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April Reflections:

April brings with it signs of resurrection—buds on the trees, longer days, and hearts full of hope. As we celebrate Easter and the promise of new life, may we carry the joy of the empty tomb into our everyday lives. This is a season of renewal, both in creation and in our faith. Let us rejoice, give thanks, and walk forward in the light of Christ!

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 10, 2025 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 by President Maureen Even.

Present: Pastor Mohr-Kelly, Shirley Bergman, Amber Reuter, Mary Adams, Mike Waring, Christy Phillips, Sara Borland, and Cindy Gosse.

Devotion and prayer led by Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly. (1 Peter 4)

Cindy Gosse motioned to approve the agenda. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Cindy mentioned the savings is down as expenses overall have gone up. Sara asked if there were anything we need to do about the savings at the moment. Offerings were up the last two weeks, so at the moment there isn't any action to be taken.

Cindy noted that MidAmerican budget billing is increasing per month. The Parsonage MidAmerican bill will adjust from \$62 to \$97. The Church MidAmerican bill will adjust from \$334 to \$413.

Maureen pointed out a correction to the weekly bulletin as the header under the treasury report says Savings and CDs, but the balance is only savings. She will have Chris correct going forward.

We had two snow removal bill. It added to ALC's expenditures and was discussed. Question arose about the easement between parking lot and the neighbor's home. Maureen is going to verify that it's a perpetual easement.

Sara Borland motioned to approve the treasurer reports. Second by Mary Adams. Motion carried.

Secretary Report:

Amber sent for the February 2nd Council Retreat and the February 10th Council Meeting reports to council.

Cindy shared the closed session report.

Shirley Bergman motioned to approve the February 2nd Council Retreat and February 10th reports. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried. Mike Waring motioned to approve the closed session report. Second by Christy Phillips. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Reports:

Shirley lined up March fellowship hosts. Thank you to Connie Hamilton, Barb Mostek and Connie Jones, Suanne Westphal, and Brea Witt for hosting in March. Mike volunteered to call and line up the April hosts.

Pastor reminded council that Cyndi Nuehring will bring donuts for Easter Sunday. Mike will verify.

Parish Ed/Youth:

First communion will be on Palm Sunday for the youth. Church will provide cake on graduation Sunday, May 18th.

Christy said there are 3 Wednesday gatherings remaining for the school year. Three 3rd graders will be receiving their Bibles from the Church. Chris has the names for this.

Sara reported that youth group had bowling cancelled Friday because of COVID and the weather. Sara will reach out to Heather Kane to invite their youth from Zion. Maureen mentioned that Ruth Frush said Arnita could add the dates to their bulletins. Sara knows the youth leader at Immanuel and thought there could be some youth collaboration there for activities. Sara would like to train another member of the congregation to take over Youth Group in the future.

Property/Technology:

Maureen found that the "leak" in the men's bathroom by the pantry was not actually leak. It was drainage from the water softener. It did cause some damage to tile. She waxed the area.

Cindy brought up Mike fixed the seal on the upstairs toilet, which hopefully should now be reflected on the water bill. Last Saturday, Maureen found the sink in the women's restroom had been left on and dripping. She had turned it off.

Mike reported that Anthony and Rylan Bahe installed the new TV in the sanctuary that will be used during worship services. The new router is in Pastors office and will be rerouted to the sanctuary. Anthony volunteered to do the wiring for the wifi at cost of the supplies.

Pastor said the wind knocked the neighbor's pine tree down on the fence at the parsonage and impacted the gate as well. The neighbor's homeowner's insurance should cover the cost of the repair. Mike mentioned Millers Fence Company in Waterloo.

Scholarship:

Mary hasn't talked to Pat Winblade for a follow up yet. There was 1 application.

Worship and Music:

Shirley reported that Sara is scheduling a meeting the week of the 17th which is spring break. There are 2 youth interested in helping. Amber designed 4 banners for the committee to review and choose from. VistaPrint is about \$50 per banner, plus shipping.

Pastor Mohr-Kelly motioned for the approval of two banners to be purchased. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Pastor would like us to follow along in the red book during worship and print less in the bulletin to help cut costs on paper and print.

Call Committee:

No report from the Call Committee.

Maureen and Sara shared their meeting with Ruth Frush and Craig Frush. Several ideas were shared for joint activities in the future. Blessings on the quilts will be April 6 prior to the in-gathering on April 12.

Maureen will propose a joint ALC/Zion meeting for March 30th at 4 p.m. with April 6th as a backup. It will be at Zion.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor has been doing a lot of planning for the spring season with Lent, Easter, etc.

New Business:

Artist Collective would like to use the church for their community activity. Rich is a member of ALC, so they could use the space at no charge. They will need to clean up after their meetings. Mike Waring motioned to approve the use of the church by Artist Collective. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Avast Settlement. Maureen thought the work might be more than what we could get back. Cindy and Sara agreed. Maureen will let Chris know.

Audit Committee has been set. Barb Schneider, Connie Hamilton and Mary Adams. Mary will set a date with Cindy to do the audit.

Iva Ruehs would like to host a shower on April 13th at the church. Cindy Gosse motioned to approve her request. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Shirley will condense current rental details that will be sent to those using the church.

Cindy said we have been approved by AED.com for a grant cost of an AED through them. There are 6 different styles. She reached out to Rick Wulfekuhle and Dan Walter is working with Buchanan Health Center to get us an AED through their grant program at no cost. We are going to go through the Buchanan Health Center grant.

Transfer of membership for Teresa Wust to First Methodist was requested.

Pastor Mohr-Kelly motioned to approve Teresa's request. Second by Mary Adams. Motion carried. Maureen will contact Pastor Mandy.

Old Business:

Lent offering from January minutes state that noisy offering and Lenten offerings for March and April go to the ministerial.

Pastor confirmed Maundy Thursday services at ALC will be 5:30 p.m. and Zion will be 7 p.m. Easter will be at Zion at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. ALC Easter service will be at 9 a.m. with coffee and donuts beforehand at 8:30 a.m.

Maureen brought up setting a meeting for Pastor's 6 month review. Cindy said there are evaluation forms on the synod website to be used. Sara suggested a Google doc that all can use to evaluate the Pastor so it can be done virtually.

Correspondence:

Received a thank you for ELCA Good Gifts donation of \$428.92.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal information.

EWALU Annual Meeting will be March 15th at 1 p.m. We can send 2 voting members. EWALU's Spring Work Day is May 3rd 9 am-4 pm. The Summer Camp Open House is May 10.

Deacon Assignments for April:

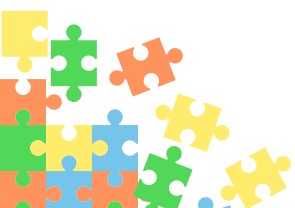
April 6th: Mary Adams; April 13: Christy Phillips; April 20: Maureen Even; April 27: Amber Reuter

Lord's Prayer was said.

Motion to adjourn by Sara Borland. Second by Christy Phillips. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Reuter

Pizza, Puzzles & Games



Have you completed the pizza, puzzles, and pop challenge yet?

Teams of 3-4 (depending on how many participants we have) will compete to be the first to finish a puzzle, a pizza, and 2 liter drink.

RSVP with how many friends you will be bringing and preference for pizza and drink type. RSVP Beth Stanek (319)417-4453

Sponsored by: ALC Youth Group





Praise Worship

Sundays at 4 p.m.

Come as you are. All are welcome.

☀️ New Worship Experience Coming to ALC Jesup on June 1! ☀️

We are so excited to introduce a brand-new Praise Worship

Service starting Sunday, June 1st at 4 PM! 🎉

👐 A casual, uplifting, and inspiring way to worship together

🎵 Contemporary music

🙏 Community-focused, welcoming atmosphere

No dress code, no pressure—just come as you are. Bring your family, bring a friend, and join us for this exciting new way to worship!

(Traditional worship on Sunday mornings still available also!)

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays with God in May

Join us for Bible Study every Thursday at 6:30 pm, either on Zoom or in person.

Each week includes time for prayer, scripture reading, and in-depth Bible study.

Link for Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87086730130?pwd=1FPCx8x1R90XscxGbTBrMaMhdujLNU.1>

Meeting ID: 870 8673 0130 Passcode 110776

Women's Bible Study

May 1st 9am Fireside room

Prayer Shawl

May 13th 10am Fireside Room

Artist Collaboration

May 26th 6:30pm Fireside Room





Artist Collaboration




Calling all creatives—musicians, visual artists, writers, dancers, vocalists, actors, digital artists, and more! You're invited to join a vibrant gathering of artists from Buchanan County and surrounding areas.

 Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

 Time: 6:30–8:00 PM

 Location: Jesup American Lutheran Church, 522 Purdy Street, Jesup, IA

This collaborative event is designed to foster a supportive and trusting community where artists can connect, share ideas, and celebrate creativity. Whether you're seasoned or just starting out, come ready to exchange techniques, resources, and inspiration. Bring along anything you'd like to show or discuss!

 Questions? Call (319) 290-0241 or (505) 557-9947

Sponsored by the Steve Brown Art Center



Let's build something beautiful—together.

LOVE BOX ITEM DRIVE



Jesup High School seniors Kaylie Bergman and Landon Vogel are partnering with Cedar Valley Angels® through their CAPS leadership class to collect donations for foster children and families in the Cedar Valley.

Suggested donation items and QR codes were shared during a church service. Items can be dropped off at American Lutheran Church, Cowork 591, or Jesup High School through the end of April. For questions, contact Kaylie at Kaylie.bergman@jesup.k12.ia.us.



Amazon Wish
List



Go Fund Me
Donations

Love Box Items: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Hand Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Dishwasher pods, Dish Soap, Disinfectant Wipes, Fruit Snacks, Individual Snack Bags, Granola Bars, Pack of pudding, Coloring Books, Crayons, Makers, Colored Pencils, Toy car/truck, Baby or Barbie Doll, Play-Doh, Family craft, game puzzle or activity, Toilet paper



The quilters of American Lutheran wish to thank the congregation for their continued support of our mission to make and supply quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to your donations, we were able to send 44 quilts to the Spring in-Gathering held on April 12th at St. John Lutheran, Sumner. They were added to the other donations of quilts and kits from this area and are now on their way to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis where they will be distributed to areas of need here in the U.S. and around the world.

We are collecting items for Personal Care Kits. The items needed are: dark bath towels, full-size bars of soap, adult-size toothbrushes, strong-toothed combs and metal nail clippers. A table has been set up in the Upper Narthex for collection. Check out the bulletin board by the Fireside Room for our progress in obtaining these items. Thanks again, for your generosity in nourishing the world by sharing God's gifts.



thank you

Thank you to Beth Stanek and Teri Schares for doing a great job with the Worship Wednesday kids this past year. . Parish Ed is looking for someone to help with Worship Wednesday this fall.

Thank you
Christy





LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.

A Story of Resilience: Aime's Journey from Refugee to Entrepreneur

In 2010, Aime fled the war in Congo, seeking safety for herself and her future. She first found refuge in Tanzania before making her way to the United States, later that year settling in South Dakota. There, she worked with Palance Autism, dedicating herself to helping others. During this time, Aime met her husband, and together they built a family, eventually welcoming five children.

In 2012, Aime and her family moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where she began working with TPI, a wind energy company. For ten years, she juggled the demands of her job while raising her children. However, when TPI closed in 2022, Aime saw the chance to create a new path – one that would allow her to spend more time with her family and pursue a career more aligned with her values.

Determined, Aime enrolled in Lutheran Services in Iowa's childcare program in October 2022. With their support, she launched her own daycare business in 2023. Today, Aime cares for six children in her daycare, providing a safe and nurturing space for them to grow while also staying closely connected to her own family.

Aime's story is one of resilience, growth, and the courage to start over. From fleeing her home to building a business in a new country, she has transformed her challenges into opportunities for herself, her family and her community.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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Senior families - save the date! Graduates will
be honored at worship on May 18.



April Celebrations



Birthdays

Rayann Vogel	1-Apr
Krishna Tonne	2-Apr
Chris Jones	5-Apr
Logan Krivanek	8-Apr
Iva Ruehs	13-Apr
Laurie Even	15-Apr
Ella Krivanek	17-Apr
Bryan Tonne	20-Apr
Pat Winblade	25-Apr
Alyssa Hoey	26-Apr
Kristin Hoey	26-Apr
Steve Hanson	28-Apr

Baptism Anniversaries

Melanie Distler	1-Apr	Wendell Erpelding	19-Apr
Ron Gosse	2-Apr	Gabriella Zabloudil	19-Apr
Greg Lysne	9-Apr	Elliot Ahmann	21-Apr
Larry Thompson	9-Apr	Shawn Even	21-Apr
Kyler Lysne	10-Apr	Brea Witt	24-Apr
Danni Kopplin	12-Apr	Lauryn Witt	24-Apr
Cory Winkelpleck	13-Apr	Layne Witt	24-Apr
Shane Witt	13-Apr	Chris Waring	26-Apr
Shirley Bergman	15-Apr	Krishna Tonne	27-Apr
Luke Gosse	17-Apr	Mitchell Hayek	28-Apr
Kayla Schutte	17-Apr	Jennifer Wilson	28-Apr
Wyatt Thompson	17-Apr	Kelly Wolf	28-Apr
Mike Waring	18-Apr		

Wedding Anniversaries

Clyde and Brenda Schmit	24/1/1978
Alan and Kelly Wolf	4/2/2000
Jeff and Katey Niichel	4/3/2004
Jeff and Missy Weber	4/24/2010
Rich and Pat Mohr-Kelly	4/28/2000
Jeff and Sara Borland	4/29/2000



If you wish to be added to the prayer chain either as someone needing prayers or want to join the Prayer Warriors as ALC, please: Contact Kaye kayejns@gmail.com or the office secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org with any prayer concerns.

*Please contact Sharon McAtee at 319-827-6154 **if you are in need of a Prayer shawl.***

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MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly Council President: Maureen Even Secretary: Chris Waring Church Phone: 827-6626 Web Address: www.americanlutheranjesup.org Church e-mail: secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org						
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
3rd Sunday in Easter 8:30am Worship & Communion Confirmation Sunday 4PM Praise Worship meeting				6:30 In person or Zoom Bible Study		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4th Sunday In Easter 8:30am Worship & Communion	6:30pm Council Meeting	Prayer Shawl 10am	<u>LAMP articles due</u>	6:30 In person or Zoom Bible Study		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
5th Sunday in Easter 8:30am Worship & Communion Honoring our Graduates		9am Quilting		6:30 In person or Zoom Bible Study		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
6th Sunday of Easter 8:30am Worship & Communion	Artist Colaboration 6:30pm		Practice Contemporary Worship 6:30pm	6:30 In person or Zoom Bible Study		

Deacon Assignments for May

4th Mary Adams
11th Mike Waring
18th Christy Phillips
25th Amber Reuter

HAHAHA

- Why is everyone so tired on April 1st?
Because they just finished a 31-day March!
- What season is best for jumping to conclusions?
Spring!
- What did the flower say after it told a joke?
"I was just pollen your leg!"

Easter Services

6:30am Zion

8:30 am ALC coffee & donuts 9am Worship Service