

# THE LAMP

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SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
14th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion				9:30am Women's Bible Study		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
15th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship and Communion/ Blessing of the Backpacks	6:30pm Council Meeting					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
16th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship		Prayer Shawl 10-12	Worship Wednesdays 6:15-7 Rally Day			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
17th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship						
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# LAMP NEWSLETTER



## LSI ARTICLE AND STORY

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### Leave a Legacy Gift

LSI has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for over 150 years. During this time, we've created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of donors like you.

You can celebrate your lifetime through a legacy gift, to ensure LSI can continue to provide lifesaving services for those in need. Many of our faithful donors want their gifts to continue after their lifetime, and have elected to leave a legacy through LSI's foundation or the ELCA foundation.

Planned gifts to LSI help to create a firm foundation for our ministry and contribute more than \$400,000 each year.

Thanks to the generous compassion of individual donors, congregations such as yours, and our ministry partners at the three synods of the ELCA, we can be confident LSI will be here to meet the changing needs of Iowans for years to come.

### You Can Make a Lasting Impact

A longtime supporter of LSI turned an appreciated real estate asset into a charitable remainder unitrust agreement with the ELCA foundation. Because of this agreement, they will receive income from the trust for the remainder of their two lives, and subsequently to their two adult children for a twenty-year term. According to the actuarial tables, this gift will finally terminate in about forty years, leaving a very strong and greatly appreciated impact on LSI's future.

Another LSI donor elected to share their investment by directing a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA directly to LSI. The donor used this contribution to match new or increased gifts during the annual matching gift campaign.

We ask you to consider how you can make a lasting impact and leave a legacy. To learn more about planned giving opportunities, go to [LSIowa.org/leave-a-legacy/](https://LSIowa.org/leave-a-legacy/) or contact Deb Whitford, LSI senior director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto: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](https://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.Iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).*

**American Lutheran Church  
July Council Meeting  
July 10, 2023**

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

Barb Hayek led devotions.

Sheila Collins made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of June was \$10,934.05. Since the property insurance is due this month, there will not be a transfer to the General Savings and Emergency Fund. Beth Stanek 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 June 12, 2023 Council meeting minutes and the minutes of the July 9, 2023 Congregational meeting. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Tim Turnis, architect, and parsonage neighbor addressed the council. He is proposing to widen his driveway to the north and in the process regrade 8-10 feet of parsonage property to reduce the overall slope and blend in to look natural. He would reseed and water until the new grass is established. In addition, he would change the drainage from the downspout on the SE corner of the parsonage by extending the underground pipe and bubbler to the east to drain closer to the street. This should be beneficial to both properties at no cost to the church. After questions and discussion, Beth Stanek made a motion to allow Mr. Turnis to make the above changes to the parsonage property this year. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Hospitality – No report.

Memorial – No report.

Parish Ed – Vacation Bible School will be August 6 to August 9. Volunteers are needed for VBS and the Parish Ed Committee.

Presidents – No report.

Property – Parsonage: Siding on the south side has been installed by Matt Dahl Construction. Some branches overhanging the roof need to be trimmed. Hostas and raspberry bushes need attention.

Church: One tree in the prayer garden needs to be trimmed, another needs to be removed.

The church parking lot and the parsonage driveway have been weeded and/or sprayed.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – No report.

Worship & Music – Our low summer attendance has exacerbated the ability to find willing and rotating readers of the Prayers of Intercession. Therefore, we will suspend the practice of congregational prayer readers. The Pastor will read the prayers beginning July 16. The committee will continue to consider worship opportunities that will enhance a meaningful worship experience.

Youth – “Lunch in the Park” that was postponed from June due to air quality issues is rescheduled for July 13. Interest is being evaluated among ALC and ZLC youth in attending the 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The next Youth gathering is July 28 at Backbone State Park for a picnic and fellowship.

Call – The committee is waiting to hear of any candidates to interview.

Mitchell Hayek was absent before any further motions/votes due to technical difficulties with Zoom.

### **New Business**

Thank you to Chris Waring for her Synod Assembly Report to the council.

Property Insurance – Quotes were received from Brotherhood Mutual and Church Mutual Select. (Grinnell Mutual, our current company, no longer insures churches). Beth Stanek made a motion to approve the quote from Church Mutual Select. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

The council feels it is necessary to set a spending limit on how much committees can spend without council approval. The procedure for doing this by amendment to the by laws of our constitution will be discussed at the next council meeting.

The council is looking for a project for “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday which is September 10, 2023.

### **Old Business**

Confirmation will be August 20, 2023.

Secretarial Position – A new job description, referred to as Secretary/Resource Coordinator has been presented to the Council. Two changes were discussed. Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the job description with the noted changes. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

Barb Hayek made a motion to go into closed session. Second by Cindy Gosse. The meeting was in closed session from 8:18 pm to 8:33 pm.

Pulpit Supply is filled through November 26, 2023.

**Correspondence** – None.

### **Deacon Assignments for August**

6  
13  
20 – Christy Phillips  
27 – Barb Hayek

Cindy Gosse made a motion to adjourn. Second by Beth Stanek. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Collins,  
Secretary

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September 10 Camp EWALU Pastor Johnson** will preach. **Alyssa and Kristin Hoey** will enhance our worship music with **camp songs**, and we will have **Blessing of the school Backpacks**.

**Wednesday Worship: starts September 20 at 6:15-7:00** pm and meets every other Wednesday night. We look forward to fun worship activities and another successful year. Join us!

**God's Work, Our Hands:** For ELCA's annual day of service, the Youth Group will be volunteering time at the **Northeast Iowa Food Bank** on **Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9-11 am**. Non-youth group members are welcome to join us. Specific duties will be assigned upon our arrival but may include repacking bulk items, packing senior bags, and other tasks. Please **RSVP** to the Youth Group event on Facebook or reach out to Sara Borland (text 319-230-8223) or Beth Stanek ([bethannefl@hotmail.com](mailto:bethannefl@hotmail.com)). Food insecurity is real in our community, especially as food prices and inflation have risen. Let's do our part to help ensure everyone has access to food.

### **Lutheran World Relief School Kit items are due Sunday, September**

**24<sup>th</sup>**. Donations are collected at the rear of the church and will then be assembled, blessed during worship, and boxed to be shipped by October 14. Please consider picking up individual items or items needed for one complete kit as school supplies are now on sale. Each kit contains:

- **4** 70-sheet notebooks of college-ruled paper (Staples has this for 50 cents each)
- **1** 30-cm ruler or a ruler with cm on front and inches on back
- **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
- **1** 2 ½ inch eraser

We will also need material and cord to make the backpacks. **To contribute monetarily**, please mark your envelope "Lutheran World Relief School Kits" (checks payable to American Lutheran) for the offering plate. The Fall WELCA In-Gathering to collect the boxed LWR items is October 14<sup>th</sup> at Our Redeemer Lutheran, Waverly. Thank you for your continued generosity to support this ALC ministry.

**Prayer Shawl resumes:** Prayer shawl will meet **every third Tuesday** from 10-12. Please contact Sharon McAtee at 319-827-6154 if you are in need of a shawl.

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

**Update on Steph:** Her 100 days of isolation are done as of Friday (August 25th), just in time to take Neva to her first day of preschool. She continues to go to Iowa City weekly for labs and appointments with her transplant team. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

**Congratulations to our Confirmands:** We celebrated with a beautiful service and many family and friends. Thank you to everyone who made the service special. Special Thanks to Candy Lompe who has been helping with confirmation for many years.

<p><b>JORDYN LYNN BERGMAN</b></p> <p>"Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9</p> <p>PARENTS: JOHN ALLEN &amp; HEATHER KAY BERGMAN</p> <p>Sponsors: Hilary Thompson, Corey Haack, Heidi Aarre, Sarah Maeder, Robert Bergman, Marcia Riggs</p>  <p>◆ Confirmation 2023 ◆</p>	<p><b>CARMEN ADELIN NUEHRING</b></p> <p>"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13</p> <p>PARENTS: KEITH ALLEN &amp; CYNDI SUE NUEHRING</p> <p>Sponsors: Jackie Salow and Randy Callan</p>  <p>◆ Confirmation 2023 ◆</p>	<p><b>ELLA GRACE KRIVANEK</b></p> <p>"The smallest family will become a thousand people, and the tiniest group will become a mighty nation." Isaiah 60:22</p> <p>PARENTS: MATTHEW JAMES &amp; MICHELLE LYNN KRIVANEK</p> <p>Sponsors: Ryan Even, Megan Calcara, Shawn Even and Sarah Burnes</p>  <p>◆ Confirmation 2023 ◆</p>
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**Nurturing Silence: September 23, 2023, 8 am - noon** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, IA, includes 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, and pray. The event will be led by local people and a donation for event expenses would be helpful. **RSVP** to [CONElowa@gmail.com](mailto:CONElowa@gmail.com) with your name and phone number **by Monday, September 18**. More details will be shared with registrants. Note the poster on the lower narthex bulletin board.

**The Call Committee's** completed site profile is available from the church office. Thank you to the team of Amanda Phillips, Chris Waring, Merritt Jones, Bill Schneider, and the Zion Jubilee committee members for their diligence in our search for a pastor.

## EVENTS

**Sunday worship services** will be at **10am from August-November**

### **Women's Bible Study:**

September 7th 10-12

### **Council Meeting:**

Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

### **Worship Wednesday:**

Wednesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> (Every other Wednesday after)

## 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](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.*

### **PASTORS COMING TO ALC:**

Sept 3	Pastor Luther Thoresen
Sept 10	Pastor Frank Johnson
Sept 17	Gideon speaker
Sept 24	Mark Birdnow





## 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-Berry	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	Madaline 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	17
Mike & Chris Waring	9/2/1977	46
Dave & Jenifer Wyant	9/3/1994	29
Brad & Jennifer Wilson	9/4/1999	24
Wayne & Ruth Schneider	9/5/1970	53
Robert & Robin Clayton II	9/10/1991	32
Brian & Barb Hayek	9/10/1983	40
James & Kristi Clayton	9/11/1993	30
Harold & Erika Clayton II	9/13/2014	9
Brock & Gretchen Collins	9/19/2009	14
Steve & Dawn Pederson	9/19/1981	42
Shawn & Tessa Even	9/25/2011	12
David & Melanie Ruehs	9/28/2007	16

# 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		

