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2023 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
			6:15-7pm Worship Wednesday	9:30am Women's Bible Study		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
All Saints Sunday 10am Worship and Communion						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
24th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion 7pm Joint Council Meeting at Zion	6:30pm Council Meeting	9am Quilting	6:15-7pm Worship Wednesday 6:30 Worship & Music Meeting			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion		Prayer Shawl 10-12	4pm Eccumenical Thanksgiving Service at Barclay United Presbyterian Church in Waterloo			
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
26th Sunday after Pentecost/ Christ The King Sunday 10am Worship and Communion		9am Quilting	6:15-7pm Worship Wednesday			
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
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Deacons/Readers

Nov. 5 - Christy Phillips

Nov. 12 - Barb Hayek

Nov. 19 - Sheila Collins

Nov. 26 - Maureen Even

Ushers Captains

Jim and Cindy Gosse

LAMP NEWSLETTER



LSI ARTICLE AND STORY

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National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children and teens. This month at LSI, we celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption and raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children needing a safe, healthy home.

Iowa foster families, like the Smiths*, raise the bar by opening their loving households to children and teens in need of a place to call home.

At LSI, we understand the importance of keeping youth in their communities to help maintain connections and stability during times of transition. So, when our staff received a referral for a teenage girl needing foster care placement, they looked inward toward the community.

At the time, homes in the area were either full or not open to accepting teenage placements. Coincidentally, the Smiths were present at a meeting the same night the referral came in. When they heard about Rebecca's* situation, they immediately knew who the child was and wanted to help in any way they could.

The Smiths were already over their licensing capacity, having been granted a variance to accept a sibling group. To be able to bring Rebecca into their home, they would need to be given another variance, which was almost unheard of.

"It was by chance, or the grace of God, that the Smiths were able to accept another child, and give Rebecca a stable placement with a family in her community," said Dawn Luetje, LSI Director of Resource Family Licensing and Support, working in conjunction with Four Oaks Family Connections.

Thanks to the combined support of the Smiths, LSI staff, and the community, Rebecca was placed in the foster home, where she could maintain her daily activities with the teachers, coaches, and friends

she was comfortable with. Rebecca continues to thrive in a stable, loving foster home environment and a caring community.

Stories like these are possible through our many community partners and generous donors. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

**Names have been changed to protect client privacy.*

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 September Council Meeting September 11, 2023

President Christy Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm. Present were Christy Phillips, Sue Hoey, Barb Hayek, Beth Stanek, Shirley Bergman, and Sheila Collins. Mitchell Hayek joined on speaker phone. Cindy Gosse was absent.

Christy Phillips led devotions.

Sheila Collins made a motion to approve the agenda with one addition to New Business. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of August was \$11,104.77. Beth Stanek made a motion to transfer \$1,104.77 to the General Savings and Emergency Fund. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 Council meeting. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – Cake, fruit, and bars were provided for fellowship following Confirmation on August 20.

Memorial – The committee met on September 5, 2023 to review the policy. Beth Stanek made a motion to publish the existing policy to the LAMP and the website. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried.

Parish Ed – Wednesday Worship begins September 20 and will be held every other Wednesday. On October 4 we will pack the school kits for Lutheran World Relief. The children's Christmas program will be December 17.

Presidents – No report.

Property – Parsonage: Beth Stanek made a motion to accept the bid from Even Family Tree Service to trim four trees for \$1,712.00. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried. Options were discussed for re-landscaping the east side between the driveway and the front door as well as thinning/removal of hostas.

Church: The elevator has passed inspection. Cindy Gosse is the contact person with the insurance company for setting up the sensors in the basement. Allied Glass has installed new weather stripping on the front doors. Christy Phillips will remind the new neighbor to the south about ALC's right to dump snow behind the parking lot. Barb Hayek made a motion to accept the agreement from JDR Snow Removal for the parsonage and church for the 2023/2024 winter. Second by Beth Stanek. Motion carried. The costs are the same as last year.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – No report.

Worship and Music – The committee met September 6. Hymns were chosen through November 23. We have had discussions with Jesup Ministerial Association about an ecumenical Thanksgiving service and Christmas Caroling.

Youth – The planned “God's Work Our Hands” volunteer project was canceled by the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Six youth have signed up to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024.

Three leaders will also be going. Registration, transportation, and fundraising plans are underway.

Call – Still waiting for any applicants.

New Business

Tree Trimming at Parsonage – See Property Report.

First Communion Classes – Sue Hoey will inquire if there are any interested students.

Committee Budgets – Council would appreciate input from the committees about expenses/projects they would like included in the proposed budget for 2024.

We hope to plan a Christmas Eve service at ALC at 4:30 pm. Other Holiday services are being discussed with ZLC and the Jesup Ministerial Association.

Old Business

Beth Stanek made a motion to approve the new Secretary/Resource Coordinator Job Description. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried. The job opening will be posted for applicants in the Bulletin, LAMP, Website, and Facebook page.

Confirmation classes have begun with 3 students attending from ALC. Candy Lompe is the instructor.

Blessing of School kits for LWR will be done at the October 8 worship service.

Pulpit Supply is filled through November 2023.

Correspondence – None.

Deacon Assignments for October

1 – Sheila Collins

8 – Lay Minister Pat Benda (no communion)

15 -

22 – Christy Phillips

29 – Sue Hoey

Sheila Collins made a motion to adjourn. Second by Shirley Bergman. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Collins,

Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: There will be a **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service** on Wednesday, November 22 at 4 pm at Barclay United Presbyterian Church at 9008 Newell Street, Waterloo. They are

looking for anyone who would like to do special music during the service.

Wednesday Worship Children's Christmas Program: will be Sunday, December 17 at 8:30 am.

All Saints Remembrance: Please let the secretary know if you would like a candle lit for a loved one on All Saints Sunday November 4th.

secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org

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.

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.

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!** Our first fundraiser will be a redeemable can and bottle drive on November 19 from 2-5 pm. Drop your cans off at the trailer at church, or leave them on the curb if you live in town and we'll pick them up! Have a lot of cans, or need some help? Give us a call to make arrangements. Call Beth at (319) 427-4453 or Sara at (319) 230-8223.

Other upcoming fundraisers include a bake sale at the Jesup Winter Carnival, a parents' night out babysitting event, a pizza sale, and a spring yard cleanup. Watch Facebook, or the bulletin for more information!

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.

Please keep in your prayers: Emelia Dahl Jacobson - Send cards to Emelia at Hiawatha Care Center, Room 53, 405 North 15th Avenue, Hiawatha, IA 52233. **Stephanie Winkelpleck** continues to go to Iowa City weekly for labs and appointments with her transplant team. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

The Call Committee: Our Ministry Site Profile was approved by the ELCA Synod back in the Spring. A joint meeting with Pastor Liz Albertson Bell 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.

Join us to decorate for the Advent/Christmas season! The Youth Group and friends will be decorating for the Christmas season after worship on Sunday, Nov. 26, at approximately 11 am. All are welcome to join us! We will again take them down after the New Year.

Joint Council Meeting: There will be a joint council meeting on November 12 at 7pm at Zion to discuss worship times and holiday services.

EVENTS

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

All Saints Sunday

Sunday November 5th

Council Meeting:

Monday November 13th

Joint Council Meeting:

Sunday November 12th at 7pm at Zion Lutheran

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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:

Nov 5 Pastor Phil Borleske

Nov 12 Pastor Luther Thoresen

Nov 19 Pastor Dan Mixdorf

Nov 26 Pastor Phil Borleske

Celebrations

November Wedding Anniversaries

Mike & Amy Schares	11/3/2007	15
Greg & Crystal Lysne	11/6/2010	12
Ryan & Katherine Even	11/14/2009	13
Michael & Tricia George	11/22/2008	14
Linda & Greg Sondag	11/29/1980	42

November Birthdays

Robert Clayton I	11/1	Tessa Clayton	11/10	Chad Frahm	11/23
Amanda Ruehs	11/2	Wayne Venem	11/10	Ryan Wilson	11/23
Peggy Shaffer	11/2	Gene Anhalt	11/12	Barb Hayek	11/24
Adam Soppe	11/2	Alexis Smith	11/12	Brandy Furler	11/26
Steve Bigwood	11/5	Cody Clayton	11/13	Cody Haack	11/26
Dannette McAtee	11/5	Kenny Schares	11/16	Denny Becker	11/27

Wyatt Thompson	11/5	Katie Stalheim	11/17	J R Yonkovic Jr.	11/27
Amy Wilson	11/6	Tyler Ohl	11/19	Brett Waring	11/28
Heather Anderson	11/7	Heath Wyant	11/20	Brad Schmit	11/29
Nick Morrissey	11/7	Skylar Blad	11/21	Kelsey Schares	11/30
Dakoda Wolf	11/7	Steve Pederson	11/21	Teresa Wust	11/30
Brian Hayek	11/9	Connie Jones	11/22		
Sue Hoey	11/9	Marilyn Peterson	11/22		

November Baptisms

Dakota Putnam	11/1	Hunter Weber	11/14	Charlie Rod	11/24
Tom Soppe	11/1	Joel Zummak	11/14	Kenny Schares	11/24
Tricia George	11/3	Nikki Elenz	11/15	Ryder Hansel	11/25
Susan Crow	11/4	Brock Collins	11/16	Dannette McAtee	11/25
Harold Clayton I	11/5	Marci Dahl	11/16	Adam Soppe	11/25
Robert Clayton II	11/5	Corbin Frush	11/17	Amber Haack	11/26
Paula Clayton	11/5	Owen Thompson	11/17	Scott Shaffer	11/26
Mitchell McMartin	11/5	Jamisyn Amling	11/18	Jennifer Swanson	11/26
Dakoda Wolf	11/6	Austin Ohl	11/18	Denny Becker	11/28
David Ruckdaschel	11/8	Dorothy Thompson	11/18	Alicia Collett	11/28
Greg Sondag	11/8	Greenley Brower	11/20	Chris Collett	11/28
Kristi Clayton	11/9	Jacob Leach	11/20	Jeffery Conner	11/28
Chris Jacobsen	11/9	Kala Fox	11/21	Tina Bagenstos	11/29
Lainey Bahe	11/11	Randy Frush	11/21	Thomas Jones	11/29
Harrison Bistline	11/12	Cindy Gosse	11/22	Beth Stanek	11/29
Brian Jones	11/12	Owen Riggs	11/24	Brett Shaffer	11/30