

## **THE LAMP**

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SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
				9:30am Women's Bible Study 1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC		
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
All Saints Sunday 10:00am Worship and Communion Intergenerational Sunday School and Fellowship Parish Ed Meeting	9am LWR Quilting 6:30pm Council Meeting	10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	7pm Confirmation		1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
25th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship and Communion Intergenerational Sunday School and Fellowship		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	7pm Confirmation		1:30-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours @ ALC	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship and Communion Intergenerational Sunday School and Fellowship <b>4:30pm Community Thanksgiving Service &amp; Potluck at UMC</b>	9am LWR Quilting	10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl		Thanksgiving	Office Closed	
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
First Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship and Communion Intergenerational Sunday School and Fellowship		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	7pm Confirmation			
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
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**Readers**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>: Sheila Collins**  
**November 14<sup>th</sup>: Mike Waring**  
**November 21<sup>st</sup>: Sue Hoey**  
**November 28<sup>th</sup>: Maureen Even**

**Ushers**

**Jim and Cyndi Gosse**

# LAMP NEWSLETTER



## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

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Dear friends in Christ,

As we begin the month of November, we experience the holy celebration of All Saints Day. This celebration, held the first Sunday in the month of November, is a day when we remember and honor our loved ones who have died. On All Saints Day, we usually feel a mixture of grief and gratitude, as we mourn the fact that they are no longer with us, yet we still remember the difference these loved ones made in our lives, and we give thanks for the time we had with them.

As the month goes on, we once again experience gratitude as we move toward the Thanksgiving holiday. We are invited to think about everything that we have to be thankful for. We are encouraged to remember that everything we have is a gift from God.

As our thoughts turn toward all that God gives us, we may also reflect on what we can give. We give of our love, our time, our finances, our prayers, and many other ways. There are many ways and places to give in the coming season. When we generously serve and share with others, we show God how thankful we are for all that God has given us.

Let us move into the month of November remembering that God is with us when we grieve, remembering that all that we have is a gift from God, and remembering that our generosity is a great way to show God our thanks.

Christ's peace,  
Pastor Kristen

## Treasurer's Report

		9/30/2021	8/31/2021	7/31/2021
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>				
Beginning balance 9/01/2021		\$10,604.22	\$9,616.76	\$8,911.54
<b>Receipts</b>				
Deposits		\$12,336.83	\$11,994.04	\$11,562.18
Transfer from Improvement		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Memorial		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfer from Community Meal Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Youth Ministry		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$172.90
Trnasfer from Benevolence		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Line of Credit-Current Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Line of Credit-Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Sub Total	\$22,941.05	\$21,610.80	\$20,646.62
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Checks		\$4,936.81	\$6,218.72	\$6,082.77
EFT payments		\$4,195.47	\$4,222.86	\$4,457.09
Transfer out for Simply Giving		\$550.00	\$515.00	\$490.00
Transfer to Memorial Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Benevolence		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Sabbatical Set Aside		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pay to Line of Credit-Current Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pay to Line of Credit-Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Sub Total	\$9,682.28	\$11,006.58	\$11,029.86
<b>Ending Balance 9/30/2021</b>		<b>\$13,258.77</b>	<b>\$10,604.22</b>	<b>\$9,616.76</b>
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>				
Improvement Fund		\$28,111.26	\$27,637.81	\$26,802.81
Memorial Fund		\$8,860.24	\$8,859.12	\$8,859.12
	Designated to Other Programs	\$7,830.57		
	Undesignated Funds	\$1,029.67		
Community Meal Fund		\$427.63	\$427.58	\$427.58
Youth Ministry		\$6,316.84	\$6,179.99	\$5,452.99
Sabbatical Set Aside		\$3,608.38	\$3,607.93	\$3,607.93
Checking Account		\$13,258.77	\$10,604.22	\$9,616.76
Total		\$60,583.12	\$57,316.65	\$54,767.19
Banklowa Line of Credit - Current Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Banklowa Line of Credit - Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$60,583.12</b>	<b>\$57,316.65</b>	<b>\$54,767.19</b>

**American Lutheran Church  
September Council Meeting  
September 13, 2021**

President Maureen Even called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Maureen Even, Pastor Kristen Corr Rod, Mike Waring, Shirley Bergman, Sue Hoey, Loren Corkery, and Sheila Collins. Absent were Christa Leach and Beth Stanek.

Maureen led devotions from Psalm 119:169-176, a reading from *Christ in Our Home*, and concluded with a prayer.

Secretary's Report - Sue Hoey made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2021 council meeting as written. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of August was \$10,604.22. We have begun using the payroll and tax preparation services of Mr. Keith Oltrogge, CPA. Sheila made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

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

Abundant Life – No report.

Scholarship - No report.

Hospitality - The Hospitality Committee in conjunction with Prayer Chain met to discuss the logistics of celebrating anniversaries and birthdays in connection with the Intergenerational Sunday School. Sunday School will acknowledge the month's birthdays and make "thinking of you" cards. Hospitality will supply donuts and send anniversary cards for specific anniversaries.

Ideas were discussed and plans were started for the creation and training of a visitation team.

Memorial –The committee met to discuss the Memorial policy. The Memorial funds that have been designated for windows will be used to help fund the installation of the church basement windows this fall. Forty-two family members, friends, and parishioners attended our memorial service on August 21 for those who passed away during Covid.

Parish Ed – Plans were made for the new intergenerational Sunday School. Rally Sunday was planned for September 12. Services with lunch to follow will be held in the city park. The Parish Ed schedule was finalized through October 3, 2021. Katey Niichel, Christy Phillips, and Crystal Lysne have agreed to be on the Parish Ed committee and Beth Stanek will join later in the fall.

President's Report – There are currently no issues with the Pastor sharing contract. An attempt is being made to work out a schedule so that one church doesn't have all the summer months starting at 8:30 a.m.

Property – The windows for the church basement will be installed as soon as they arrive. One of the church furnace fan motors was not working. Independence Plumbing and Heating replaced it. Even Quality Works of Waverly was the lowest quote to repaint the parking lot lines for \$400.00.

Mike Waring made a motion to accept the bid from Even Quality Works to repaint the parking lot lines for \$400.00. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Technology – To find a solution to the continuing issues with the public address system, the committee is recommending the purchase of a new sound mixer that can be installed and controlled in the back of the sanctuary. The funding could come from the money previously designated for improving live streaming. More research and discussion will be done on the size, cost, and placement of equipment before purchase.

Worship and Music – Hymns are chosen through September 19.

Youth – Lunch in the Park was held August 21, 2021 and raised \$409.00. The grand total for both Lunch in the Park events this summer was \$1,093.00. The next Youth Group meeting is scheduled for September 22 in conjunction with confirmation. In addition to dinner and games, Kristen and Alyssa Hoey will speak on the annual youth conference.

Pastor's Report - Pastor's Report to Jubilee & ALC councils, Sept 12 & 13, 2021

In the last month:

2 communion visits, 1 for a Jubilee member and one for an ALC member

1 meeting with the Jubilee Conference Pastors

2 Synod Council meetings

1 meeting of the Jesup Ministerial Association

I coordinated the Food Bank Site Visit for the Jesup Ministerial-- they are supposed to visit every few years to inspect the space we use to store their food, which for us is the St. A's cafeteria. They said that next year they would like us to log the temperatures in the coolers and freezer when we put food in and take it out, and they will be providing us with freezer blankets to put over the food when we pick it up from the Food Bank to make sure it stays cold. Otherwise they said we are doing a great job!

The Jesup Ministerial Association met and talked about what our policies are for helping people who request funds from the Jesup Ministerial Fund. (We help people with gas money, food money, and utility/rent type bills, as well as other things in certain instances.) We decided that we should make sure our policies are written down rather than simply being discussed verbally as they have been in the past. We will work on those in our next meeting.

I was informed this past week that the area hospitals have implemented more strict visitor restrictions because their Covid numbers are getting very high. Pastors are no longer allowed to visit hospitalized members, except for one visit if the member is actively dying. Because of the strain that Covid is currently putting on our hospitals, I think that when we move indoors, we should have a stronger mask policy-- either masks required or masks strongly recommended for everyone (not just the unvaccinated).

The synod has set up a Zoom meeting for congregational leaders to meet with Dr. Michael Osterholm, infectious disease expert at the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, so that we can get his recommendations for congregations during this Delta variant surge. That meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 15.

I have a meeting with the Independence Food Pantry Board on Tuesday, September 14.

In a couple of weeks, I will be attending the Tri Synodical Fall Theological Conference. Because of the current Covid surge, the conference will be entirely online via Zoom. The theme is "Leading in Difficult Times."

I have set up a Sunday for the new Bishop, Kevin Jones, to come preach at Zion and ALC-- he will be coming on December 5. The installation service for Bishop Kevin will take place on Saturday, September 25 at 2:00 p.m. and will be in Mason City, and broadcast on the Synod Facebook and YouTube channels.

### **New Business**

Due to the increase in Covid positive cases we will update our policy to masks being highly recommended for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated. We will also return to use of the prepackaged communion cups. We will continue to monitor the case counts and adjust the policy as necessary.

We need to find someone to do parking lot snow removal this year.

### **Old Business**

We are still looking for someone to fill the Treasurer position.

**Correspondence** – We received our Second Quarter Mission Support statement from the Northeast Iowa Synod. We have given \$4,897.00, which is 40.74% of our \$12,000.00 goal set at our annual meeting. We also had a \$1,500.00 designated gift to Lutheran Services in Iowa through Northeastern Iowa Synod on the statement as well.

### **Deacon Assignments for October**

3 – Mike Waring  
10 – Maureen Even  
17 – Mike Waring  
24 – Sue Hoey  
31 – Maureen Even

Mike Waring made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sheila Collins. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Collins,  
Secretary

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fall Fun and Fellowship** Intergenerational Sunday School: Please join us in the basement after worship for a time of fellowship and learning for all ages! Thank you for participation in these new ways to serve and encourage our church family.

**Quilting for Lutheran World Relief:** Join us every second and fourth Monday to help cut, pin, sew, iron, or tie quilts. If you are interested in this ministry, please talk to Sharon McAtee, Kaye Jones, or Mary Adams. Our next work day is November 8th, 9 AM. We welcome all eager helpers!

**ALC Bible study:** Join us for the study of Anna, Mary, and Elizabeth in The Women of Christmas, by Liz Curtis Higgs. November 4 we study chapters 3-5 and December 2 we conclude with chapters 6-8. Meetings are at 9:30 AM. We would love to have you join us.

**Community Thanksgiving Service:** The Jesup Ministerial Community Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday, November 21 at 4:30pm at United Methodist Church in Jesup. All are invited! A potluck meal will follow the service. For our offering for the evening, we are collecting waterproof gloves and mittens in kids' and adults' sizes. These mittens will go to Jay's Closet at Jesup School. We are also collecting financial donations for the Jesup Ministerial Fund, which provides assistance with rent, utilities, gas, and other needs for folks in the Jesup area. The service will also be livestreamed on the Facebook page [Jesup First, a United Methodist Community](#).

**Bishop Kevin coming:** The new bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod, Bp. Kevin Jones, will be joining us for worship on Sunday, Dec 5. He will provide the sermon that morning. Please join us and welcome him!

**Thanksgiving offering designation:** Any offering given to ALC in the Thanksgiving offering envelopes, or otherwise designated for Thanksgiving, will go towards Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI).

**You are invited to "The Patience of Mary - Letting go of what is, To welcome what is to come."** This is an Advent Retreat, December 10-12, 2021 at the Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque. This opportunity is sponsored by Contemplative Outreach Northeast Iowa. For further information contact CONElowa@gmail.com.

**Caring Bridge** posts for Stephanie Witt Winkelpleck can be accessed from this link <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/stephaniewittwinkelpleck>. Steph has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Thanks for your continued prayers and support.

**Peanut Butter:** The food backpack program assists families with our food donations in addition to Food Bank resources every other weekend. For the month of October, ALC is collecting peanut butter to go into these backpacks. Please place your supplies in the shopping cart in the narthex and thank you!



**Mobile Giving App** If you give your regular contributions using Give Plus App, we have been notified that they will stop supporting the Give Plus app as of January 31, 2022. You should download the new app called Vanco Mobile to continue using. Note: your username and password will remain the same, and any recurring payments you have scheduled will continue in the new app. **If you do not currently have anything setup, now is a great time to download the Vanco Mobile app and start your recurring giving today!**

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



## EVENTS

**Rite of Confirmation:** The Rite of Confirmation for our current 9th graders will happen at our worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 31, 10 AM. Please join us in celebration with our 9th graders as they affirm their baptismal promises! A Confirmation reception will be held in the basement following the service.

**All Saints Day:** November 7, we will light candles in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away but who remain in our hearts. Please submit names to the church office, to Jessica at [secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org), or Pastor Kristen at [pastor@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:pastor@americanlutheranjesup.org).

**Save the Date!** St. A's Bazaar & Broasted Chicken Dinner will be on Sun, Nov. 7. Mass will be at 10:30am. Bazaar in the Gym, 10-1pm. Bake Sale, silent auction, raffles. Dinner served from 10:30-1:30pm. Adult/ \$10, Kids 6-12yrs/ \$5, Kids 5 & under/ Free

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### **Military members:**

Military members: Jordan and Justin are at the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City, IA. 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](mailto: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 (except the first week in November, they will be held on Thursday instead).

# Celebrations

## November Wedding Anniversaries

<b>Mike &amp; Amy Schares</b>	11/3/2007	14
<b>Greg &amp; Crystal Lysne</b>	11/6/2010	11
<b>Ryan &amp; Katherine Even</b>	11/14/2009	12
<b>Michael &amp; Tricia George</b>	11/22/2008	13
<b>Linda &amp; Greg Sondag</b>	11/29/1980	41

## November Birthdays

<b>Robert Clayton I</b>	11/1	<b>Tessa Clayton</b>	11/10	<b>Chad Frahm</b>	11/23
<b>Amanda Ruehs</b>	11/2	<b>Wayne Venem</b>	11/10	<b>Ryan Wilson</b>	11/23
<b>Peggy Shaffer</b>	11/2	<b>Gene Anhalt</b>	11/12	<b>Barb Hayek</b>	11/24
<b>Adam Soppe</b>	11/2	<b>Alexis Smith</b>	11/12	<b>Brandy Furler</b>	11/26
<b>Steve Bigwood</b>	11/5	<b>Cody Clayton</b>	11/13	<b>Cody Haack</b>	11/26
<b>Dannette McAtee</b>	11/5	<b>Kenny Schares</b>	11/16	<b>Denny Becker</b>	11/27
<b>Wyatt Thompson</b>	11/5	<b>Katie Stalheim</b>	11/17	<b>J R Yonkovic Jr.</b>	11/27
<b>Amy Wilson</b>	11/6	<b>Tyler Ohi</b>	11/19	<b>Brett Waring</b>	11/28
<b>Heather Anderson</b>	11/7	<b>Heath Wyant</b>	11/20	<b>Brad Schmit</b>	11/29
<b>Nick Morrissey</b>	11/7	<b>Skylar Blad</b>	11/21	<b>Kelsey Schares</b>	11/30
<b>Dakoda Wolf</b>	11/7	<b>Steve Pederson</b>	11/21	<b>Teresa Wust</b>	11/30
<b>Brian Hayek</b>	11/9	<b>Connie Jones</b>	11/22		
<b>Sue Hoey</b>	11/9	<b>Marilyn Peterson</b>	11/22		

### November Baptisms

Dakota Putnam	11/1	Hunter Weber	11/14	Charlie Rod	11/24
Tom Soppe	11/1	Joel Zummak	11/14	Kenny Schares	11/24
Tricia George	11/3	Nikki Elenz	11/15	Ryder Hansel	11/25
Susan Crow	11/4	Brock Collins	11/16	Dannette McAtee	11/25
Harold Clayton I	11/5	Marci Dahl	11/16	Adam Soppe	11/25
Robert Clayton II	11/5	Corbin Frush	11/17	Amber Haack	11/26
Paula Clayton	11/5	Owen Thompson	11/17	Scott Shaffer	11/26
Mitchell McMartin	11/5	Jamisyn Amling	11/18	Jennifer Swanson	11/26
Dakoda Wolf	11/6	Austin Ohl	11/18	Denny Becker	11/28
David Ruckdaschel	11/8	Dorothy Thompson	11/18	Alicia Collett	11/28
Greg Sondag	11/8	Greenley Brower	11/20	Chris Collett	11/28
Kristi Clayton	11/9	Jacob Leach	11/20	Jeffery Conner	11/28
Chris Jacobsen	11/9	Kala Fox	11/21	Tina Bagenstos	11/29
Lainey Bahe	11/11	Randy Frush	11/21	Thomas Jones	11/29
Harrison Bistline	11/12	Cindy Gosse	11/22	Beth Stanek	11/29
Brian Jones	11/12	Owen Riggs	11/24	Brett Shaffer	11/30

