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

Romans 15:7

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 6pm JAM program at UMC	2 9:30am Women's Bible Study	3	4
Pastor away at Continuing Ed----->						
5 Third Sunday of Easter 9am Worship and Communion 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Sunday School Picnic	6	7 8:30am Memorial Committee 9:30am Worship and Music Committee 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl	8	9	10	11
12 Fourth Sunday after Easter 9am Worship and Communion	13 6:30pm Council Meeting	14 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl	15 7:00 Praise Team Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter Grad Sunday 9am Contemporary Worship and Communion	20	21 10am-12pm Prayer Shawl	22 5-6 Be Our Guest 6:30 Chime Rehearsal	23	24	25
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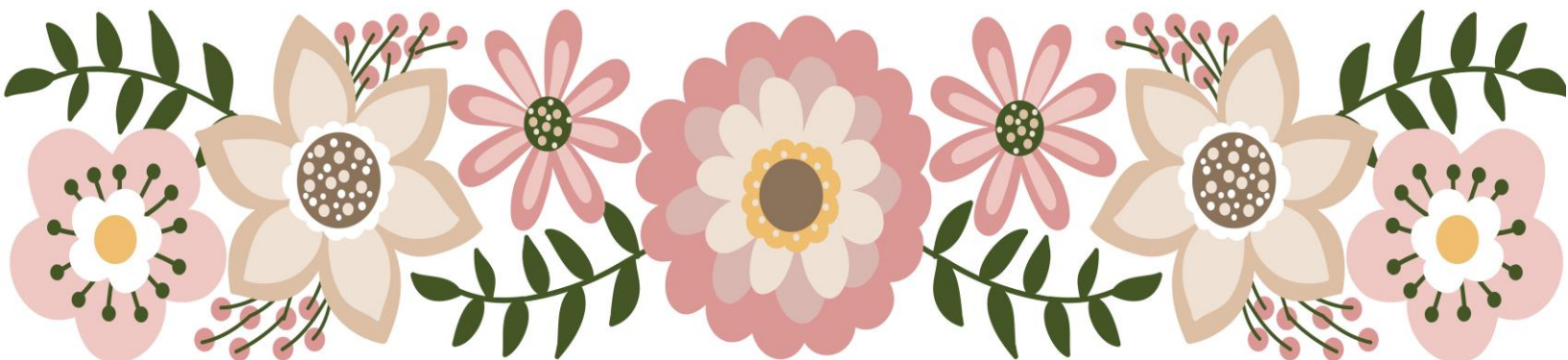
Ushers, Readers, and Communion Assistants

May Readers & Communion Assistants

May 5: Loren Corkery
 May 12: Mike Waring
 May 19: Maureen Even
 May 26: Kaye Jones

May Ushers

Bryan & Rayla Tonne



Dear friends in Christ,

Summer will be upon us soon, and this is a time when hunger often increases because students are not able to get free or reduced breakfast and lunch at the school. Because of this need, I wanted to tell you about programs in our county and community that fight hunger.

For the last couple of years, I have been serving on the board for the Independence Area Food Pantry. Serving on this board is a very good experience for me, because I've learned a lot about how the food pantry functions. This food pantry serves Buchanan County, and has the reputation in northeast Iowa of being an exceptional food pantry in terms of the amount of food they are able to provide to clients and the creative things they do. The director, Kate, does an excellent job of helping clients find recipes so they know how to cook the food that's available in the pantry, and sometimes the volunteers even have samples of those recipes available for the clients to taste.



The food pantry is often able to buy food for a few cents per pound from the NE Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo, so financial donations get stretched very far to provide a lot of food. There are some items that are not available at the Food Bank, such as personal care products, toilet paper, etc. but the Food Pantry strives to provide those necessities to clients as well, and people continue to generously donate these items.

We also have programs that fight hunger specifically in the Jesup area. Our congregation provides the free Be Our Guest meal on the last two Wednesdays of the month, and this is an excellent way for people to "go out" to eat if the might not be able to afford to go to a restaurant.

Also, the churches of the Jesup Ministerial have a Summer Food Program every summer. We give letters to the school that they mail to all the families on Free & Reduced Lunch, and then they let us know if they'd like to participate. If they do participate, they will receive deliveries of food at their homes between 5-6pm on the following Wednesdays: June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 8 & 22. These deliveries include a full meal's worth of food (for example, a frozen lasagna, frozen garlic bread, and a bag of frozen vegetables) along with several pantry staples, including milk, cereal, juice boxes, Easy Mac, bread, a bunch of bananas, etc.

There is a Free Community Garden in Littleton, and people from the Littleton and Jesup areas are welcome to go pick the produce of that garden at no charge.

Jay's Closet, a program through Jesup Community School, is working on possibly offering a free lunch one day a week this summer as well, stay tuned for more details.

I'm very grateful for all the work that these programs do to fight hunger in our community, and I'm grateful for our congregation's support of these programs. Thank you for your generosity!

Christ's Peace,
Pastor Kristen

**American Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
March 11, 2019**



President Sara Borland called the meeting to order at 6:28 PM. Present at the meeting were Sara Borland, Wayne Schneider, Christy Phillips, Mike Waring, Loren Corkery, Pastor Kristen and Maureen Even. Absent were Christa Leach and Kaye Jones. Visitor was Gene Waring.

Pastor led devotions with everyone saying a high and low from the past month. Pastor read the daily devotion from Bread for The Day. Reading was from Psalm 17:6-8.

Memorial Gift—Gene Waring discussed giving a gift to the church in memory of Sheri Waring. Gene would like to give a set of 4 Advent banners, install a light in the back of the sanctuary by the elevator entrance and have Sherri's name on the Memorial plaque. Mike Waring will contact BJ Collins to see if his electrician can come and give an estimate for the light.

Secretary's Report—Wayne Schneider made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Loren Corkery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Wayne Schneider made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Maureen Even seconded the motion. Motion carried. The balance at the end of February in the checking account is \$-275.35.

Committee Reports:

Memorial—their first meeting will be on March to discuss the policies for memorials. Members of the committee are Kaye Jones, Mary Adams, Shirley Bergman and JoEllen Yeager.

Abundant Life—will meet on March 14. Consecration Sunday will be April 7.

Hospitality—no meeting

Parish Life—no updates

Property—a thank you goes to Gene Waring and Ray Zummak for changing the lights in the church.

Scholarship—no meeting

Technology—the carbonite charge will be changed from the Farmers State Bank credit card to the Bank Iowa credit card.

Worship & Music—sound system still was cutting in/out. Charlie Rod will try changing the mixers to see if that will make a difference.

Youth—no update

Pastor's Report:

In the last month:

- 2 home communion visits
- 2 hospital visits
- 1 home visit
- 1 worship services at Buchanan County Health Center
- 1 baptism: Ella Elizabeth Frush
- I attended Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines, sponsored by LSI. I didn't get a chance to speak with our senator or representative, but I learned a lot about the advocacy process.

JAM has started up again and is going well.

The Jesup Ministerial met and began talking about our Summer Food program for this summer.

The Taste of EWALU event has been rescheduled for April 28, in hopes that the weather will be nicer by then!

The Synod Women's Retreat has been rescheduled for March 31-April 2.

I have been doing a lot of work to create content for the new website, thank you to Sara for getting this going! I have also started to post my sermons on Facebook Live, so they show up as videos on the church's Facebook page. Thank you to Sara for helping to get this going as well!

On Thursday, March 14, I will be attending Synod Day of Renewal at Nazareth Lutheran in Cedar Falls.

Lenten services began last week with the Ash Wednesday service. The other 5 Wednesday services in Lent will feature the Holden Evening prayer music and stories from the early church from the book of Acts.

The Confirmation students will be having abbreviated classes after these worship services, to make up for the 5 lessons we had to cancel due to bad weather.

I have been talking with the pastors from the Methodist and Presbyterian churches here in town about doing joint Holy Week worship services; they usually hold a joint Maundy Thursday service and invited us to join them this year. The tentative locations for the Holy Week worship services is: Maundy Thursday at American Lutheran, Good Friday at United Methodist, and possibly an Easter Vigil Healing Service on Holy Saturday at Presbyterian. All services will be at 7pm.

New Business:

Committee lists—went over the list to check the names were correct and suggested people to contact for committees that need another person.

ALC cleaning day—Shirley Bergman has been organizing this. Cleaning day will be Sunday March 24 after church. Shirley will be holding meetings to organize the leaders, make a list of what needs to be done and how long each job should approximately take.

Stewardship program plans for March—a letter will be going out to members and a reading will be done during the mission moment.

Website Redesign—Sara Borland and Pastor previewed the new website. They have a few tweeks to make on it and will be going live soon. Pastor has started to post her sermons on facebook live.

85th Anniversary plans/open house—discussed having something in the fall.

Transfers—Marilyn Peterson has transferred to Zion Lutheran in Jubilee. Glen Meskimen and Charlotte Jones has transferred to Grace Lutheran in Jesup. Wayne Schneider made a motion to accept these transfers. Maureen Even seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Noisy offering--\$182.71 has been collected for the Wartburg Pinnacle. March noisy offering will go towards Wartburg Pinnacle and whatever goes over \$250 will go towards the Lenten offering designations. April noisy offering will also go towards the Lenten offering designations.

Old Business:

Goals-new ideas—it was discussed the Property committee would like to set a goal for putting in new windows.

Organ repair—Alan Wright is trying to find parts to fix the organ. Wayne will have Shirley contact Jim Lohman from Allen Organs in Davenport to come and have another look at fixing the organ.

Correspondence—none was received.

Deacon assignments for the month of April was given.

Wayne Schneider made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Mike Waring seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Phillips
Secretary

May 2019, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story



Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI's Mental Health or Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2018, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to 1,158 parents of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider giving a gift in her name at LSIowa.org.

Thank you for standing alongside Iowa families.

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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

It's Worth Every Second

Nova and Brian always knew they wanted to become foster parents.

With their two oldest daughters growing up and entering high school, they decided to take the leap and open up their home to more children in need. Over the course of four years, they have successfully fostered 16 children and adopted four into their forever family.

Through LSI Foster Care and Adoption, the couple has wrapped their arms around sibling groups in need of a home where they can stay together, and the family is also a Cherokee Nation foster home, keeping children connected to their culture and heritage.

Nova encourages more Iowa families to consider foster care, as every child deserves and needs a safe space, regardless of how long that child may stay in your home.

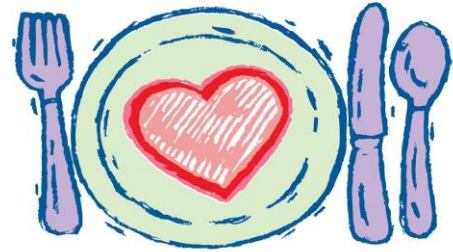
"Foster care in Iowa is such a needed thing, and it's important to extend grace to parents of children in foster care and give them a chance to grow and heal," she says. "There aren't a whole lot of accolades for foster parenting, but it's worth it. It's worth the heartache, and it's worth the love and the smiles you see from these kids."

Events

Be Our Guest

May 22: Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Lettuce Salad, Asparagus, Texas Delight

May 29: Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Veggie Tray, Rhubarb Crisp



Be Our Guest

The Jesup Boy Scout Troop 95 Burger Meal: Will be at the Jesup American Legion on Friday, May 3rd from 4pm-8pm. Serving up some good food and fun!

EWALU Volunteer Work Weekend May 3-5:

Join other volunteers, families, and church groups for outdoor activities, fun fellowship, and service projects around camp. Lodging and meals provided free of charge. Please RSVP to camp@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School: The Jesup Community-Wide Vacation Bible School will be held this summer at St. A's, July 28-Aug 1, 5:45-8:15pm. You may register at the Facebook page Jesup Community-Wide VBS.



Ewalu Work Weekend

2019 Synod Assembly: The Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly will take place at Wartburg College in Waverly on June 14-16. Registration begins Friday at 4:30 pm and the assembly goes through lunch on Sunday. ALC is allowed to have 2 voting members at the Synod assembly. If you are interested in serving as a voting member, please contact Pastor Kristen before May 13.

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

Prayer Requests:

Mae Christopherson is currently receiving hospice care.

Margaret Thom is currently receiving hospice care.

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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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.

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!

Summer Food Program Donations: Beginning in June, the churches of the Jesup Ministerial will be providing food to needy families in our community. Food will be delivered every other week in the summer. Each church is collecting different items, and we are in charge of collecting **juice boxes** and **instant oatmeal**. In addition to this program, the Jay's Closet program is hoping to offer a weekly free lunch this summer, and we are collecting **individual fruit cups** for that program. Donations may be placed 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.

Fellowship Hosts

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

Thank you: Greetings from Lutheran World Relief! We're so thankful for your partnership, and for your energy and enthusiasm for this ministry. Your donations departed our Minnesota Warehouse in mid-February. This shipment will serve an estimated 80,000 people from East Ghouta who remain displaced in rural Damascus as a result of the ongoing conflict in the country. Thank you so much for your partnership in bringing hope to our neighbors around the world. We thank God for you!
–Lutheran World Relief

Notes from Worship and Music

Special Music: Please consider offering special music during the summer. This is an excellent time for youth to share piano, vocal, and instrumental selections. Contact Shirley at bergmansa@hotmail.com or 319 239-0031.

Praise team:		Chime Choir	
May. 15	7pm Praise team rehearsal	Weds. May 22	6pm Chime Choir Rehearsal
May. 19	Contemporary Service	Sun. May 26	Chime Choir Performs at Service



PSALM 30:4, NRSV

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

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

Wedding Anniversaries

Merritt & Connie Jones	5/2/1981	38
Eric & Traci Clark	5/18/1996	23
Thomas & Kaye Jones	5/18/1963	56
Larry & Christy Phillips	5/23/1987	32
Leonard & Amy Ohl	5/25/2000	19
Corey & Julie Tolle	5/25/1996	23
Dennis & Susan Crow	5/27/1977	42
Allen & Elizabeth Haack	5/27/1989	30
Ryan & Ashley Smith	5/27/2006	13
Gene & Carol Anhalt	5/29/1971	48



Baptisms

Jeremy Anhalt	5/1	Allie Renner	5/15
Jen Bistline	5/1	Anthony Bahe	5/16
Mayci Morrissey	5/1	Amanda May	5/16
Nathan Schares	5/1	Megan Venem	5/17
Blaire Zummak	5/1	Natalie Schares	5/20
Rachel Bjorheim	5/3	Ron Reil	5/21
Katelyn Anderson	5/4	Grace Stalheim	5/22
Mark Collett	5/4	Charlie Stanek	5/22
Zach Erpelding	5/6	Madalyn Anderson	5/23
Kalista Schutte	5/8	Casey Schmit	5/24
Donald Williams	5/8	Marilyn Schulz	5/24
Doug Shaffer	5/9	Haley Borland	5/25
Travis Hernandez	5/10	Matthew Mattson	5/26
Steffen Hoey	5/10	David Ruehs	5/26
Ryan Even	5/11	Amber Blad	5/27
Jesse Elenz	5/12	Skylar Blad	5/27
Brenda Schmit	5/12	Collin Gosse	5/27
Maisie Niichel	5/13	Justin Gosse	5/27
Iva Ruehs	5/14	Bryan Tonne	5/27
Amy Schares	5/14	Tyler Hoey	5/28
Colin Schares	5/14		
Kelsey Schares	5/14		