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2023**OCTOBER**

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
		9am Quilting	6:15-7pm Worship Wednesday	9:30am Women's Bible Study		
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
18th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion	6:30pm Council Meeting					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
19th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion		Prayer Shawl 10-12	6:15-7pm Worship Wednesday			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
20th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion/Celebration of Confirmation Class with Cake reception to follow service		9am Quilting				
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
21st Sunday after Pentecost/ Reformation 10am Worship and Communion			6:15-7pm Worship Wednesday			
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
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Deacons/Readers**October 1: Sheila Collins****October 8: Scripture Reader-
Keaton Lysne****October 15: Maureen Even****October 22: Christy Phillips****October 29: Sue Hoey****Ushers Captains****Merritt & Connie Jones
Greg & Crystal Lysne**

LAMP NEWSLETTER



LSI ARTICLE AND STORY

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At LSI, we celebrate all the ways professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful connections in their communities. LSI's Host Homes program is an innovative way Direct Support Professionals serve adults with disabilities.

Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected Host Homes Provider who provides 24/7 support for the client.

“Working directly with my clients to help them complete goals and work around obstacles is my favorite part of my job,” said Erica Hill Murray, a Host Homes Provider at LSI. “I enjoy showing them that there are people in their lives who care about them, are proud of them, and proud to help them.”

Erica has helped many clients in the five years she has provided care at LSI, but one client, in particular, has made great strides under her care.

“I worked with a client who wanted to find a job or volunteer position, but she had two obstacles in her way: she had trouble using a computer, and she wasn't confident in her ability to speak in an interview,” said Erica. “I offered to look for positions on the computer with her and to call potential employers to explain what she was looking for. After working with her, we found her a volunteer position for a couple of days a week, and she was delighted.”

“She thanked me for helping her and said that she was happy that, for once, someone understood her drive to want to work,” said Erica. “I like to make a difference – even if it is small. Helping others, no matter at what level, is impactful. I love working at LSI, and I believe my position as a Host Homes Provider has been my favorite position in life.”

Stories like these are possible through our many community partners and generous donors. If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI Host Homes, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

American Lutheran Church
August Council Meeting
August 14, 2023

President Christy Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm both in person and electronically on Zoom. Present were Christy Phillips, Sue Hoey, Barb Hayek, Shirley Bergman, Cindy Gosse, and Sheila Collins. Joining on Zoom was Beth Stanek. Mitchell Hayek was absent.

Sue Hoey led devotions.

Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of July was \$6,520.43. Sheila Collins made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Council meeting with one correction. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried. Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of the July 10, 2023 Council meeting. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – The committee will provide a cake reception following confirmation on August 20.

Memorial – No report.

Parish Ed – VBS was held August 6-9. The first night was canceled due to weather. Katey Niichel, Crystal Lysne, and Christy Phillips will be the leaders for Wednesday Worship this year. They will schedule a planning meeting soon.

Presidents – No report.

Property – Parsonage: Independence Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling has installed the new furnace and AC unit. The bill was less than the estimate due to energy rebates. Work has been done on the raspberry bushes. Cost quotes from local tree service providers will be obtained for trimming branches overhanging the roof.

Church: Water and temperature sensors will be placed in the basement. The damaged Prayer Garden tree has been removed and shrubs trimmed.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – No report.

Worship and Music – Plans have been finalized for confirmation during worship on August 20.

Youth – There are three youth currently interested in attending the National Youth Conference in 2024. They need to sign up by October. The youth will be volunteering at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank on September 9 as part of the ELCA's annual "God's Work Our Hands" day of service.

New Business

"God's Work Our Hands" – see above. This will be shared on the Website and Facebook page for any interested participants who want to join the youth.

Blessing of School kits is scheduled for the October 8 worship service. We hope to arrange for the youth to participate in filling the backpacks.

Confirmation classes will begin the second week of September with instructor Candy Lompe.

Old Business

At the October Council meeting we plan to update the membership list for births, deaths, and transfers in and out and also update the voting members list.

Pulpit Supply is filled through November 26. A seminary candidate from Dubuque will be added to our Supply Pastor list.

Correspondence – None.

Deacon assignments for September

3 – Sheila Collins

10 – Sue Hoey

17 – Christy Phillips (Reader only)

24 – Reader only

Cindy Gosse made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sue Hoey. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins,
Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Summer Food Program would like to extend a thank you to the members of American Lutheran for their generous donation of instant oatmeal and for all the volunteers who helped to pack up the food supplies going out to the families. This year the Jesup Ministerial Association helped to supplement needed grocery items to 12 families in our community. In addition, our Noisy Offering beginning the last Sunday in April and ending the last Sunday of July totaled \$559.09 and \$301.94 was donated for the purchase of oatmeal. Thank you again for your support for this important ministry.

We're Hiring: American Lutheran Church of Jesup is seeking to fill a new Secretary/Resource Coordinator position. In addition to clerical, record keeping, and administrative tasks, this position will be responsible for providing support to the Pastor, Congregation, Committees, Council, Youth Ministry, and Outreach programs. Strong computer skills with knowledge of Microsoft Office programs, Google Workplace and Desktop Publishing helpful though training will be provided. Excellent

communication and organizational skills are essential. This is a part time position of up to 20 hours/week. Flexible scheduling and work from home can be accommodated with a minimum of 10 established office hours/week. The salary range is \$15.00 to \$16.75 per hour, commensurate with experience. To apply, send a resume to Council President Christy Phillips at christystitch@yahoo.com. **Application deadline is October 15** or until the position is filled.

First Communion: Do you know a child, youth or adult that is interested in learning about receiving first communion? We will be holding sessions to help gain an understanding of the gift of holy communion and all baptized children of God are welcome. Please contact Sue Hoey at tshoey@jtt.net or 319-939-4464 if you have any questions or would like to participate. Session dates/times to be determined based on interest.

Now Hiring!

We're looking for
**SECRETARY/
RESOURCE
COORDINATOR**

This is a part-time position of up to 20 hours/week.

COME AND JOIN US

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

To apply, send resume to Council President Christy Phillips at christystitch@yahoo.com. The application deadline is October 15 or until the position is filled.

Lutheran World Relief – The 2023 Spring In-Gathering for the Jubilee, Tree of Life, and Three Rivers Clusters of the Women of the ELCA, NE Iowa Synod was held on April 15, 2023, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waverly, Iowa. American Lutheran delivered 58 quilts and 32 personal care kits to the In-Gathering. care kits to the In-Gathering. The total number of quilts received that day from the three areas were: 2,341 quilts, 81 school kits, 433 personal care kits, 247 baby kits, 59 fabric kits and 8 blankets. Two more In-Gatherings were held, one on April 17th in Mason City and May 6th in Decorah. The 2023 Spring In-Gathering totals for the NE Iowa Synod were: 4,781 quilts, 533 school kits, 2,221 personal care kits, 888 baby kits, 105 fabric kits and 66 blankets with 75 churches supplying these items. All items made their way to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Minneapolis where they will be processed for delivery to places around the world and here in the United States where the needs are identified.

Prayer Shawl resumes: Prayer shawl will meet **every third Tuesday** from 10-12. Please contact Sharon McAtee at 319-827-6154 if you are in need of a shawl.

Parish Ed Volunteers Needed: ALC is looking for someone to help with Parish Ed. We have Wednesday Worship every other Wednesday from 6:15-7 PM. Working together as a team, one person does the lesson, another the craft or other activity, and another a snack or other activity. We cancel for bad weather. Contact Christy Phillips christystitch@yahoo.com to volunteer.

ELCA National Youth Gathering: We have six high school members (along with 3 adult leaders) who are excited to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next July! Please pray for us as we organize, plan, and fundraise! This is a big undertaking as we navigate this process, and raise money so this isn't a financial burden on anyone that attends. If you have ideas for ways we can raise funds, please reach out to Sara Borland or Beth Stanek. Be on the lookout for updates and opportunities to support us!

Please keep in your prayers: Stephanie Winkelpleck, the family of Rayla Tonne, and Emelia Dahl Jacobson. Send cards to Emelia at Hiawatha Care Center, Room 53, 405 North 15th Avenue, Hiawatha, IA 52233.

Update on Steph: Her 100 days of isolation are done as of Friday (August 25th), just in time to take Neva to her first day of preschool. She continues to go to Iowa City weekly for labs and appointments with her transplant team. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

Rayla Tonne's mother passed away last week. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. The funeral was held Friday September 8th.

Quilters: Will meet on the first and fourth Tuesday of the month starting Oct. 3rd.

The Call Committee: Our Ministry Site Profile was approved by the ELCA Synod back in the Spring. A joint meeting with Pastor Liz Albert and Zion was held shortly after it was submitted. We are currently waiting on a prospective referral from the Synod to start the interview process. At this time, we are unable to determine how long it will be before we have any referrals.

Retreat Saturday Oct. 7th 9-4: Looking for quiet time for reflection and growth in your relationship to the Holy One? Come to a one day retreat with 1) Quiet Prayer in the Presence of the Holy One; 2) Time to meet individually with another about your Journey; 3) Quiet time under the Canopy of Creation; 4) Quiet time to journal, walk an indoor labyrinth, read, walk indoors or outdoors, pray, yoga; 5) An optional introduction to Quiet Prayer in the Presence of the Holy One (known as Centering Prayer); 6) Group sung prayer; and 7) A catered lunch. The only cost for this event is a donation for the day's expenses. The event itself will be led by local people. If you are planning to attend, please Email **CONElowa@gmail.com** with your name and phone number no later than Monday, October 2. No further registration is needed. More details will be shared with persons who register.

EVENTS

Sunday worship services will be at **10am from August-November**

Women's Bible Study:
On Hiatus until September

Council Meeting:
Monday August 14th

August Ushers
Mary Adams
Sheila Collins

August Deacons
August 6 Christy Phillips
August 13 Maureen Even
August 20 Christy Phillips
August 27 Barb Hayek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Military members: Christa Leach has been deployed and will return in June. Jordan and Justin continue their monthly drills with the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is a student at Iowa State and in the Army Reserves. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

If you know of anyone else serving in the armed forces, please contact the church office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

Oct 1 Pastor Dennis Hanson
Oct 8 Pat Benda
Oct 15 Pastor Dan Mixdorf
Oct 22 Pastor Luther Thoresen
Oct 29 Phil Borleske



OCTOBER

Celebrations

October Birthdays

Brian Hill	10/1	Owen Thompson	10/11	Grace Thompson	10/21
Janet Wright	10/1	Braden Knight	10/14	Chris Jacobsen	10/22
Harper Westpfahl	10/4	Hannah Knight	10/14	Keira Schares	10/22
Jerry Blad	10/6	Joe Kopplin	10/14	Jason Thompson	10/23
Travis Clayton	10/6	Joellen Yeager	10/14	Marcy Ruckdaschel	10/24
Marci Dahl	10/6	Tom Soppe	10/16	Kaleb Tyler	10/24
Greg Sondag	10/6	Susan Venem	10/16	Gabriella Zabloudil	10/24
Tina Bagenstos	10/7	Neva Winkelpleck	10/16	Mason Brower	10/26
Brock Collins	10/7	Kristi Clayton	10/17	Amber Haack	10/26
Brody Vogel	10/7	Nikki Elenz	10/17	Jaymn Loyd	10/26
Harold Clayton II	10/8	Danni Kopplin	10/17	Michelle Krivanek	10/28
Sara Jacobsen	10/8	Cara Zanker	10/18	Randy Frush	10/29
Michael Menuey Jr.	10/8	Kash Niichel	10/19	Jennifer Swanson	10/31
Hunter Weber	10/8	Owen Riggs	10/19	Jennifer Swanson	10/31
Sue Rigdon	10/9	Joyce Wright	10/19		

October Wedding Anniversaries

Jason & Brandy Furler	10/1/2005	17
Dan & Marci Dahl	10/6/2007	15
Wayne & Susan Venem	10/10/1995	27
Seph & Jenna Amling	10/11/2014	8
David & Marcy Ruckdaschel	10/11/1997	25
Nathan & Katie Stalheim	10/16/2010	12
Jason & Christa Thompson	10/25/2008	14

October Baptisms

Steve Bigwood	10/1	Ethan Wyant	10/11	Nikki Hemmer	10/19
Mike Mostek Sr.	10/1	Dave Wyant	10/12	Joe Kopplin	10/19
Kyle Thompson	10/2	Payton Westpfahl	10/13	Kristine McMartin	10/19
Tom Hoey	10/3	Paul Anhalt	10/14	Sara Jacobsen	10/24
Dennis Ricklefs	10/3	Brady Hemmer	10/17	Carmen McAtee	10/24
Ben Thompson	10/7	Maxwell Kopplin	10/17	Susan Venem	10/24
Connie Collins	10/8	Curtis Bate	10/18	Ryan Willams	10/24
Teresa Merkel	10/11	Joyce Becker	10/19	Carrie Masteller	10/25
				Jerry Blad	10/29
				Missy Weber	10/29