Khloe Johnson, Kendra Frederickson. A meeting will be scheduled for October 7th welcoming new members and October 11th will be New Member recognition Sunday.

With no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Pam Bocock and seconded by Mary Feder to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Piegras - Treasurer



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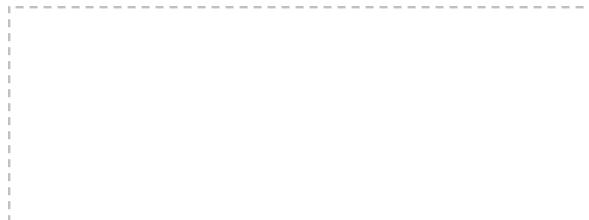
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~ **June** ~

Worship Schedule

Every Sunday: 9:00 AM @ Lake Hanska
Every Sunday: 10:30 AM @ Faith

Faith Office Phone: 507-642-8500
Lake Hanska Phone: 507-439-6948
Faith Email: faithofficemadelia@gmail.com
Ralph Flitter Email: flitteralph@gmail.com



Office hours:

Joyce: Every afternoon except Friday

You can email the office with any information or questions.

You can call Ralph at 507-317-4204, Joyce at 507-642-8500,
your church president:

Faith: Lori Pietsch 507-317-4634 **Lake Hanska:** Melissa Engelhart 952-836-9564
or email the church at: faithofficemadelia@gmail.com
or Ralph at: flitteralph@gmail.com
for your church needs or assistance.

Lake Hanska ~ June ~ 9:00 AM In-Person & LIVE on Facebook

Ushers: 7, 14; Renee Bertilson, Roxy Oscarson; 21, 28; Kevin Byro, Tim Peterson

Altar Committee: Pam Kjelshus, Jane Ahlness

Reader

Accompanist

June 7, 2026
June 14, 2026 (Settler's Service in Schoolhouse)
June 21, 2026 (Father's Day)
June 28, 2026



Faith ~ June ~ 10:30 AM In-Person & LIVE on Facebook & Webpage

Communion is the 1st & 2nd Sunday of each month

Altar Committee: Bob & Jane Sorenson

Reader

Accompanist

June 7, 2026
June 14, 2026
June 21, 2026 (Father's Day)
June 28, 2026

Barb Overlie
Dorie Cummins