

THE LAMP

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SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	6:30pm Sunday School Meeting	9:30am Women's Bible Study	1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
15th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship and Communion		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	6pm Confirmation		1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
16th Sunday after Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY : 10:00 am Worship and Communion	6:30pm Council Meeting	10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	6pm Confirmation		1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
17th Sunday after Pentecost: 10:00 am Worship and Communion Sunday School to Follow		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	6pm Youth Group Event in ALC Fellowship Hall 6pm Confirmation		1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC	
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
18th Sunday after Pentecost: 10:00 am Worship and Communion Sunday School to Follow		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	6pm Confirmation			
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
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Readers

September 5th: Sue Hoey
 September 12th: Mike Waring
 September 19th: Sue Hoey
 September 26th: Maureen Even

Ushers

Tom and Sue Hoey

LAMP NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

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Dear friends in Christ,

With the rise of this new Delta variant of Covid, I have been thinking a lot about the pandemic recently. Delta has shown to be more contagious than previous variants, which is both concerning and frustrating. It means that even vaccinated people are sometimes getting Covid (although the vaccine still does a very good job at preventing severe cases of Covid that require hospitalization). It also means that even after this past spring and summer, when cases were going down and we were able to lift many precautions, we now are seeing a sharp increase in Covid cases all across the USA.

We are watching the numbers in our area. Case numbers may get to a point in which we will want to begin more Covid protocols again for a time. While this would be frustrating, because Covid protocols can be annoying, it helps me to remember that it's not forever, it's just for a time.

It's also helpful to remember the bigger picture of why we take precautions. When it comes to this pandemic, we're all in this together. Everyone who gets a Covid has the potential to spread it to someone else. When we take precautions to slow the spread of Covid, we help ease the burden on our hospitals and other medical personnel, so that they have more time and resources to more effectively treat people with severe cases of Covid, along with other diseases. When we slow the spread, we buy time for scientists and researchers to create more effective treatments for Covid, and for medical personnel to distribute vaccines to those who want them. (Vaccine distribution is especially important for low-income countries in Africa and Asia, as only about 2% of those populations have been vaccinated so far. These places are ripe for the development of more variants of Covid.) There are definitely people who have survived Covid now who would have not survived if they had been infected at the beginning of the pandemic, before those treatments and vaccines had been developed.

It's also helpful to remember our faith. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors, and not only our neighbors who are local, but also our neighbors around the world. When we slow the spread of Covid, we are caring for people on the other side of the world who are waiting for vaccines, and for exhausted medical personnel who have worn themselves out caring for Covid patients, and for our friends and family members.

Epidemiologists and public health officials say that Covid will likely become an endemic disease, which is just always circulating at low levels in the community. When this happens, Covid will be like the flu, where people who are worried about severe disease can get vaccinated, and hospitals have the resources to care for severe cases. Until that happens, we watch Covid numbers and make decisions as best we can, remembering Jesus' call to love our neighbors.

Christ's peace,
Pastor Kristen

**American Lutheran Church
July Council Meeting
July 12, 2021**

President Maureen Even called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Present were Pastor Kristen Corr Rod, Maureen Even, Mike Waring, Shirley Bergman, Christa Leach, Sue Hoey, Beth Stanek, and Sheila Collins. Loren Corkery attended a portion of the meeting by phone.

Maureen led devotions from Acts 21: 27-39 and a reading from *Christ in Our Home* and concluded with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report – The check book balance at the end of June was \$8,911.54. The deposit from Jubilee for fixed expenses was \$2,786.27 and will be listed as a separate item from total deposits. Variable expenses for Jubilee for June will be billed this month. Sheila Collins made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried. A motion was made by Christa Leach to use Keith Oltrogge, CPA, PC from Denver, Iowa for preparation of our W-2 and 1099 forms at an annual cost of \$100.00 and payroll services at \$30.00 per month. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried. Loren will contact Mr. Oltrogge to see if the quarterly 941 tax payment is included in his tax services. A copy of these approved minutes will be sent to Mr. Oltrogge.

Secretary's Report – Beth Stanek made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2021 council meeting with one correction. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Memorial – A meeting has been scheduled for August 10.

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – No report.

Parish Ed – VBS is scheduled for the evenings of August 15 – 18.

Property –

Parsonage –

Some landscape weeding has been done. The grass is very thin. The yard will be chemically treated in the fall for weeds and thistles.

A downspout was reattached.

The furnace filter has been changed.

The basement drain snaking will be done soon.

Church -

Landscape weeding has been done in the parking lot.

Improvements have been made to custodian closets.

The confirmation picture frame has been moved to the fellowship room.

Confirmation pictures for the last two years will be put in the display.

The furnace filter was checked but did not need to be replaced now.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – No report.

Worship and Music – Tyler Hoey's Ordination will be Saturday July 24 at 1:00 p.m.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday August 21 at 2:00 p.m. for members who died during Covid. Letters have been sent to the families of Doris LeBahn, Mary Jo Sullivan, Bud Marsh, Ron Bushkofsky, Mike Peters, Lavon Lux, Julie Truog, and Marilyn Schultz.

There will be confirmation on Sunday October 31, 2021.

Youth – Youth Group Game Night will be July 19 at 8:30 p.m. at the Borland residence. ALC youth will be sponsoring "lunch in the park" on August 12 as a fund raiser.

Pastor's Report –

In the last month--

Funeral for Loretta Schumacher 6/18/2021 (Member of Immanuel Lutheran, Independence, pastor is on sabbatical)

Funeral for Michael Eder, 6/25/2021 (ALC)

Graveside committal service for Shirley Weltzin, 6/25/2021 (Jubilee)

Funeral for Finley Youngton, 7/2/2021

Baptism for Finley Youngton, 6/28/2021

Otherwise, my time has been spent largely working on coordinating VBS, coordinating the Food Bank orders for the Ministerial Summer Food Program. I also attended a meeting of the Independence Food Pantry Board.

New Business

Kristi Clayton is retiring as Custodian. Sue Hoey made a motion to hire applicant Linda Kehoe for the Custodian position at wages of \$14.50/hour. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried.

Worship services updates: We will return to regular communion services on Sunday July 18 with the pre-packaged cups also available. There was some discussion of discontinuing the Psalm songs of Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. Worship service at ALC will be at 10:00 a.m. starting Sunday September 5. Sunday School rally day will be September 12. Sunday School will follow the worship service but is subject to change to pre-worship depending on special projects.

A council working group meeting for pastoral and congregational annual reviews will be 6:30 p.m. on July 25.

As long as our permanent records documents are kept on computer media the paper copy does not have to be kept in a safe.

Old Business – none.

Correspondence

A thank-you was received from LSI for our donation of \$1,102.50. We received suggestions for special offerings from ELCA.

Deacon Assignments for August

1-
8-
15- Mike Waring
22-
29- Sue Hoey

Mike Waring made a motion to adjourn. Second by Maureen Even. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Collins, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Military members: Jordan Leach is home from Sheppard AFB TX. Both he and Justin are at the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City, IA. 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.

Service Time Change: Starting September 5th, ALC worship service will move to 10 AM.

Ushers Needed: We are looking for individuals and families to add to our usher pool. You will be trained or paired with a mentor. If it happens that you cannot usher for the date you signed, please contact a substitute or head usher, Wayne Schneider.

2waynester@gmail.com

Lutheran World Relief School Kits: For many years, American Lutheran has prepared backpack school kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief which we would like to continue again this year. Supplies are needed to fill the backpacks. Back to School sales have begun with parents beginning to shop for the supplies needed for their children. We are requesting that, as you shop, you also include purchasing some of the supplies needed to fill our backpacks. Our goal is to make and fill 30 backpacks. Please see the bulletin board in the Upper Narthex to take a colored slip of paper or two of items that are needed to place in the backpacks. A table has been set up in the Upper Narthex to place your donations. Or you may leave them at the home of Shirley Bergman at 1115 6th Street. We are asking that supplies be brought by Sunday, September 26th. Thank you for your continued support of this mission support program. The school kits will be blessed in worship service prior to packing them for delivery to the Fall Ingathering at New Hampton on October 16th, which is much earlier than past years.

- 70 sheet 8x10 ½ notebooks, wide or college rule
- black or blue ballpoint pens – **no gel ink**
- 30 cm ruler, or ruler with cm and inches
- **unsharpened** #2 pencils with eraser
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- blunt scissors
- pencil sharpeners
- erasers 2 ½"

Treasurer Position: Please consider serving as treasurer on the church council. We have delegated some duties to a Synod resource to help alleviate some of the responsibilities. If interested, contact a council member or the office.

Council Minutes: Council minutes are posted on the ALC website upon approval at each council meeting. They are also published in the monthly Lamps.

Prayer Shawl: Come join the Prayer Shawl ministry that meets on Tuesdays, 10 AM -noon. New members who enjoy fellowship while knitting and crocheting are welcome. The shawls and blankets will be shared with those who are ill, grieving, and in need of comfort.

Youth Group: All youth ages 5th grade through senior in high school are invited to join ALC's Youth Group. This year's theme is "Glow: Let your Light Shine" and we'll be planning monthly fun events to build community within the youth at ALC. Contact Sara Borland (319-230-8223) or Beth Stanek (319-427-4453) if you'd like to get involved.

Our next youth group event will be **Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall at ALC. We'll be having a **"unique" supper, minute-to-win-it games, and hear about the National Youth Gathering from the Hoey family.** This youth event will take the place of regular confirmation class that evening. Please let Sara or Beth know if you're planning to attend so we know how much food to plan.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class for this year's 7th & 8th graders will begin on Wednesday, Sept 8 at 6pm. Class will meet on Wednesday evenings, and will meet at 6pm for the month of September, and 7pm after that.

Bishop Installation

The new Bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod, Rev. Kevin Jones, will be installed at a special worship service at 2pm on Saturday, September 25. The service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, and will also be livestreamed on the Synod Facebook and YouTube pages.

Rally Sunday: Will be Sunday September 12th. There will be a blessing of the backpacks in service with fun activities to follow the service.

Camp EWALU Quilt Auction

This year's quilt auction at Camp EWALU will be held both online Sept 13-17 and in person on Sept 18. For more information go to <http://ewalu.org/event/2021-fall-festival-quilt-auction/>.

God's Work, Our Hands-- This year our congregation's project for God's Work, Our Hands, will be to help the Independence Food Pantry when they get new flooring the last week of September. Helpers are needed on the following days/times, for the following tasks:

Friday Sept. 24th 3pm to 7pm ish, Food and furniture removal and packing

Sat Sept 25th 10 am to ???, Painting

Sun Sept 26th. Finish Painting if needed

Wed Sep 29th 9am to ???, move furniture

Saturday Oct 2nd 9 am to ???, moving furniture back in place , unpacking to get ready to reopen.

You may sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F48A5AB2DA1F94-food>

Or after worship.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 2nd at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. Once again we will be using the studies found in the Gather magazine. The study for September is "*The gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase - Spirit of God, revealer and resource*". October's study is a continuation - "*The gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase - Breath of God, reviver and reformer*". Please join us for discussion and fellowship. There is a copy of the Gather magazine on the table next to the Secretary's office. We are also very happy to share a copy with you.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

The ladies of the ALC will once again be involved in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will begin in October at a date and time to be determined. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please talk to Sharon McAtee, Kaye Jones or Mary Adams. We welcome all eager helpers!

Meal Train opportunity for Stephanie Witt Winkelpleck and family

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/9w35r6>. Steph has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and is being treated in Iowa City.

ALC Mass email list has recently been revised. Please contact the office secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org for corrections to this list.

EVENTS

Wednesday September 1st:
6:30pm Sunday School Meeting

Tuesday September 2nd:
9:30am Women's Bible Study

Sunday September 5th:
10am Worship and Communion

Tuesday September 7th:
10am Prayer Shawl

Wednesday September 8th:
6pm Confirmation

Sunday September 12th:
10am Rally Day Worship and Communion

Monday September 13th:
6:30 pm Council Meeting

Tuesday September 14th:
10am Prayer Shawl

Wednesday September 15th:
6pm Confirmation

Sunday September 19th:
10am Worship and Communion
10:15am Sunday School

Tuesday September 21st:
10am Prayer Shawl

Wednesday September 22nd:
6pm Youth Group Event

Wednesday September 22nd:
6pm Confirmation

Sunday September 26th:
10am Worship and Communion
10:15am Sunday School

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Jordan Leach is in the Air Force and is currently stationed in Sheppard AFB in TX. *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: Fridays 1:30-3pm

Celebrations

September Birthdays

Judy Clayton	9/1	Linda Gosse	9/13	Merritt Jones	9/22
Deb Collett	9/1	Camille Thorson	9/13	Dawna Smith	9/22
Tina Dalziel	9/1	Ralph Hill	9/14	Katelyn Anderson	9/23
Crystal Vogel	9/1	Lainey Bahe	9/16	Galen Duffy	9/23
Chris McGill	9/2	Jim Kleiner	9/16	Kala Fox	9/23
Celeste Corkery/Saunders	9/3	Carmen Nuehring	9/16	Mya Johnson	9/23
Ryder Hansel	9/3	Dennis Ricklefs	9/16	Ruby Schutte	9/23
Brian Jones	9/5	Don Smith	9/16	Kathy Rachuy	9/24
Hunter Hill	9/6	Keegan Ubben-Bery	9/16	Jeff Borland	9/25
Rhianna Bigwood	9/7	Blake Bagenstos	9/17	Joel Zummak	9/25
Emily Clark	9/7	Joyce Becker	9/19	Darren Engbretson	9/26
Tricia George	9/7	Katie Clark	9/19	Dawn Pederson	9/26
Gene Putnam	9/8	Scott Shaffer	9/19	Kyler Bly	9/27
Dorothy Thompson	9/11	Matthew Mattson	9/20	Adam Hill	9/27
Stella Distler	9/12	Keith Nuehring	9/20	Christen Nicoll	9/29
Mackenzie Wilson	9/12	Maddaline Troyer	9/20	Missy Weber	9/30
Lauryn Witt	9/12	Paul Anhalt	9/21		
Ethan Wyant	9/12	Tom Hoey	9/21		
James Clayton	9/13	Teri Schares	9/21		

September Wedding Anniversaries

Galen & Bonnie Duffy	9/2/2006	15
Mike & Chris Waring	9/2/1977	44
Dave & Jenifer Wyant	9/3/1994	27
Brad & Jennifer Wilson	9/4/1999	22
Wayne & Ruth Schneider	9/5/1970	51
Robert & Robin Clayton II	9/10/1991	30
Brian & Barb Hayek	9/10/1983	38
James & Kristi Clayton	9/11/1993	28
Harold & Erika Clayton II	9/13/2014	7
Brock & Gretchen Collins	9/19/2009	12
Steve & Dawn Pederson	9/19/1981	40
Shawn & Tessa Even	9/25/2011	10
David & Melanie Ruehs	9/28/2007	14

September Baptisms

Susan Bowers	9/1	Kyle Brower	9/17	Gene Putnam	9/23
Maureen Even	9/2	Alexis Ohl	9/17	Eric Rahe	9/24
Marie Bushkofsky	9/5	Megan Calcara	9/18	Sydney Rahe	9/24
Jacob Rachuy	9/5	Macey Krivanek	9/18	Chris Schutte	9/24
Dan Even	9/6	Jordan Leach	9/19	Mason Brower	9/25
Judy Clayton	9/7	Lane McMartin	9/19	Tara Brower	9/25
Landon Bergman	9/8	Mike Loyd	9/21	Jared Merkel	9/26
Randy Ruehs	9/8	Eric Clark	9/22	Kenny Olson	9/26
Katelyn Zelle	9/9	Benjamin Gosse	9/22	Grace Peterson	9/27
Carsyn Niichel	9/10	Nikki Morrissey	9/22	Rebecca Rose	9/27
Jenna Tolle	9/10	Hannah Borland	9/23	Dar Thompson	9/28
James Clayton	9/13	Charles Clayton	9/23	Grace Distler	9/29
Deb Collett	9/13	Sandra Clayton	9/23	Karsten Nuehring	9/30
Kelsey McLeod	9/15	William Franti	9/23	Erick Rod	9/30
Robert Benorden	9/16	Beverly Hill	9/23		



September