

LAMP

Monthly publication of the American Lutheran Church

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May New Beginnings

As we welcome the month of May, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and the beauty of new beginnings all around us. Thank you for the many ways you share your time, talents, and kindness within our church family and community.

May is also a season filled with celebration — graduations, confirmations, Mother's Day, and the approaching joys of summer ministries and fellowship. Through every season, God continues to guide and strengthen us for service to others.

May this season bring you joy, hope, and renewed blessings.

COUNCIL MINUTES

American Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
March 9, 2026



The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by President Maureen Even. Present were Maureen Even, Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly, Sara Borland, Cindy Gosse, Mike Waring, Connie Hamilton, Mary Adams, and Sheila Collins. Christy Phillips was absent. Chris Waring was present to address the council.

Pastor Pat led devotions.

Sara made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Chris Waring's topics. Second by Mary. Motion carried.

Chris informed us of an opportunity presented to her from Likewise Academy for middle school kids to leave school for an hour to participate in a Baptist based ecumenical education program. Sara made a motion to decline this invitation since we have our own successful Worship Wednesday program for that age group. Second by Pastor Pat. Motion carried.

Chris also presented possibilities for purchase of gifts and stoles for upcoming confirmation. Cindy made a motion to purchase several prayer books (Jesus Calling for Teens by Sarah Young) at best price break per number purchased and a minimum of six white satin stoles. We will retain the stoles for future use. Second by Sara. Motion carried.

The meeting continued after Chris departed.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses included payment for elevator repairs and increases to MidAmerica's bill for both the church and the parsonage due to cold weather. Mary made a motion to move \$40,000 of the \$63,996.93 in the savings account into a new short term CD at the best possible interest rate. Second by Sheila. Motion carried. The checking account balance at the end of February was \$9,303.98. Since it is less than \$10,000, there will not be a transfer to the savings fund. Sara made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Connie. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report Mike made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026

Pre council/Council meeting. Second by Mary. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – Connie and Pastor Pat will meet.

Parish Ed/Youth – The clock in the fireside room accidentally got broken and will need to be replaced. Cindy will look for a new clock.

As part of their studies on the spiritual discipline of encouragement, the confirmation students came up with several good suggestions to encourage worship attendance and participation:

- Welcoming greeters at the door on Sunday.
- Their paintings visible in the Sanctuary
- Use lighting from the 4:00 pm service at the 9:00 am service.
- Brighter music.
- Get everyone to come to fellowship

Pastor states that we should be aware that our congregation is made up of a good age distribution.

On March 15 Cindy Nuehring and Beth Stanek will take the youth group on a skating trip.

Property/Technology Mike put up a permanent case for the AED. The final elevator part should arrive by the 17th of March and will be installed by Schindler. Pastor's laptop has been returned to ALC. Mike changed the batteries in the smoke alarms at the church.

Scholarship – No report.

Worship and Music – Hymns have been chosen through May. Organist coverage is being planned until Shirley Bergman's return. Mike will try resetting the router before Sunday service in an attempt to improve sound quality on the live stream. Sunday March 15 will be a contemporary service.

Call Committee – Pastor Pat talked to Pastor Brackett of the NEIA Synod. The potential new interim Pastor will be available at the end of March. She has not contacted us to set up an interview. Maureen will ask Pastor Brackett if it is okay for us to contact her. Sara is working with the Call Committee on preparing a video to go with our Ministry Site Profile. Some of the taping will be done at the March 15th service and at the April 12th "pack the pews" Sunday.

Pastor's Report – Pending negotiations with the possible interim Pastor, Pastor Pat will stay through Easter and would like to be present for confirmation on May 10. On Maundy Thursday there will be a 2:00 pm and a 7:00 pm service.

New Business

Sara made a motion to approve the membership transfer request from Richard and Patricia Mohr-Kelly from ALC to Lord of Life Lutheran Church at 2899 Hales Mill Rd. Asbury, IA 52002. Second by Cindy. Motion carried.

Old Business None

Correspondence

Frigidaire offer to extend warranty. Declined.

Thank you from Our Savior's Lutheran Church for our monetary support for their broken water pipe damage. (Total given was \$367.66).

- Farmers Mutual Telephone Company board members vote. Declined.
- Church Music Solutions offer. Declined.
- EWALU Annual Report and notice of Annual Meeting. May 2nd is their annual work day.
- Sara made a motion to collect the noisy offering the last three Sundays in March for the EWALU building project. Second by Connie. Motion carried.
- An offer to produce a church directory. Declined.

ELCA appeals for World Hunger, World Ministries, and Lutheran World Relief.

Deacon Assignments for April

- 2 2:00 pm Mike Waring 7:00 pm Maureen Even
- 5 Connie Hamilton
- 12 Maureen Even
- 19 Sheila Collins
- 26 Mary Adams(Reader needed)



The meeting concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Cindy made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mike. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins, Secretary

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly for her faithful service, guidance, and ministry during her time with ALC. Her care, leadership, and dedication have been a blessing to our congregation and community.

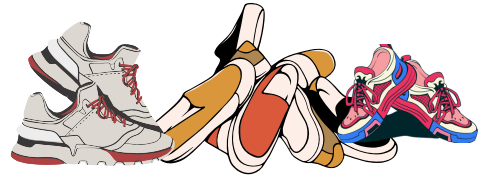
Pastor Pat's last worship service will be May 17th, with vacation days being used for May 24th and May 31st. We wish her much happiness, joy, and many blessings in her retirement. Cards of gratitude, retirement wishes, or well wishes may be sent to: Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly, 39 Bluff St. Apt. 206, Dubuque, IA 52001

Military Members



Christa Leach has been called to active duty with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin are still members of the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is stationed at Fort Knox and in the Army Reserves Cassidee is stationed in Iowa City and Cole is currently home. Cody Clayton is back from Fort Benning, Georgia Basic Training and will report to Dubuque. Karsten Nuehring is currently at Fort Lee in Virginia for his AIT training

Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.



Soles4Souls Update from Mike & Chris Waring

Thanks to the amazing support of our community, we have now collected over 4,300 pairs of shoes toward our goal of 10,000 pairs by August 2026!

Every donated pair helps create opportunity for families around the world while also keeping usable shoes out of our landfills. Your generosity is truly making a difference.

As you clean out closets, finish spring cleaning, or wrap up garage sales, please remember – we gladly accept leftover shoes of all sizes and conditions. Soles4Souls can turn those extra pairs into life-changing opportunities for others. Thank you for continuing to donate and helping spread the word to family, friends, churches, schools, and businesses. Together, we are one step closer to providing FREE shoes for children in our community.

Let's keep the



Fellowship Volunteers needed!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050448A5A628AAF94-61890755-alcfellowship#/
/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050448A5A628AAF94-61890755-alcfellowship#/)



Scan QR code, use the link or leave message for Chris 319-827-6626



Summer Food Program

This summer, the Jesup Ministerial Association will help support 20 local families twice each month during June, July, and August. American Lutheran Church has committed to providing boxed oatmeal and canned fruit for each distribution.

That means we **will need 40 boxed oatmeals and 40 cans of fruit every month** to help care for families in our Jesup community. Donations may be placed in the grocery cart by the front entrance. Thank you for helping us share God's love through this important ministry!

Welcome

Beginning June 1st, we welcome *Pastor Susan Friedrich* as our part-time interim pastor at American Lutheran Church. We are grateful for her willingness to serve and guide our congregation during this transition time. Please join us in warmly welcoming Pastor Susan to the ALC family as we look forward to worshipping and serving together.



Worship Wednesday has wrapped up for the summer, with our final gathering taking place at the end of April. Everyone had a wonderful time this year enjoying the lessons, crafts, snacks, and games. We look forward to seeing everyone back again in September!

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make Worship Wednesday a success this year through your time, talents, and support.

Parish Education is also looking for additional volunteers to help with Worship Wednesday next fall. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact the church office.

Summer

Summer is here! With vacations, family gatherings, ball games, camps, and busy schedules filling our calendars, it can be easy to fall out of our regular routines. **As you enjoy all the blessings and activities of the season, we encourage you not to forget your church family at ALC.**

Your presence in worship, fellowship, and continued financial support help sustain the ministries and mission of our congregation throughout the summer months. Even while traveling, we invite you to stay connected through prayer, worship whenever possible, and online giving.

For your convenience, ALC offers easy Electronic Giving through Simply Giving. You may set up one-time or recurring donations that fit your schedule. Simply scan the QR code below with your smartphone or download the Give+ App to get started.

Thank you for continuing to keep ALC a part of your summer plans as we rest, recharge, and grow together in faith.



Be sure to mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, coming August 9–13 in the park. More details will be shared soon!



RAGBRAI will be coming through Jesup on July 23rd

Our local churches have an exciting opportunity to be part of the day while raising funds for important community ministries and projects.

Members of the Jesup RAGBRAI committee recently met with RAGBRAI organizers and learned that homemade pie is always a huge favorite with riders! Communities along the route often sell pie by the slice at \$5.00 – with great success. After discussion, it was decided this would be a wonderful fundraiser opportunity for our churches and community.

The hope is for each church to provide 8–10 pies to help make the event a success. Youth volunteers may also help during the event by serving and selling pies throughout the day. Funds raised could support individual church needs, the Jesup Ministerial Association, or community projects such as future restroom additions at Reed’s Park and the splash pad area.

If you are willing to bake a pie or would like to volunteer to help on July 23rd, please contact Cindy Gosse. Thank you for helping us welcome visitors to Jesup while supporting meaningful projects in our community!



CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS

Jaidyn Wright, Son of Hayley Frush & Marcus Lee
Lauryn Witt, Daughter of Shane & Brea Witt
Carsyn Niichel, Daughter of Jeff & Katey Niichel
Brinley Bergman, Daughter of John & Heather Bergman
Keaton Lysne, Son of Greg & Crystal Lysne
Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly



CONNECTIONS

Stay Connected with ALC! Visit our website and Social media to keep up with everything happening in our church family. You’ll find meeting minutes, the LAMP newsletter, our calendar, and much more—all in one place!

<http://www.americanlutheranjesup.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/alcjesup//>



Birthdays

Jacob Leach	3-Jun
Nash Lee	3-Jun
Justin Leach	4-Jun
Cindy Gosse	5-Jun
Mary Adams	6-Jun
Claire Corkery	6-Jun
Loren Corkery	6-Jun
David Ruckdaschel	9-Jun
Carsyn Niichel	10-Jun
Sheila Collins	11-Jun
Robert Bergman	13-Jun
Rylan Bahe	14-Jun
John Bergman	16-Jun
Barb Schneider	16-Jun
Jaidyn Wright	17-Jun
Barb Mostek	20-Jun
Payton Westpfahl	21-Jun
Macey Krivanek	25-Jun
Maureen Even	29-Jun



Baptism Anniversaries

Lydia Emme	2-Jun
Kaylie Bergman	3-Jun
Celeste Corkery	5-Jun
Rylan Bahe	11-Jun
Logan Krivanek	16-Jun
Josie Loyd	17-Jun
Christa Leach	18-Jun
Sharon McAtee	18-Jun
Nora Frush	19-Jun
Ronda Fratzke	21-Jun
Ella Krivanek	21-Jun
Jenifer Wyant	22-Jun
Piper Zelle	22-Jun
Lainey Mostek	24-Jun
Alyssa Hoey	30-Jun
Kristin Hoey	30-Jun

Wedding Anniversaries

John and Heather Bergman	6/12/2004
Travis and Christa Leach	6/14/1997
Derek and Sarah Maeder	6/14/2003
Anthony and Melissa Bahe	6/19/1999
Loren Corkery and Jessica Saunders	6/24/2017
Scott and Marcia Riggs	6/26/2010
Bill and Barb Schneider	6/27/1970
Kenny and Teri Schares	6/30/1984



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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
				Chris out of office/Mike gone 6-7		
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship & Communion	6:30pm Council Meeting		LAMP Articles Due 4pm Food Delivery to Methodist Church			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9am Contemporary Service with Communion						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
4th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship & Communion			4pm Food Delivery to Methodist Church			
28	29	30	01			
5th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship & Communion						

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Prayers

Remember our members and friends in your prayers: Wendel, Shirley, Jeanne , Bill , Sharon, Jeanne, Debbie, Lori, Joyce, Kaye and Marie

Prayer Chain: Contact Kaye Jones kayejns@gmail.com or the office-secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org



June Deacon/Readers

7th Connie Hamilton 21st Sheila Collins
 14th Mike Waring 28th Maureen Even

