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“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Romans 15:7

April 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl	3 7pm Lenten Worship 7:30 Confrimtion	4 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Hospitatlity Committee meeting	5	6
Pastor away at Women's Retreat ----->						
7 Consecration Sunday 9am Worship and Communion 10:15 Celebration Brunch	8	9 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl	10 3:30-5:15 Jam at UMC 7pm Lenten Worship 7:30 Confrimtion	11	12	13
14 Sunday of the Passion 9am Worship and Communion 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Church Art Workshop 4pm VBS Mtg at St. A's	15	16 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl	17 5-6pm Be Our Guest Meal	18	19 4:30pm Decorate the Church	20
21 Easter Sunday 8am Early Easter Service 9am Easter Breakfast 10am Late Easter Service	22	23 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl	24 3:30-5:15 Jam at UMC 5-6pm Be Our Guest Meal 6-6:30 Chime Choir Rehearsal 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 Confrimtion	25	26	27
28 Second Sunday of Easter 9am Contemporary Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 11:30-6:30 Taste of Ewalu	29	30 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl 8:30pm Memorial Committee meeting	1	2	3	4
Pastor at Continuing Ed ----->						
5	6	NOTES	Council President: Sara Borland 319-230-8223 Pastor, Kristen Corr Rod 563-212-1366 Church Phone: 827-6626 Web Address: www.americanlutheranjesup.org Church e-mail: secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org Pastor's e-mail: pastor@americanlutheranjesup.org			

Ushers, Readers, and Communion Assistants

March Readers & Communion Assistants

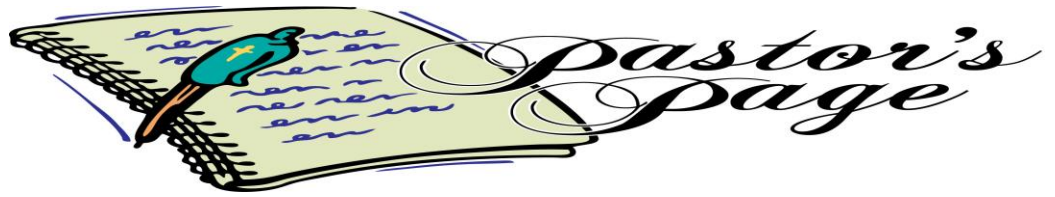
April 7: Loren Corkery
 April 14: Maureen Even
 April 21: Christy Phillips (Early)
 Mike Waring (Late)
 April 28: Wayne Schneider

April Ushers

Mike and Chris Waring
 Dave & Jeni Wyant



Dear friends in
Christ,



In this Lenten
season, our special

Lenten offerings will go to three places-- the Buchanan County Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Program. With this in mind, I wanted to tell you a bit more about the YAGM program.

Young Adults in Global Mission is a program of the ELCA that began in 1999. Young adults, age 21-29, are invited into a transformative year of international service. They volunteer for the year, serving as the hands and feet of Jesus in a particular setting in the world, and learning from the people among whom they live and serve. They worship at Lutheran churches in the geographic area they serve. They do work involving things like education, faith formation, health, development, human rights, homelessness, addiction recovery.

The Northeastern Iowa Synod has a companion relationship with the Lutheran Church in Hungary, and we are very fortunate to have a YAGM site in Hungary as well. This year, there are 7 YAGMs serving in Central Europe. They begin their year of service in August & September with an in-country orientation, where they learn the languages of Hungarian and Serbian, depending on the specific site where they will serve.

Many of the YAGMs in Central Europe work specifically with the Roma community. The Roma people are a persecuted minority in central Europe, and they have often been taught that they are less valuable than other people. Many of them do not have the resources to have a good quality of life. The YAGMs work to empower the Roma people and to help them know that they are worthy of God's love. They teach them farming techniques and teach them to express themselves through art, and they help provide them with an education.

Many participants in the YAGM program come home to America with a renewed sense of call to serve God. Several of them go on to seminary to become pastors; others become other types of leaders in their faith communities. Young Adults in Global Mission is an amazing program, and we are proud to help support it!

Christ's peace,
Pastor Kristen

**American Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
February 18, 2019**



President Sara Borland called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present at the meeting were Sara Borland, Wayne Schneider, Kaye Jones, Christy Phillips, Pastor Kristen and Mike Waring. Loren Corkery arrived at 6:32PM. Absent was Christa Leach and Maureen Even.

Devotions was led Pastor Kristen.

Everyone mentioned a high and low for the past month. Pastor read the daily devotion from Bread for the Day.

Secretary's Report—Wayne Schneider made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Council meeting. Kaye Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wayne Schneider made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Special Council meeting after the annual congregational meeting. Kaye Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Wayne Schneider made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Mike Waring seconded the motion. Motion carried. The balance in the checkbook at the end of January was \$264.66.

Committee Reports:

Abundant Life—will be meeting on February 21, 2019. Pastor Mark Anderson will be coming and talking on getting started with stewardship,

Hospitality—no meeting

Parish Ed—VBS will be held July 28 – Aug 1 at St A's

Property—they met and decided to turn the heat up in the basement for Sunday School instead of installing base heaters.

Scholarship—no meeting

Technology—no meeting

Worship & Music—the sound system is working again.

Youth-no meeting

Audit—council received and reviewed the results from the audit. Cyndi Gosse, Connie Jones and Dorothy Thompson audited the church records on January 16, 2019. There were a couple of suggestions they made for the records; otherwise everything was fine.

Pastor's Report:

In the last month:

2 home communion visits

1 funeral: Deborah Bohling (a person with Jesup connections who is not affiliated with any church; Brian White asked me to do this funeral)

2 worship services at Independence care facilities

I attended the monthly Pastor's Conference Meeting of the Jubilee Conference

The snow has been frustrating this last month or so; I haven't been able to do as many visits as I'd like, and we have had to cancel many Confirmation classes and the last 2 Be Our Guest meals. Hopefully that doesn't continue!

The Christian Unity service had low attendance, but it went well. I really enjoy working with other churches on efforts like this.

JAM will begin again on Wed, Feb 27 at the United Methodist Church. JAM will be held after school on Feb 27, March 13, 20, and 27, and April 10 and 24. The final program will be on the evening of May 1.

On Tuesday, Feb 19, I will be attending Lutheran Day on the Hill. This is an event put on by LSI where people go to the state capital in Des Moines and talk with congresspeople about supporting LSI's priorities. This year's legislative priorities are 1. Increased funding for Iowa's child welfare services, 2. Accountability and oversight for Iowa's Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, and 3. Support for services that empower refugees. I have never been to Lutheran Day on the Hill before, and I'm excited to go!

On Thursday, Feb 21 I will lead worship at a care facility in Independence.

On Sunday, Feb 24-Tuesday, Feb 26, I will be attending a gathering for Women Rostered Leaders in the Northeastern Iowa Synod. This event will be held at Camp EWALU.

Ash Wednesday will be on March 6. Our worship service will be at 7pm. We will also have Lenten worship at 7pm on March 13, 20, 27, and April 3 & 10. The theme for these services will be "Stories from the Early Church," and the music will be Holden Evening Prayer led by Kristin and Alyssa Hoey.

The Taste of Camp EWALU event will happen this year on Sunday, March 17. We will leave after Sunday school, have lunch at the camp, get a wagon ride, try the low ropes course, and cook our supper over the campfire. All are invited! I have put suggested donation as \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, with the rest of the cost coming from our Luther League Youth Ministry Fund. I have also invited Pastor Mike and the people from Zion Jubilee to come, they are hoping to increase camp participation at their congregation.

Pr. Mark Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop, was able to secure a scholarship for me to go to a Continuing Ed event called "Generosity Transformed," which will be held in Indianapolis on April 29-May 1. Hopefully this will help me get lots of stewardship ideas I can share with the congregation!

New Business:

Ash Wednesday will be held on March 6, 2019 at 7 PM

Lenten Soup Suppers were discussed. Be Our Guest will have the suppers the last two Wednesdays of March.

Lenten Offering—Kaye Jones made a motion to have \$365 to go to the Young Adults in Global Mission, \$130 to go to Habitat for Humanity in Independence and \$100 to go to the Food Pantry in Independence for meat processing. Any amount above these amounts to go to the Lutheran Chaplaincy in Iowa City. Mike Waring seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discuss/confirm meeting time for future council meetings will stay the same on the second Monday of the month.

Goal setting—Sara discussed some goals she would like to see with the church and Wayne mentioned some goals with improvements for the church,

Memorial Committee—it was discussed to start a Memorial Committee for the church. This would allow members who want to give a memorial for their loved ones can go to the committee and get ideas. Wayne Schneider made a motion to start a Memorial Committee. Mike Waring seconded the motion. Motion carried. JoEllen Yeager will be one of the members of the committee. If interested on being on the committee, please see Pastor Kristen.

Welcome letters from other churches—Kaye Jones shared a welcome letter from a church they visited recently. It was discussed on what we could do to welcome visitors. Sara Borland will reach out to Maureen Even, Sharon McAtee and the hospitality committee on sending a letter to visitors. Kaye Jones is willing to help with this also.

Speaker Donation—the noisy offering will go to the Wartburg Pinnacle until March 17.

Old Business:

Outgoing/incoming council meal/celebration—has been put on hold

Financial paperwork/transition—Loren Corkery was elected as Treasurer at the annual congregational meeting held on January 20, 2019.

Organ repair—Alan Wright still has the board and is waiting for a part to be able to fix it

Furnace repair—Independence Plumbing & Heating fixed the furnace.

Correspondence:

Oaks Indian Mission is asking for a donation for a new cottage. This could possibly be a noisy offering donation.

Received a thank you from the Independence Food Pantry for pork processing.

Deacon assignments were given for March.

Wayne Schneider made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Kaye Jones and Mike Waring seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Phillips
Secretary



Jesus is given freely through Holy Communion

I have a good friend who always looks for the “for you” in every sermon. She wants the preacher to move beyond the theological and the academic to the Good News of Jesus Christ that is “for you.”



I know, as a preacher, that sometimes I miss that hoped-for goal. However, there is one place that the “for you” is clearly spoken and received. It is one of the most evangelical moments in my life. The bread and wine are offered without condition. Jesus is given freely and becomes a part of my body as surely as I am a part of his.

I am grateful when congregations make the sacrament of Holy Communion available as often as possible to as many people as possible. *Use of the Means of Grace* is a helpful study guide in assisting congregations to make changes that allow for that to happen.

The congregation that I served experienced significant growth with two general groups of people when we moved to every Sunday communion. The first ones were those, particularly nurses, whose shift rotations sometimes prevented them from receiving the sacrament for months at a time. The other group was divorced Roman Catholics who could no longer commune, but had a deep appreciation for the sacrament and the liturgy of the church.

When congregations make the sacrament available to young children, it is helpful to hold classes for them and their parents. The children benefit from learning together with their parents. The greatest beneficiaries are almost always the parents.

I will always remember one child demonstrating how he held his hands to receive the body of Christ. One hand was placed on top of the other. “I make a manger for Jesus,” he explained to me.

That is the Gospel that we celebrate. Once again, I encourage your congregation to seek to expand the availability of Holy Communion to the baptized. You can count on renewal in the congregation and new voices of witness.

— Steven L. Ullestad
Bishop, Northeastern Iowa Synod

Find the “Use of the Means of Grace” guide at these locations:

Download at http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/The_Use_Of_The_Means_Of_Grace.pdf.

Purchase at <https://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5981/The-Use-of-the-Means-of-Grace>.

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Events

Be Our Guest

APRIL 17:

Fish Sandwich, Chips, Veggie Tray, Jell-O

APRIL 24:

Creamed Chicken on Biscuits, Green Beans, Ice Cream



Be Our Guest

Holy Week worship services and activities:

- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14, 9:00am
- All Ages Church Art Workshop, April 14, 10:15am
- Maundy Thursday shared service, April 18, 7:00pm at ALC (First Presbyterian and First United Methodist will also be participating in this service)
- Good Friday shared service, April 19, 7:00pm at UMC (ALC and First Presbyterian will also be participating in this service)
- Easter Sunday early service, April 21, 8:00am
- Easter Breakfast, April 21, 9:00am
- Easter Sunday late service, April 21, 10:00am

Consecration Sunday and Celebration Brunch: Our Consecration Sunday Worship Service will take place on Sunday, April 7, and will be followed by a catered Celebration Brunch! Consecration Sunday is a time to reflect on what we give to God, because of all that God has given us. There is no cost to the brunch, but we would like reservations; call the church office at 319-827-6626 to reserve your spot!

Easter Breakfast: Easter Breakfast will be served at 9am between the early and late Easter services. Please join us for this celebration. A freewill donation will be taken to add to our Lenten offerings.

Decorate the Church: Please join us in decorating the church for Easter at 4:30pm on Friday April 19th.

Taste of EWALU: Join us on **April 28** for a taste of Camp EWALU! We will enjoy lunch in the main dining hall, a wagon ride tour of camp, adventures on the low ropes course, campfire songs, and supper cooked over the campfire. We will leave the church at 11:30am and return around 6:30pm. All are welcome, and feel free to invite friends as well! Suggestion donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child attending, payable to the ALC Luther League Youth Ministry Fund. Please let Pastor Kristen know if you plan to attend.

Senior Citizen Luncheon: Jesup Community School Cafeteria, April 17th, 2019 ant 11:00 a.m., Cost \$3.65 per person. For reservations call (319) 827-1700 ext. 1301

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School/VBS Planning Meeting: The Jesup Community-Wide Vacation Bible School will be held this summer at St. A's, July 28-Aug 1, 5:45-8:15pm. Watch for registration materials coming soon! Our first **VBS planning meeting** will take place on Sunday, April 14, at 4:00pm at St. A's.

All Ages Church Art Workshop: Everyone is invited to a painting workshop after worship on April 14. We will be painting canvases with an Easter theme, which will be hung around the church building throughout the Easter season. Supplies, including canvases, paintbrushes, washable paint, and painting ideas will be provided; please let Pastor Kristen know if you plan to attend so we have enough materials.

Announcements

Homebound members:

Mae Christopherson is at ABCM East Village in Independence

Margaret Thom is at Winding Creek in Jesup

Mary Jo Sullivan is at Grand View in Oelwein

Military members:

Christa Leach is in the Air Force Reserves and will be deployed from January to August 2019.

Christa Leach

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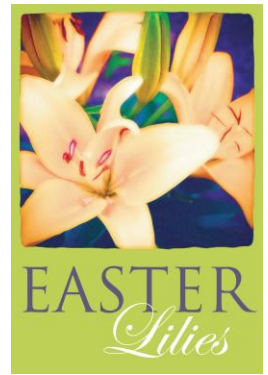
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If you know of anyone else serving in the armed forces, please contact the church office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org).or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

Prayer Requests:

Mae Christopherson is currently receiving hospice care.

Margaret Thom is currently receiving hospice care.



Easter Lilies: Easter Lily orders will be taken until Sunday April 14th. The price is \$10 per plant. Order forms are included in your bulletins. Please place your order forms and payments in the offering plate. (Make Checks payable to American Lutheran Church and place Easter Lilies in the memo line of checks).

Communion during Lent: This year, we will receive communion weekly during the season of Lent. We believe that in communion, Jesus gives his body and blood for us, and through this meal gives us grace and forgiveness of sins, and we'd like to emphasize that grace and forgiveness especially during this Lenten season.

Informational Binder: There is a new binder outside of the secretary's office filled with information about American Lutheran Church, newsletters and magazines from the larger church, missions we support, local resources, and other materials, including the Fellowship Sign Up Sheet. Check it out!

Food Pantry Needs: The Independence Area Food Pantry is currently in need of peanut butter and personal care items like toothpaste. Please place any donations for the food pantry in the entryway of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Camp EWALU Brochures: It's time to start planning your summer adventures! Brochures for EWALU Bible Camp are available on the table outside the secretary's office. Scholarships are available for any youth who would like to attend.

Kit Collection for Lutheran World Relief: We are collecting personal care items for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed for donation can be found on the bulletin board in the back of the church and placed in the back of the sanctuary. Please return all items by **April 7**. Each kit contains the following items:

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*

ONE sturdy comb

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Flood Bucket Collection: There is an urgent need for Flood Buckets in Iowa!

The Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA Lutheran Church distributes Flood Buckets to people affected by flooding, but during the current flood, they are running low on their inventory! They are calling on people throughout northeast Iowa to donate the supplies needed for flood buckets. Each bucket needs:

- *1 5-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid (nothing that has held chemicals)
- *4 scouring pads
- *One scrub brush
- *7 sponges, assorted sizes (at least 1 hefty sponge for washing mold)
- *18 reusable cleaning towels
- *one 12 oz. bottle of Lysol concentrated disinfectant
- *one 25 oz. of liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn)
- *one 50 oz or two 25 oz bottles of liquid laundry detergent
- *one package of 48-50 clothespins
- *Clothesline, two 50ft or one 100ft
- *Two pairs latex gloves (long heavy duty, like Playtex dishwashing gloves)
- *One pair work gloves
- *28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- *one 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops, or lotion, no aerosol)

Special Lenten Offering: Our special Lenten offering, given at the Wednesday evening Lenten services, and any other offering specifically marked for Lent will be divided between the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program, Habitat for Humanity, and the Independence Area Food Pantry. Thank you for generously supporting these ministries!

Fellowship Hosts

Fellowship hosts are needed for 2019. Please sign up in the binder outside the secretary's office.

ALC spring cleaning, March 2019: A shout out to the 29 volunteers who worked to clean at American Lutheran. After worship March 24 the cleaning was broken down by rooms and tasks into 15 to 30-minute jobs. All woodwork in the sanctuary was washed, all windows in the educational addition were cleaned, and general dusting was done.

Additionally, in March, all sanctuary beams were dusted, all ceiling light covers were cleaned, and padded stacking chairs were washed and cleaned. Outside, bushes were trimmed, and leaves were cleaned out of landscaping beds. Many hands make light work. Thank you all for your efforts and gift of time.-- Property Committee

Notes from Worship and Music

<u>Praise team:</u>		<u>Chime Choir</u>	
Weds April 24	7pm Praise team rehearsal	Weds. April 24	6pm Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sun. April 28	Contemporary Service	Sun. April 28	Chime Choir Performs at Service

Know anyone who could offer the gift of special music in 2019? Contact Shirley Bergman at bergmansa@hotmail.com or call 319- 239-0031 to discuss options.

Celebrations

April Birthdays

Jeremy Anhalt	4/1	Rosemary Zummak	4/8	Grace Stalheim	4/20
Rayann Vogel	4/1	Kelsey McLeod	4/10	Bryan Tonne	4/20
Krishna Tonne	4/2	Mitchell McMartin	4/13	Joe Rolison	4/21
Michael Winblade	4/2	Iva Ruehs	4/13	Alisa Clayton	4/24
Ronald Bushkofsky	4/5	Carol Ricklefs	4/14	Pat Winblade	4/25
Chris Jones	4/5	Natalie Schares	4/14	Alyssa Hoey	4/26
Sydney Engbretson	4/6	Laurie Even	4/15	Kristin Hoey	4/26
Jen Bistline	4/7	Callen Yonkovic	4/15	Steve Hanson	4/28
Kristin Johnson	4/7	Emerson Tegtmeyer	4/16	Riley Mihm	4/30
Logan Krivanek	4/8	Ella Krivanek	4/17		

April Wedding Anniversaries

Jeff & Wendi Bjorheim	2/7/1997	22
Jack & Nikki Hemmer	2/8/1997	22
Randy & Iva Ruehs	2/14/1981	38
Donald & Lorelei Williams	2/14/1993	26
Don & Dawna Smith	2/23/1985	34



April Baptisms

Glen Anderson	4/1	Danni Kopplin	4/12	Brooklyn Jacobsen	4/20
Alan Renner	4/1	Shane Witt	4/13	Shawn Even	4/21
Ron Gosse	4/2	Shirley Bergman	4/15	Eric Olson	4/23
Teresa Wust	4/3	Mackenzie Wilson	4/15	Brea Witt	4/24
Christina Conner	4/4	Joyce Wright	4/15	Lauryn Witt	4/24
Daryl Rachuy	4/4	Harold Clayton II	4/16	Layne Witt	4/24
Stephanie Yonkovic	4/4	Alisa Clayton	4/16	Kristin Johnson	4/26
Alaena Milner	4/8	Brian Hill	4/16	Chris Waring	4/26
Greg Lysne	4/9	Tami Hill	4/16	Krishna Tonne	4/27
Larry Thompson	4/9	Luke Gosse	4/17	Kyler Bly	4/28
Monica Hill	4/10	Kayla Schutte	4/17	Mitchell Hayek	4/28
Kyler Lysne	4/10	Wyatt Thompson	4/17	Chad Hill	4/28
Don Smith	4/10	Mike Waring	4/18	Jennifer Wilson	4/28
Wendi Bjorheim	4/12	Wendell Erpelding	4/19	Kelly Wolf	4/28
Hayden Johnson	4/12	Mike Peters	4/19	Gage Sebetka	4/30
Hunter Johnson	4/12	Gabriella Zabloudil	4/19		
Mya Johnson	4/12	Mike Bistline	4/20		