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SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Third Sunday of Easter 10:00am Service Potluck Picnic to follow in W City Park		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl		9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC		
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00am Service	6:30pm Council Meeting	10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl		1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00am Service		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl		1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:00am Service		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	6pm Mid-Week Boost	1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC		
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:00am Service		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl		1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
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<p>Readers</p> <p>May 1:</p> <p>May 8:</p> <p>May 15: Maureen Even</p> <p>May 22:</p> <p>May 29:</p>	<p>Ushers Captains</p> <p>Bergman family</p> <p>Nuehring family</p>
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LAMP NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

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Dear friends in Christ,

It is with mixed emotions that I share some news with you. I have accepted a call to serve as the Director for Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the Bishop for the Northeastern Iowa Synod. My last day at ALC and Jubilee will be Sunday, May 29, and at some point soon my family and I will be moving to Waverly, as this position is based out of the Synod office.

I was not looking to leave Jubilee and ALC, but when I saw the job description for this position, I felt God calling me to explore this possibility. In this new role, I will be working with people from the ELCA Churchwide office in Chicago, as well as synod staff and congregations around our synod. I will work with children, youth, family, and young adult ministries in our synod, as well as connecting with and supporting the camps and college ministries. I will work with and support congregations and pastors as they dream up new ideas for sharing God's justice and love throughout Northeast Iowa and beyond.

I have been at ALC for 5 ½ years, and we have been through a lot together. You are a lovely congregation with many passions and gifts. You have welcomed me and my crazy ideas. You have welcomed my family, and supported me as my family grew. You worked with me as we all tried to adapt to pandemic life and all the quick and confusing changes it has brought. You have approached this new pastor sharing agreement with grace and flexibility, and I think it has blossomed into a beautiful partnership between Jubilee and ALC. God is and will continue to be at work and strongly present in this place.

I will no longer be your pastor after May 30th, and won't be available for weddings, funerals, baptisms, counseling, or other pastoral acts. An Assistant to the Bishop from the NE IA Synod will soon reach out to the councils of ALC and Jubilee to talk about the next steps in the pastoral search process.

I will miss you all, and I am grateful for my time serving alongside you. I'm also pleased to know that in my new role as Synod staff I'll still be nearby and working in support of this community. During our last month together, as we say good-bye, we know that even in times of transition, God is the one who guides and sustains us all.

Christ's peace,
Pastor Kristen

Treasurer's Report

		2/28/2022	1/31/2022
CHECKING ACCOUNT			
Beginning balance 2/01/2022		\$21,353.63	\$20,070.23
Receipts			
Deposits		\$12,494.08	\$12,842.67
Transfer from Improvement		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Memorial		\$196.87	\$0.00
Transfer from General Savings		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Youth Ministry		\$154.33	\$0.00
Trnasfer from Benevolence		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Line of Credit-Current Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Line of Credit-Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Sub Total	\$34,198.91	\$32,912.90
Expenditures			
Checks		\$5,213.26	\$6,231.00
EFT payments		\$5,363.20	\$4,728.27
Transfer out for Simply Giving		\$0.00	\$550.00
Transfer to Memorial Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Benevolence		\$0.00	\$50.00
Sabbatical Set Aside		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to General Savings		\$5,000.00	
Pay to Line of Credit-Current Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Pay to Line of Credit-Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Sub Total	\$15,576.46	\$11,559.27
Ending Balance 2/28/2022		\$18,622.45	\$21,353.63
ACCOUNT BALANCES			
Improvement Fund		\$21,295.75	\$21,275.75
Memorial Fund		\$8,609.49	\$8,806.36
	Designated to Other Programs	\$7,558.70	
	Undesignated Funds	\$1,050.79	
General Savings Fund		\$5,427.68	\$427.68
Youth Ministry		\$6,162.51	\$6,316.84
Sabbatical Set Aside		\$3,608.83	\$3,608.83
Checking Account		\$18,622.45	\$21,353.63
Total		\$63,726.71	\$61,789.09
Banklowa Line of Credit - Current Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Banklowa Line of Credit - Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$63,726.71	\$61,789.09

**American Lutheran Church
March Council Meeting
March 14, 2022**

Vice President Sue Hoey called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm both in person and electronically on Zoom. Present were Pastor Kristen Corr Rod, Sue Hoey, Maureen Even, and Shirley Bergman. Joining on Zoom were Loren Corkery, Christa Leach, Mitchell Hayek, and Sheila Collins. Absent was Beth Stanek.

Sue Hoey led devotions by reading “A Penny’s Worth” by Allie Braun, used by permission from the *Wartburg College Trumpet*.

Election of President – Beth Stanek, elected President at the February council meeting in her absence, declined the position. Vice President Sue Hoey agreed to become President. Sheila Collins nominated Shirley Bergman as Vice President. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – The checking account balance at the end of February was \$18,622.45. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to move \$8,000.00 from the checking account to the general savings and emergency fund. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried. Christa Leach made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Secretary’s Report – Maureen Even made a motion to approve the Secretary’s Report with one correction. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried.

Committee Reports Note: Full committee reports are available in a binder outside the secretary’s office.

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – The quilts and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief will be blessed in worship on April 3 and packed for shipping on April 9. There will be fellowship after worship on March 27 for Camp Sunday.

Memorial – No report.

Parish Ed – This winter and spring, the Sunday School teachers are finding it easier to teach lessons just for the kids who show up that day, rather than inter-generational lessons. They are open to doing more inter-generational lessons if others are willing to help lead. Planning for VBS will happen soon. The Ministerial chose the evenings of August 14-17 for VBS this year.

Presidents – No report.

Property – Grell Roofing will assess the roof leak and give advice concerning the status of the sanctuary roof. Karr Tuck Pointing will assess leaks in the north wall and south wall of the sanctuary. The church insurance company will add smoke detector protection to our plan at no charge. Curry Construction has submitted a bid of \$3,580.00 (contingent on date of acceptance) to put a steel roof on the parsonage detached garage. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to authorize spending up to \$4,500.00 for Curry Construction to steel roof the parsonage detached garage. Second by Maureen Even. Motion carried.

Late winter trimming of shrubs will be done.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – The committee presented a proposal to purchase equipment to improve the video streaming setup for the sanctuary. It will be operated from the balcony using the existing sound system, which was thought to have a lower priority and will be updated at a future date. Maureen Even made a motion to approve the purchase of the proposed video streaming equipment at an estimated cost of \$1403.45 with money already designated from the memorial fund for technology upgrades. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried. A huge thank you to Anthony Bahe, Brian Tonne, and Charlie Rod for making this possible.

Worship and Music - The committee is thankful for recent volunteers for special music. Plans continue for a Wednesday evening “Midweek Boost” worship service with fellowship, to begin after Easter.

Youth – No report.

Pastor's Report - In the last month: 3 hospital visits (2 ALC, 1 Jubilee)

5 home communion visits (2 ALC, 3 Jubilee)

The ministerial pastors met and began planning for VBS. The dates are Sun-Wed, Aug 14-17 in the evenings. We have reserved the park so that we could have it there again if we decide to do that, or ALC could host. Later this month we will begin planning the Summer Food Program.

Joint Lenten services are going well. It makes me wonder if there would be interest in having joint worship services on Sunday mornings, maybe twice a year, once hosted by ALC and once hosted by Jubilee? Just something to think about.

The services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be held jointly with ALC, Jubilee, UMC, and FPC. Maundy Thursday will be hosted by ALC, and we will have a community choir at that service directed by someone from FPC. UMC will host Good Friday. Both services will be at 7 pm.

On Easter Sunday, (April 17), Jubilee will be having a sunrise service at 7 am instead of the usual 8:30 service. Do we want to move ALC's service earlier as well or keep it at 10am that day? (After council discussion, it was decided ALC will have an Easter donuts fellowship time at 8:30 am and Easter worship at 9:00 am).

I am working on scheduling a communion class for 3rd and 4th graders, hopefully sometime in the next month or so.

March 27 will be Camp Sunday and I am working on connecting with the camp families to see how they might be willing to be involved in the service.

Upcoming meetings– March 15 I have a meeting of the Food Pantry Board, March 19 I have a Synod Council meeting, and March 31 I will be participating in Synod Day of Renewal.

New Business

Maureen Even made a motion to approve the Youth, Parish Ed, and Nominating Committee policies. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried. Shirley Bergman made a motion to approve the Custodial Duties job description. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Church Directory updates on Google Drive have been completed.

Kristi Clayton will have use of the fellowship hall on July 16.

Old Business

Two delegates are needed for Synod Assembly June 10 and 11 at Wartburg College.

We are still searching for a council representative to fill the position temporarily held by Maureen Even.

Correspondence

A thank you was received from the NEIA Synod for \$12,099.00, which fulfilled our pledge to mission support for 2021.

Deacon Assignments – Were made for April.

Maureen Even made a motion to adjourn. Second by Shirley Bergman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins,
Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Boost: We enjoyed a fun pasta buffet, songs, story, and Resurrection Buns on Wednesday. Please consider hosting the next Midweek Boost, our alternative worship, on Wednesday, May 25.

Congregational picnic: The Parish Ed committee invites the whole congregation to a potluck picnic after the 10:00 am worship service on May 1, at the W city park across from Joe's Pizza. Please bring your own tableware, drinks, and a dish to share. All are welcome!

Synod Assembly: June 10-11, Friday and Saturday, NE Iowa Synod meets at Wartburg College with the theme "Better Together." Early bird registration for delegates is May 1. Contact Pastor or Sue Hoey.

Youth Group Mission Trip to Milwaukee June 6-9. The group will provide service to two specific missions: Tricklebee Cafe, a pay-as-you-can cafe, and the Urban Ecology Center, whose goal is to bring nature into urban areas. We will stay at the Urban Gathering Center housed inside Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church. In addition to the service work, the group will spend a little time exploring Milwaukee and having some fun at the lake & the zoo! **Communion Class:** Pastor will schedule a communion class for those in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade, after Easter. Please notify Pastor Kristen of your interest.

Vacation Bible School Save-The-Date: Aug 14-17. Our theme will be "Food Truck Party." More info will be coming soon!

Church Keys Inventory: If you have church keys you are not using, please return to the office with a note signing your name and key #/door. Thanks.

Support Ukrainian Refugees: To support Lutheran Disaster Response through the congregation, indicate "Eastern Europe Crisis" on your donation, or give online at <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-responseelca.org>.

Donations: ALC member **Stephanie Winkelpleck, diagnosed with** Acute Myeloid Leukemia, thanks you for your generous giving. To help, please designate your donation.

Caring **Bridge** link:
<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/stephaniewittwinkelpleck>.

Prayer Shawl meets Tuesdays, 10 AM - noon. Enjoy fellowship while knitting and crocheting. New members welcome. The shawls and blankets are shared with those who are ill, grieving, and in need of comfort.

Youth Group Mission Trip Scheduled for June 6-9

"To share God's love through works of service, and to grow in our awareness of need and diversity in the world outside of Jesup."

The Youth Group is planning a mission trip to Milwaukee June 6-9. The group will provide service to two specific missions: Tricklebee Cafe, a pay-as-you-can cafe, and the Urban Ecology Center, whose goal is to bring nature into urban areas. The group will be staying at the Urban Gathering Center which is housed inside Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church. In addition to the service work, the group will spend a little time exploring Milwaukee and having some fun at the lake & the zoo!

>>If you'd like to attend, please contact Pastor Kristen or Sara Borland

>>If you'd like to support, there are many ways:

1. Pray for us as we learn about life in an urban setting, and do God's work in the world.
2. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1,500 covered by Youth Ministry funds, but any additional financial support will help offset this. If you're inclined, please designate Youth Group Mission Trip on your weekly giving.
3. We'll be having a supply drive later this spring to gather needed items for our work and our trip, such as bottled water & snacks, as well as items to bring to our missions.

Please reach out to Sara Borland or Pastor Kristen with additional questions.



Our lives can be hectic, so we're trying an alternative worship time and experience— open to all. Our second Midweek Boost service will take place in the **Fellowship Hall at 6pm on Wednesday, May 25**, and will include a casual meal, moments of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration. Join us and invite a friend! (This service does not change regular Sunday worship.)

EVENTS

Sunday worship services will be at 10:00am April-July.

Sunday May 1st: Congregational Picnic at W City Park after the 10am worship.

Wednesday May 25th: 6pm Midweek Boost and meal.

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Military members: Jordan and Justin are deployed to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia for several months. Jeryn Loyd is in the Army Reserves and is a student at Iowa State. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We'd like to 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.

****Pastoral Care:** Pastor Kristen is available for pastoral care by phone at 563-212-1366.

Pastoral Office Hours: Thursdays (1:30-3pm).

Celebrations

May Birthdays

Isabella Bistline	5/2	Morgan Westpfahl	5/7	Keaton Lysne	5/20
Jesse Elenz	5/2	Kaylie Bergman	5/8	Matt Erpelding	5/21
Wade Putnam	5/2	Nora Frush	5/11	Tammy Andrews	5/22
Kelly Seehase	5/2	Abigail Yonkovic	5/11	Joseph Amling	5/23
Ryan Willams	5/2	Haylee Frush	5/12	Craig Bowers	5/24
David Ruehs	5/3	Sharon McAtee	5/12	Dave Wyant	5/24
Casey Schmit	5/4	Josie Loyd	5/13	Chris Collett	5/26
Megan Venem	5/4	Marie Bushkofsky	5/14	Riley Hill	5/27
Kyle Wilson	5/4	Alex Nicoll	5/14	Christa Leach	5/27
Keith Wright	5/4	Therese Olson	5/14	Katey Niichel	5/28
Derek Bate	5/5	Grace Witt	5/14	Christina Crow	5/29
Linda Garrison	5/5	Emma Anhalt	5/16	Payton Ruckdaschel	5/29
Linda Sondag	5/5	Ronda Fratzke	5/18	Matt Waring	5/29
Traci Clark	5/6	Rylee Renner	5/18	Grace Peterson	5/30
Kalista Schutte	5/6	Maxwell Kopplin	5/20	Jenifer Wyant	5/30

May Baptisms

Jeremy Anhalt	5/1	Jesse Elenz	5/12	Natalie Schares	5/20
Jen Bistline	5/1	Brenda Schmit	5/12	Grace Stalheim	5/22
Mayci Morrissey	5/1	Maisie Niichel	5/13	Charlie Stanek	5/22
Nathan Schares	5/1	Iva Ruehs	5/14	Madalyn Anderson	5/23
Blaire Zummak	5/1	Colin Schares	5/14	Casey Schmit	5/24
Rachel Bjorheim	5/3	Kelsey Schares	5/14	Haley Borland	5/25
Katelyn Anderson	5/4	Amy Wilson	5/14	Matthew Mattson	5/26
Mark Collett	5/4	Emily Gamedinger	5/15	David Ruehs	5/26
Zach Erpelding	5/6	Justin Gamedinger	5/15	Skylar Blad	5/27
Kalista Schutte	5/8	Allie Renner	5/15	Collin Gosse	5/27
Donald Williams	5/8	Anthony Bahe	5/16	Justin Gosse	5/27
Doug Shaffer	5/9	Amanda May	5/16	Bryan Tonne	5/27
Travis Hernandez	5/10	Megan Venem	5/17	Amber Wiskus	5/27
Steffen Hoey	5/10	Beckett Gamedinger	5/19	Tyler Hoey	5/28
Ryan Even	5/11	Hadley Gamedinger	5/19		

May Wedding Anniversaries

Merritt & Connie Jones	5/2/1981	40
Eric & Traci Clark	5/18/1996	25
Thomas & Kaye Jones	5/18/1963	58
Larry & Christy Phillips	5/23/1987	34
Leonard & Amy Ohl	5/25/2000	21
Corey & Julie Tolle	5/25/1996	25
Dennis & Susan Crow	5/27/1977	44
Allen & Elizabeth Haack	5/27/1989	32
Ryan & Ashley Smith	5/27/2006	15
Gene & Carol Anhalt	5/29/1971	50