

LAMP

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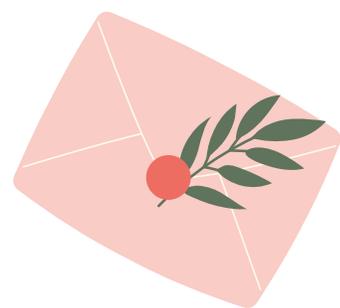
A Season of Waiting and Trust

As we enter the season of Lent, we are invited into a time of reflection, prayer, and trust. These forty days remind us to slow down and listen for God's voice.

This year, our Lenten journey also unfolds during our congregation's call process. While we wait for the pastor God is preparing, we remember that waiting can be holy time. The Holy Spirit is at work — guiding our Call Committee and shaping our future.

As we walk toward the cross and the promise of Easter, may we move forward in faith, confident that Christ remains with us in every season.

COUNCIL MINUTES



January 12, 2026 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Maureen Even.

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

Pastor led devotions.

Maureen has an email from Chris about ecumenical services and Praise service from Sara. Motion to approve agenda with changes by Sara. Second by Cindy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

December was good incoming. Cindy suggests we move the \$8,691.80 to savings. Mike emailed Christy that he has \$414 in Benevolence for Good Gifts.

Sara motions to move the \$8691.80. Second by Mike. Motion carried.

Cindy will have everything ready for the audit committee this week and W-2's tomorrow.

Sara motioned to approve treasurer's report. Second by Mike. Motion carried.

Secretary Report:

Sara did the Budget Workshop and December notes. On the Budget Hearing notes, there is an update to add the word continual, "If it's a continual contract and within the approved budget..."

Pastor motioned to approve Budget Workshop, December Minutes, and the Budget Hearing notes with the update. Second by Cindy. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Reports: Goodie sacks were given to the kids at Christmas.

Parish Ed/Youth: Angie, Beth Stanek, and Cindy have everything scheduled through the end of May for Parish Ed. Sara has donated bracelet kits and "Capture the Flag". The Youth are making cards to invite other Youth to events. They'll be covering The Lord's Prayer. Once a month the youth will play bells or sing during Sunday service.

Confirmation is going through the Bible. On the 25th, there won't be confirmation, but they are invited to join the Youth Group for game night.

Property/Technology: Schindler replaced all boards. The elevator runs except for 1st floor call button. Engineer believes the software is corrupted, we have a quote for \$9561.65 including tax to replace the call buttons and the software. Mike is sending this quote to Mary, the insurance agent. We will present this quote to the congregation on Sunday as we will need vote to approve using funds from Improvement to cover any cost that insurance will not.

Cindy received a bill from the company that did our snow removal and salt. She reached out that our contracted had ended last season, and she has not received any response. We haven't received any further bills from them.

Mike shared that Rich said he splattered some paint on the wall. Cindy and Maureen believe we still have paint from when we painted prior to Pastor moving in.

Scholarship:

Envelope is out for the next round of applications. The proposed 2026 budget included scholarship plus the EWALU scholarship. Two \$600 scholarships for a total of \$1,200 for Epic, \$1,000 for EWALU.

Worship and Music:

Sara phoned Shirley on speaker phone for this portion of the meeting. Shirley is taking a break for a short time during her treatment. She has shared a list of musicians we can contact. We don't have a musician for 1/18. Pastor and Mike found a solution. We have a CD with the Liturgy. Sue Hoey will assist. Karen Weltzin will play for Ash Wednesday. In addition to the list of musicians from Shirley, we can also reach out to the colleges. Pastor is working on list of hymns for Lent and Easter. Phone call ended with Shirley.

Sara asked if the 9 a.m. time is an issue for finding musicians. We could look at a different time in the future.

Sara and Pastor chatted about the 4 p.m. service attendance being down. Sara is going to send a survey to get their input for the future of the service. Cindy asked if there could be one contemporary service a month. Amber mentioned we do have a collection of songs we can stream if we were to do that.

We are seeing several members returning at both the 9 a.m. and the 4 p.m.

Cindy asked if we could go back to cups for communion. Council agreed.

Chris sent an email to council about the Ecumenical services if we would like to be part of the Maundy Thursday with a Seder Meal. Council would like more details of time before a decision is made for the service and ALC's services. July 5th is a dedication of the Veterans Park, and Alan Wright is asking if the churches would like to part of it. Maureen will ask Chris to ask for more details.

Call Committee:

Meeting on Thursday with Council, Call Committee, and Pastor Beckett to know what our next steps are.

Pastor's Report:

We have started the Bible Recap. We have a small group gathering after worship on Sunday. For Ash Wednesday, February 18th, we will have a 2 p.m. and a 7 p.m. We will not have mid-week Lenten services.

Pastor asked for clarification on who will be responsible for lining up musicians. By phone, Shirley confirmed for Council that she is not contacting musicians during her temporary leave of absence. Pastor mentioned that Chris would be willing to line this up while Shirley is absent. Cindy suggested that we pay Chris her hourly-rate for the additional hours she puts in to fill this role for the time being. Council agreed.

First Communion classes will have 3 students. Who will lead this class? Cindy suggested Sue Hoey. Pat Wiege has completed the information for membership transfer. Sara made a motion to become a member. Second by Mike. Motion carried.

We have sent letters to a couple of other regular attendees about membership.

Pastor will remain in the Parsonage until June. She has offered to sell her washer and dryer. Mike made a motion to buy the washer and dryer from Pastor for \$800. Sara clarified that it comes from Improvement fund. It does. Sara seconded the motion to approve the purchase. Motion carried. 72.5 cents is the mileage rate for 2026.

New Business:

Cindy consolidated the proposed budget to present to the congregation on Sunday. Pat Winblade asked for a more detailed report via email. Cindy will send the itemized sheet that she used, and she will have copies for the congregation available if they would like to review.

Maureen pointed out we have \$1,500 for a supply Pastor is under the Pastor Expense line item. Cindy motioned to present the budget at the congregational meeting. Second by Sara. Motion carried. Cindy, Mike, and Chris have been trained on the AED. Cindy is putting together information for the bulletin for a sign up for other members to learn. Cindy has researched the cabinets for holding the supplies. Amber offered to purchase the AED cabinet for the church.

Pastor's contract ended in December. Her new contract will be through June 30, 2026. Base pay \$30,000, plus mileage. Maureen will type up the new contract to be signed on Sunday.

Mike will be gone January 25th and February 8th. Amber will help with the CD music on January 25th. February 1st will be installation of the new council members. Sara will contact people for February fellowship.

Old Business:

Correspondence:

The Lord's Prayer was said.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. by Sara. Second by Cindy. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Reuter

Secretary



Pastor Availability Update

Pastor Pat and Rich have now made the move to their new home in Dubuque. We give thanks for this new chapter while also being grateful that Pastor Pat continues to serve with us.

Pastor Pat will travel to Jesup for Sunday worship and congregational activities and will be in the church office on Mondays.

In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Pat at 412-801-1539 or Church Secretary Chris Waring at 563-920-0857. Please do not leave emergency messages on the church phone, as it is not checked daily. Chris serves part-time, so your patience is appreciated.



It's time to
place your
order for
Easter Lilies

Lilies are \$15 each and may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please leave a message for Chris by March 10th so your order can be included.

Thank you for helping us beautify our sanctuary for Easter morning!



Women's Bible Study
March 5th 9am



Quilters meet 9am
Tuesday March 10th & 24th



Soles4Souls Shoe Collection – Thank You!

Soles4Souls Update from Mike & Chris Waring
We are excited to share the impact your generosity is already making!

So far, we have collected just over 3,000 pairs toward our district goal of 10,000 pairs by August 2026.

Your donations have helped us:

Thank you for continuing to donate and for spreading the word to your family and friends. Every pair brings us one step closer to earning FREE shoes for children who qualify right here in our community.

Together, we can reach 10,000 pairs – and change lives with every step!



FIND SYNOD NEWS –

- Sign up for the synod's weekly E-News digital newsletter at www.neiasynod.org/blog/e-news.
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- Check out the synod website at www.neiasynod.org.

MARCH

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

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| Anthony Bahe | 4-Mar |
| Wendell Erpelding | 4-Mar |
| Lydia Emme | 6-Mar |
| Shirley Bergman | 8-Mar |
| Mike Waring | 11-Mar |
| Piper Zelle | 15-Mar |
| Mitchell Hayek | 20-Mar |
| Cory Winkelpleck | 21-Mar |
| Haley Borland | 22-Mar |
| Brenda Schmit | 28-Mar |
| Mike Mostek | 29-Mar |

Baptism Anniversaries

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| Ray Zummak | 10-Mar |
| Brinley Bergman | 11-Mar |
| Sue Rigdon | 25-Mar |
| Teri Schares | 26-Mar |
| Larry Phillips | 27-Mar |
| Carmen Nuehring | 28-Mar |
| Jeryn Loyd | 30-Mar |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| Jim and Cindy Gosse | 3/14/2009 |
| Bryan and Rayla Tonne | 3/16/1991 |



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//>

We are looking for fellowship hosts!

Fellowship hosts help create a welcoming space by providing light refreshments, preparing coffee, and tidying the Fireside Room after fellowship time is over. Please consider signing up for a week (or recurring times throughout the year!) using our new sign up system at Signup Genius. The system does not require an account - you just enter your name and email address to sign up and you'll receive a reminder 2 days prior to any dates you sign up for.

If you prefer not to use the online sign up, please reach out to Chris in the secretary's office!



Scan with your phone to sign up!

We thank you for being an important part of building community at ALC!



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 |
| 2nd Sunday in Lent 9am Worship & Communion 3pm Confirmation 4pm Praise Worship | | | 6pm Worship Wednesday | 9A Womens Bible Study | | |
| 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 3rd Sunday in Lent 9am Worhsip & Communion 3pm Confirmation 4pm Praise Worship | 6:30pm Council Meeting | 9am Quilters | 6pm Worship Wednesday LAMP Articles Due- | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 4th Sunday in Lent 9am Worship & Communion 3pm Confirmation 4pm Praise Wroship | | | 6pm Worship Wednesday | | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 5th Sunday in Lent 9am Worship & Communion 10am Annual Meeting 3pm Confirmation | | 9am Quilters | 6pm Worship Wednesday | | | |
| 29 | 30 | | | 02 | 03 | 04 |
| Palm Sunday 9am Worship & Communion 10am Annual Meeting 3pm Confirmation 4pm Praise Worship | | | <p>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</p> | | | |

Prayers

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

Remember Eleanor Fratzke and family in your prayers. Bob passed away on Feb 14th at home. Celebration of Life at ALC to be held February 19th with fellowship to follow at the Jesup Country club.

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

March Deacon/Readers

1st Mary Adams

15th Shiela Collins/ Connie Hamilton

8th Maureen Even

22nd Shiela Collins

