

THE LAMP

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AUGUST

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
		Youth Gathering Info Meeting 7pm in Fireside Room				
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
10th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion	Vacation Bible School					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
11th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion	6:30pm Council Meeting					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
12th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion/Celebration of Confirmation Class with Cake reception to follow service						
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
13th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion						
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Council President: Christy Phillips- 320-822-4267 Church Phone: 827-6626 Web Address: www.americanlutheranjesup.org Church e-mail: secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org						

<p>Deacons/Readers August 6 Christy Phillips August 13 Maureen Even August 20 Christy Phillips August 27 Barb Hayek</p>	<p>Ushers Captains Mary Adams Sheila Collins</p>
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LAMP NEWSLETTER



LSI ARTICLE AND STORY

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Back to School Month

Saying goodbye to summer and transitioning into a new school year can be a difficult time for many adolescents, especially those with emotional or behavioral disorders.

LSI has 27 therapists that provide mental health counseling to individuals of all ages through in-person therapy in over 20 locations across the state and virtual therapy in all 99 counties. In 2022, our Clinical Services team served more than 1,000 clients, totaling 14,000+ therapy sessions for Iowans of all ages.

In addition, our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team wraps care around a child's entire family to empower them with skills like anger management, healthy decision-making and problem-solving. In 2022, the BHIS team served over 250 clients, resulting in more than 3,900 therapy sessions for children and their families.

Through LSI's Trauma Informed Care program at the Juvenile Detention Center in Waterloo, our staff work with the teens by completing trauma assessments on each adolescent and providing a summary to their juvenile court officers. The LSI staff also facilitate both individual and group therapy sessions with the teens to help them deal with their trauma and work through it in a productive way.

If you or someone you know could benefit from therapy – even from the comfort of your own home – reach out by calling 888.457.4692 or visiting LSIowa.org/therapy.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children and families in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI 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
May Council Meeting
May 8, 2023

President Christy Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm both in person and electronically on Zoom. Present were Christy Phillips, Beth Stanek, Cindy Gosse, Shirley Bergman, Barb Hayek, and Sue Hoey. Joining on Zoom were Mitchell Hayek and Sheila Collins.

Christy Phillips led devotions.

Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding lawn care and property Insurance to New Business. Second by Barb Hayek. The agenda was approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of April was \$9,325.18. Since the total is under \$10,000, there will not be any transfer to the General Savings and Emergency Fund. Barb Hayek 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 both the April 3, 2023 council meeting and the April 26, 2023 joint council meeting with ZLC. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – Graduates will be honored on Sunday May 21.

Memorial – No report.

Parish Ed – Wednesday evening Sunday School is done for the summer. One or more new committee members are needed.

Presidents – No report.

Property – Parsonage: The parsonage continues to be checked on regularly. Shirley Bergman will have the committee address a bulge in the siding. Mike Mostek will mow and maintain the area between his property and the parsonage. We will ask Independence Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling, Inc. for an estimate to replace the 35-year-old furnace and air conditioner. We will look to take advantage of any energy rebates as improvements to the property are considered.

Church: The state inspection of the elevator has

been completed and concerns addressed. We are waiting for a new service agreement with Schindler Elevator Co. to arrive in the mail.

The Biennial Report for American Lutheran Church has been submitted to the Iowa Secretary of State and has been filed in the Secretary's office.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – Premier Technology has replaced the Secretary's computer.

Worship and Music – A variety of percussion instruments for enhancing Sunday morning services as well as Wednesday Worship have been purchased with money from the music fund.

Youth – Beth Stanek will be in charge of the "lunch in the park" fundraiser this summer. The committee would like to plan a bonfire get together soon.

Call Committee – The NEIA Synod has received all necessary documents from the Call Committee.

The Committee is waiting for the Synod representative to respond to a request for a meeting.

New Business

A private baptism service will be held at noon on Sunday, May 21. Christy Phillips will be the council representative present.

Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the membership transfer of Robert and Eleanor Fratzke from Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church La Porte City to American Lutheran Church Jesup. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Chris Waring and Amanda Philips will be the delegates for the Synod Assembly June 9 and 10.

The Audit Committee members Connie Jones, Kaye Jones, and Mary Adams performed an audit of the 2022 tax year on April 2, 2023. They found the books and records of ALC to be materially accurate in most respects. Although controls over financial operations appear to be adequate, additional points needed attention. These have all been addressed by Treasurer Cindy Gosse.

Sheila Collins made a motion to transfer \$20,000 from the General Savings and Emergency Fund to a six-month CD at BankIowa paying a rate of 4.72%, transfer \$10,000 to a money market account at

BankIowa, and leave the remainder (currently \$13,975.95) in the fund. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried.

Ministerial Report – The Jesup Ministerial Association will be spearheading the Summer Food Program again this summer. ALC and ZLC are scheduled to assist with distribution on June 14 and August 9. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted. ALC has been asked to provide boxes of instant oatmeal. Monetary donations will be collected by noisy offering during May, June, and July to assist this ministry.

Lawn Care – Cindy Gosse made a motion to hire Evan Sebetka to mow the church lawn for \$25.00 per mowing and the parsonage for \$30.00 per mowing. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried. He will be paid monthly.

Property Insurance – Bids for property insurance will be sought before renewal with Grinnell Mutual Insurance Co.

Old Business

Confirmation – When it's been established that assignments have been completed, council will approve the three confirmands and a date for confirmation can be set with the families. We need to find out if the current instructor, Candy Lompe from ZLC, is willing to teach again next year.

Secretary Position – The council has decided to update and expand the job description and hours of the secretarial position to better meet our needs. When this task is completed, the job will be posted for applicants.

Pulpit Supply is filled to August 20, 2023.

Correspondence

A thank-you from the Independence Area Food Pantry for \$261.00 and 6.9 pounds of non-food.

A thank-you from LSI for \$50.00.

A thank-you from Christa Leach for care packages and prayers while she is deployed.

A thank-you from Alyssa Hoey for prayers and financial support for her mission trip to the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf in Kingston, Jamaica.

Deacon Assignments for June

4 – Christy Phillips

11 – Barb Hayek

18 – Sheila Collins

25 – Sue Hoey

Cindy Gosse made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sue Hoey. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins,
Secretary

American Lutheran Church June Council Meeting June 12, 2023

President Christy Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm. Present were Christy Phillips, Sue Hoey, Shirley Bergman, and Sheila Collins. Joining by speaker phone was Mitchell Hayek. Absent were Cindy Gosse, Barb Hayek, and Beth Stanek.

Christy Phillips led devotions.

Sue Hoey made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of May was \$12,402.11. The amount of \$20,000 from the General Savings and Emergency Fund was put into a time certificate of deposit at

BankIowa for six months with an annual percentage yield of 4.78%. The General Savings and Emergency Fund was transferred from a regular savings account to a Money Market account which has a higher yield as long as the balance stays above \$10,000. Sue Hoey made a motion to remove past council president Maureen Even's name from all BankIowa accounts and add Treasurer Cindy Gosse and Financial Secretary Mike Waring to all accounts. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried. Shirley Bergman made a motion to transfer \$2,402.11 from the checking account to the General Savings and Emergency Money Market Fund. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to approve the donation of \$250.00 that was sent with the Synod

Assembly delegates. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried. Sheila Collins made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Mitchell Hayek made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report with two corrections. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – Gifts were provided for Mother's Day, three high school graduates, and Father's Day.

Memorial – No report.

Parish Ed – A meeting for VBS planning is scheduled for June 14. A post will be put on Facebook, the website, and bulletin seeking new Parish Ed volunteers.

Presidents – No report.

Property – Parsonage: The buckling of the siding on the south side will be repaired by Matt Dahl Construction. Three bids were sought to replace the 35 to 36 year old furnace and air conditioner:

1. Independence Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling \$7,960.00
2. Ken's Electric, Inc. in Oelwein \$8,194.95
3. Johnson Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling in Independence \$8,600

Shirley Bergman made a motion to take the lowest bid of \$7,960.00 (from Independence Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling) to the congregation for approval. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried. A congregational meeting with appropriate notification will be scheduled after worship on July 9 both in person and electronically on Zoom.

Church: Landscaping was done by Ray Zummak, Joyce and Denny Becker, Wayne Schneider, Kenny and Teri Schares, and Shirley Bergman. The church was sprayed inside and outside for insects.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – No report.

Worship and Music – The committee met May 10 and have chosen hymns through September 10.

Youth – The “lunch in the park” fundraiser will be June 29.

Call – Pastor Liz Albertson of the NEIASynod made some suggestions to the Ministry Site Profile

and returned it to the committee. Christy Phillips will ask the committee to expedite any changes and get it back to the Synod as soon as possible.

New Business

Youth Ministry Leader Position – see below.

Old Business

Confirmation – The confirmand's families will be contacted to set a confirmation date of August 20. If this date is agreeable, the scheduled supply Pastor for that Sunday (Pastor Mixdorf) will be contacted.

Secretarial Position/ Youth Ministry Leader Position – Shirley Bergman and Sheila Collins will work on updating the Secretarial Job Description to incorporate Youth Ministry Leader and other additional duties.

Sue Hoey is willing to teach precommunion classes. Confirmation classes will also be offered beginning in the fall. An article will be placed in the LAMP inviting families to let the church secretary or a council member know if they are interested in these classes or of any baptisms or upcoming weddings.

Pulpit Supply is filled through October 22.

Correspondence

A thank-you was received from the Independence Area Food Pantry for our donation of \$317.00.

A thank-you was received from Rylan Bahe for the graduation gift.

Deacon Assignments for July

2 – Sheila Collins

9 – Sue Hoey

16 – Christy Phillips

23

30 – Sheila Collins

Sue Hoey made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sheila Collins. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins,
Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep in your prayers: Stephanie Winkelpleck and Emelia Dahl Jacobson. You may send cards to Emelia at Hiawatha Care Center, Room 53, 405 North 15th Avenue, Hiawatha, IA 52233.

Steph goes to Iowa City weekly for labs and they are all coming back good. Last week she had a bone marrow biopsy and will get the results at this week's appointment. She is half way through her 100 isolation.

Thank you- Thank you for the card and Birthday wishes- Gene Waring

VBS: Theme this year is Hero Hotline—Called Together to Serve God. We meet in the Land O Corn Park **Sunday, August 6 - Wednesday, August 9 from 6 pm- 8 pm.** Kids entering Pre-k thru 4th grade can be registered on the VBS facebook page:

<https://jesupvbs2023.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>. We are also looking for volunteers to help with VBS (You can sign up on the VBS website <https://jesupvbs2023.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-volunteer>).

VBS Donations Needed: VBS team is looking for monetary donations to help furnish our supplies for the program. This money would be used to purchase craft and snack supplies. Although we appreciate donations of these things, sometimes it's easier for 1 or 2 people to pick up exactly what is needed. Even \$5 or \$10 is appreciated and would be helpful. Thank you for your generosity. Be sure to label donations with VBS.

Update #2: Summer Food Program – The Summer Food Program is providing supplemental food to 12 families this summer. The remaining schedule is: July 12th - First Presbyterian; July 26th - First Presbyterian & St. Athanasius; **August 9th - ALC, Jubilee and United Methodist. There is a volunteer sheet on the Usher's stand to sign up for August 9th. We will need at least 2 volunteers to help unload the trailer coming from the Food Bank at 10 AM at St. A's Gymnasium. Then other volunteers come at 4:30 PM to pack up the family packs. PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES IN TIMES.** On the sheet, please indicate which time you would like to volunteer. Sturdy boxes are needed on distribution days along with grocery bags. Thanks goes to the volunteers who helped on June 14th. Also, thank you for your monetary gifts through the Noisy Offering collected through the month of July that goes to the Jesup Ministerial Association to help fund this Program. Please call or text Mary Adams at 319 269-3478 with any questions.

Nurturing Silence: You are invited to "Nurturing Silence" on September 23, 2023, 8 am - noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, IA. The day will include 1) Sessions for Centering Prayer; 2) A time for Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading of Scripture); 3) A brief Centering Prayer seminar; and 4) Quiet time to journal, walk an indoor labyrinth, read, walk indoors or outdoors, pray, etc. . 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, September 18. No further registration is needed. More details will be shared with persons who register. There is also a poster on the bulletin board.

Parish Ed Volunteers Needed: ALC is looking for someone to help with Parish Ed this fall. We will have our Wednesday Worship every other Wednesday night again this fall from 6:15 pm to 7 pm. We work together as a team. One person can do the lesson, another person can do a craft or other activity, and the other person could do a snack or other activity. If the weather gets bad, we will cancel Wednesday Worship for that night. Please contact Christy Phillips or another council member if you can volunteer.

Youth Gathering Info Meeting Aug. 1

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans! This amazing event gathers thousands of youth and chaperones from all over the country to worship, serve, learn, and above all - have fun! This year's theme is "Created to Be - Psalm 139:4" If your child is interested and will be in 8th grade - 12th grade in the fall and would like to know more, please plan to attend the no obligation information session on Aug. 1 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Parents and students should attend!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits: School supplies are now available in stores which means the beginning of a new school year is right around the corner. Each fall, ALC has made school kits for the Fall WELCA In-Gathering that collects items for Lutheran World Relief. Each kits contains the following:

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of college-ruled paper (Staples has the needed type of notebook paper for 50 cents each right now) ,
- 1 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, 1 pencil sharpener,

- 1 pair of blunt scissors,
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers,
- 5 blue or black ink ballpoint pens (no gel ink),
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons and
- 1 2 ½ inch eraser.

As you are shopping in the next few weeks, please consider picking up some of these items – or the needed items for one complete school kit. We will also need material and cord to make the backpacks. If you would like to contribute monetarily to this cause, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Lutheran World Relief School Kits" (checks need to be payable to American Lutheran) and place in the offering plate. The Fall In-Gathering is October 14th at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Waverly. **Items for the school kits will need to be brought to the church by Sunday, September 24th to allow time for putting the kits together and have them blessed during the worship service prior to boxing them up and delivery on October 14th.** A table will be set up in the Upper Narthex for your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting this ministry of American Lutheran to Lutheran World Relief.

JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING OUR
CONFIRMATION
CLASS



CARMEN
ADELINE
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JORDYN
LYNN
BERGMAN



ELLA
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SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH
CAKE RECEPTION TO
FOLLOW THE 10AM
SERVICE

◆ Confirmation 2023 ◆

Independence Area Food Pantry Personal Care Drive: is Saturday August 5th. I have attached a signup sheet for volunteers. Please spread the word for volunteers and donations.

Thank you for your help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A62EA2FCC25-personal1>

The Call Committee has submitted the Ministry Site Profile to the Synod office. The Profile is available from the church office. Thank you to Amanda Phillips, Chris Waring, Merritt Jones and Bill Schneider for all the hard work they are doing on the Call Committee.

VBS: Theme this year is Hero Hotline–Called Together to Serve God. This year it will be Sunday, August 6 thru Wednesday, August 9 from 6 pm to 8 pm. It will be in the park again this year. It will be offered to kids entering Pre-k thru 4th grade. You can register your children for VBS on the VBS facebook page: <https://jesupvbs2023.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>
We are also looking for volunteers to help with VBS.

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:

Aug 6 Pastor Luther Thoresen
Aug 13 Pastor Dennis Hanson
Aug 20 Pastor Dan Mixdorf
Aug 27 Pastor Dennis Hanson
Sept 3 Pastor Luther Thoresen
Sept 10 Pastor Frank Johnson
Sept 17 Gideon speaker
Sept 24 Mark Birdnow



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays

Melissa Bahe	8/1	Maddox Thorson	8/13	Cole McLeod	8/24
Jared Merkel	8/1	Dakota Putnam	8/14	Nikki Morrissey	8/25
Connie Collins	8/2	Jacob Rachuy	8/14	Dan Even	8/26
Hayden Johnson	8/3	Brett Shaffer	8/14	Jessica Saunders	8/26
Wendy McGill	8/5	Jordan Leach	8/15	Jennifer Anderson	8/27
Seph Amling	8/6	Landon Bergman	8/16	Benjamin Gosse	8/27
Nikki Hemmer	8/6	David Haack	8/16	Madalyn Anderson	8/28
Brandon Clayton	8/8	Thomas Jones	8/19	Justin McLeod	8/28
Sydney Rahe	8/8	Eric Rahe	8/19	Sandra Clayton	8/30
Brady Wilson	8/8	Eric Clark	8/20	Madyson Dahl	8/30
William Franti	8/9	Robert Benorden	8/21	Carrie Masteller	8/30
Ashley McLeod	8/10	Carmen McAtee	8/21	Randy Ruehs	8/30
Ryan Smith	8/11	Allen Haack	8/22	Corbin Frush	8/31
Ben Thompson	8/11	Braden Simmons	8/22	Zach Goldsmith	8/31
Teresa Merkel	8/12	Jacob Clark	8/24		

August Baptisms

Anthony George	8/1	Noah Smith	8/14	Riley Hill	8/21
Bill Schneider	8/1	Abigail Yonkovic	8/14	Angie Loyd	8/21
Joseph Amling	8/4	Sarah Anhalt	8/16	Deb Olesen	8/21
Seph Amling	8/4	Jaylon Dahl	8/16	Steel Rolison	8/22
Rayann Vogel	8/8	Madyson Dahl	8/16	Wendy McGill	8/24
Wayne Schneider	8/9	Jason Hoppe	8/17	Alyssa Rachuy	8/24
Barb Mostek	8/10	Chris Jones	8/17	Ryan Smith	8/25
Trevor McGill	8/11	Shawna Rachuy	8/17	Matt Mostek	8/26
Crystal Lysne	8/12	Morgan Westpfahl	8/18	Payton Ruckdaschel	8/26
Keaton Lysne	8/12	Renee McAtee	8/20	Alex Smith	8/27
William Schutte	8/12	Melissa Bahe	8/21	Kayla Hunziker	8/28
Terri McGill	8/13	Easton Hill	8/21	Christopher Jacobsen	8/30
Craig Bowers	8/14	Hunter Hill	8/21	Evelyn Rock	8/31

August Wedding Anniversaries

Denny & Joyce Becker	8/3/1968	55
Luke & Kayla Hunziker	8/7/2010	13
Robert & Jillian Schares	8/9/2008	15
Jon & Kristin Johnson	8/14/2009	14
Mike & Barb Mostek Sr.	8/16/1980	43
Derek & Steffanie Bate	8/22/2015	8
Dennis & Carol Ricklefs	8/23/1969	54
Ron & Connie Gosse	8/27/1994	29
Randy & Teresa Merkel	8/30/1980	43

