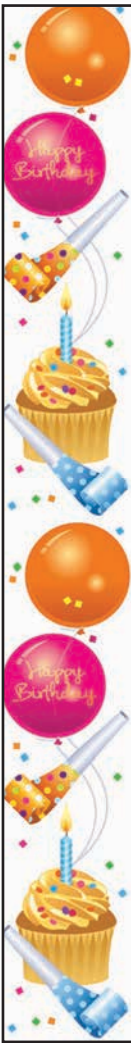


Obituaries/Church



Kathy Block is turning "90" January 6, 2026

A birthday greeting can be sent to her at

PO Box 548 Towner

or stop by the Towner Senior Citizens Center Main Street Towner on

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026 1:00 - 3:00pm

to wish Kathy a Happy 90th Birthday and enjoy cake and visiting.

A Heartfelt Thank You

To Teresa, Ethan, Meghan, Bergan, Addysen and Hayden – your generosity in selling pumpkins to support Chet on this road to recovery touches our hearts deeply. As he faces chemotherapy and prepares for radiation, your kindness brings hope and strength to our family. Your support reminds us that community and compassion make all the difference. Thank you for standing with Chet during this fight.

#ChetStrong

With Gratitude, Megan, Chloe, Evan and Chet



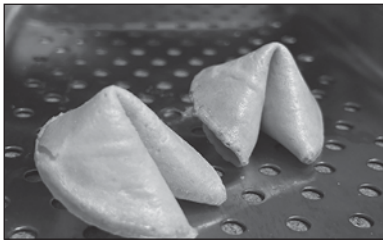
Good Fortune (Cookies) Ahead

Don't put away your holiday baking supplies yet. Start 2026 with your own homemade fortune cookies complete with a special message or prediction hidden inside. They're fun party favors for a New Year's celebration or a unique dessert for a weekend meal.

For 6-8 cookies, you will need:
1/4 cup flour
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 tablespoons sugar
1/8 tsp. salt
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 egg white at room temperature
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 teaspoon water

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. In medium bowl, combine sifted flour, cornstarch, sugar and salt. Stir in oil. Add egg white, vanilla and water and stir until smooth. Pour 1 tablespoon of the batter onto a greased baking sheet. Spread with an offset spatula or the back of a spoon to form a 3-4 inch circle. Make 2 more rounds of dough on the sheet, although I suggest you bake one at a time at first until you get the hang of the folding technique which follows. Bake about 10-12 minutes or until

cookie turns a light brown color. While you wait, let your kids be "writers" and compose lines for 21/2 by 1/2-inch strips of paper. When the cookie is done, an adult should remove it from the oven. Quickly loosen cookie with a spatula and place on a clean kitchen towel. Set a fortune strip across the center with an end hanging out the side. Wearing potholders, fold the cookie in half to make a semi circle with the curved edge upward. Press edge together for a few seconds until it seals. While the cookie is still pliable, immediately grasp the pointed ends of cookie with both hands and pull them together to crease. At this point it should be cool enough for your child to hold in place for about 20-30 sec-



onds until the cookie is crisp and keeps its final "fortune cookie" shape. Set cookies in mini muffin tins to hold their shape until completely cool. Store in airtight container. TIPS: Use 1/3 cup batter for each cookie and bake for 2-3 minutes longer to create giant fortune cookies.

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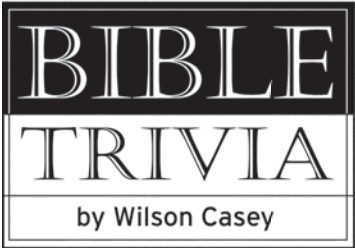
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Norway Lutheran Church to hold annual Christmas Program

Norway Lutheran Church, rural Denbigh, will hold its annual Christmas Service on Thursday, January 1, 2026 (New Year's Day) beginning at 2pm. The Christmas service will begin at about 2pm with Pastor Shirley Teske delivering the message. We will, of course, have the nativity pageant that is always so special!! And we Love to have volunteers with music selections, poetry, or readings to add to the program. After the service all are welcome to join us for a Potluck Supper. Please note that we are beginning a little earlier than some years!!! 2pm!!!

Everyone is welcome to come to the little old brick church on the hill and enjoy the beautiful scenery and the

meaningful worship service. Be sure to check for cancellations if the weather is questionable.



1. For possible New Year's resolutions, Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be _____." Resolved, Established, Directed, Bountiful
 2. Likewise, Psalm 37:5 instructs us to "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to _____." Nurture, Pass, Action, Light
 3. From which book's 29:11 does the Lord declare plans to prosper you, thoughts of peace to give you hope and a future? Leviticus, Ezra, Nehemiah, Jeremiah
 4. 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on what in a new year? Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance
 5. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th
 6. From James 1:5, what may one lack, and if they ask God, it shall be given? Love, Wisdom, Truth, Goals
- ANSWERS: 1) Established, 2) Pass, 3) Jeremiah, 4) Moving forward, 5) 7th, 6) Wisdom

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St. Jude Novena

To St. Jude, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Miracles, near kinsman and Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need.

To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

Amen

Say three (3) Our Fathers, three (3) Hail Mary's and Glory Be. Publication must be promised. My request has been granted. Say this Novena on nine (9) consecutive days.

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ANAMOOSE
St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church; Rev. Tom Graner, stfx@gondtc.com; 1st & 5th Sundays of the month 8 am'2nd Sunday of the month 10:30 am'3rd & 4th Sundays of the month 5 pm Saturday evening; 5th Sunday of the month 8 am
United Community Baptist Church
Danelle Olson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
St. Martin Lutheran
Reverend Tim Stout
Service @ 9 am, with Sunday School & Bible study at 8:00am
Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun.

DEERING
Deering Lutheran Congregation
Pastor David Myers (240-4225)
Bethany (838-5196); Lay Pastor Daniel Bauder; Organist Diane Mogard
Sunday Worship: 11:15a.m;
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

DRAKE
United Methodist
Ph #: 465- 3757
Worship Service: 8:30 am

Trinity Lutheran
Worship service-9:30am every Sunday
St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church
Rev. Tom Graner, 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month 5 pm Saturday evening' 3rd Sunday of the month 8 am; 4th & 5th Sundays of the month 10:30 am

GRANVILLE
Hope Congregational United Church of Christ
Rev Cheryl McCullough
Sunday Worship: 10am; Women's Guild: 2nd Sunday of month
First Lutheran Church of Granville
Guest Speaker
Sun. Worship Service:9:00 am

KARLSRUHE
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Rev. Jered Grossman
Sunday Mass: 8:30am

KIEF
Liberty Baptist Church
Pastor Steve Martin
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am; Sunday School 9:00 am

KONGSBERG
St. John's Lutheran
Reverend Tim Stout Sunday Service: 10am; Bible Study 11am

NORWICH
Norwich Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Ben Carlsen
Sun.Worship Service: 11 am; Handicapped Accessible. WELCA: 1st Thursday of the month at 2pm
Church of The Nazarene
Sunday School: 10:00 am; Morning Worship: 11:00 am; Evening Worship 7:00 pm;

TOWNER
The Church of St. Cecilia
Rev. Michael Schommer
Mass: Sat.: 5:00 pm.
Sun. 10am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30pm
Presbyterian Church
Sunday Church services at 9:30am
Presbyterian Women meet 2nd Wednesday at 1:30.
Zion Lutheran Church
Sunday school at 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Faith Lutheran Church
Jonathon Bonine, Pastor
Sun. Worship Service: 8am; Council meets last Mon. of month

at 7:30pm; Adult Bible Study open to the public at 6:30pm on the following dates: Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20. *No Bible Study during Advent season*

UPHAM
New Hope Lutheran
9:30 am worship
Sunday School 10:00 am
Bethlehem St. John Missouri Synod Church Adult Bible Class 9:45, Sunday School 9:45, Church services 11:00am.

VELVA
Oak Valley Lutheran
Worship 5:30 pm, Saturday evening
10am Sunday morning.
Velva United Methodist
Geoff Hilton, Pastor
Sundays: Worship Service 10:30 a.m.; Junior Church during Sermon for children ages 6 and younger; Wednesdays: Midweek Ministries 6:30-7:30 p.m. PreK-1st grade and 2nd-4th grades at the church, grades 5th-6th and Confirmation classes at Velva City Hall.
St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
Rev. Jered Grossman

Saturday 5PM/ Sunday 10:30 AM

WILLOW CITY
1st Presbyterian Church
No Church Services
Presbyterian Women @ 10:00 am on 3rd Wednesday unless notified.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Rev. Christopher Neuendorf
Worship Service at 9:30a.m.
First Lutheran Church
9:30 am church services.
Notre Dame Catholic Church
1st and 4th Suns., Sat. Evening at 5:00pm; 2nd Sun. at 11:00am; 3rd and 5th Sun. at 9:00am. Weekday Mass is Thursday at 9:00am.

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