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“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Romans 15:7

February 2019

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Ushers, Readers, and Communion Assistants

February Readers

Feb. 3 Wayne Schneider
 Feb. 10 Sara Borland
 Feb. 17 Maureen Even
 Feb. 24 Christy Phillips

February Communion Assistants

Feb. 3 Wayne Schneider
 Feb. 17 Maureen Even

February Ushers

Randy and Teresa Merkel





Dear friends in Christ,

One of the Sundays in January, we heard from Deb Whitford, from Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). Deb reminded us of our baptismal calling to follow Jesus' example of caring for those in need, and as I have learned more about LSI, I am amazed at how this organization does this work.

LSI's roots go back 150 years, when German Lutherans opened an orphanage for Civil War orphans in Andrew, Iowa. In 1900, this orphanage moved to Waverly and became Bremwood Lutheran Home. In 1882, Swedish Lutherans opened a children's home in Stanton, Iowa, and in 1890, Norwegian Lutherans transformed what had previously been a seminary into an orphanage in Beloit, Iowa. These homes eventually came under the umbrella of what used to be called the Lutheran Welfare Society, then Lutheran Social Services, and finally Lutheran Services in Iowa.

Over the years LSI has changed names and has acquired more ministries, and it has also evolved and expanded its services. As there has been less need for traditional orphanages, LSI has shifted to focusing more on foster care and adoption services, and what were once orphanages now serve as temporary group foster care settings, like Bremwood. LSI has also added more services in the areas of child welfare, chaplaincy, and refugee services. They serve adults with disabilities or mental health concerns, and have workers who visit people in their homes to provide them with services.

LSI also does advocacy work, encouraging lawmakers to pass laws that improve access to health services, support refugees, and increase funding for child welfare workers. Every February, they host Lutheran Day on the Hill, when they encourage people to come to the State Capital and meet with their lawmakers to talk about the work LSI does.

LSI does a great job of following Jesus' example of showing love to those in need. As our world changes, the needs of the people of Iowa change, and LSI continues to change and adapt to figure out how it might best meet these needs. It is an organization we can be very proud of. And we can be very proud of a member of our congregation, Amanda Phillips, who interned at LSI while she was a student at Wartburg and now works for LSI with their behavioral health services.

LSI is a social ministry partner of the ELCA Lutheran Church. That means that for every dollar we give to Mission Support (benevolence) to our synod, a few cents of that dollar go to support the work that LSI does throughout our state. Our Noisy Offering in

January also went to this organization. If you would like to learn more about LSI, you can go to their website, www.lsiowa.org.

Christ's Peace,
Pastor Kristen

**American Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
December 10, 2018**



President Maureen Even called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present at the meeting were Wayne Schneider, Pastor Kristen, Maureen Even, Barb Hayek, Sara Borland, Kaye Jones, Mary Adams and Christy Phillips. Christa Leach arrived at 6:33 PM. Visitors at the meeting were Pastor Mark Anderson and Shirley Bergman.

Devotion was led by Pastor Mark Anderson. Pastor read the daily devotion from The Daily Devotion from Day Leadership.

Pastor Mark Anderson from Northeast Iowa Synod presented a plan to the council regarding the budget. The plan centers around a book written by Herb Miller called "New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program". After Pastor Mark left the meeting, the council discussed his proposed plan. Sara Borland made a motion to start the Herb Miller Consecration Program. Christa Leach seconded the motion. 6 ayes 2 naves

Secretary's Report—Wayne Schneider made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Council meeting from November and the Minutes from the Budget meeting. Barb Hayek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Wayne Schneider made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Barb Hayek seconded the motion. Motion carried. The balance in the checking account as of November 30, 2018 is \$5123.47.

Committee Reports:

Abundant Life—will meet on December 13, 2018

Constitution—Maureen will be sending the working constitution and the updated constitution the week of December 17 with the date of the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held on January 20, 2019 with snow date of January 27, 2019.

Hospitality—no meeting

Parish Ed—Christmas Program was held on December 9. Sunday School will resume on January 6, 2019.

Property—Wayne Schneider will get estimates on fire extinguishers.

Scholarship—no meeting

Technology—no report

Worship & Music—hymns have been planned through January 6, 2019.

Youth—Sara Borland is trying to get a youth group together starting in the 2019.

Auditing Committee—Maureen Even will ask Dorothy Thompson, Cyndi Gosse and Connie Jones to be on the Auditing committee again this year and to see if it can be done by February 1, 2019.

Pastor's Report:

In the last month:

2 home communion visits

1 baptism, Jamisyn Jo Amling

1 Bible study at Winding Creek

I attended the Conference Deans and Chaplains meeting at the Synod Office.

I attended the Board Meeting for the Independence Area Food Pantry. They currently have huge amounts of dried beans, and are looking for donations of new or used crock pots to give out to their clients so they can more easily cook the dried beans.

The Ministerium Thanksgiving Service was well attended; a total of about 65 people were in attendance.

The JAM program has finished up its fall semester programming. We had about 45 kids attend, and it was enjoyed by all! The spring semester of JAM will probably begin in mid-February.

I took the 7th graders in Confirmation to Bremwood Lutheran Home and the Northeastern Iowa Synod Office on Dec 5. (The 8th graders went last year, when they were in 7th grade.) There were 5 Bremwood residents who shared their stories with us, and the Confirmation students found it to be a very eye opening and meaningful experience.

The Jesup Ministerium Christmas Concert Series has been going well. We had good crowds and good offerings at both the Ring in Christmas and Central Standard Time concerts, and I'm excited for the Saunders Vocal Studio concert this upcoming Sunday.

A reminder that everyone is invited to go Christmas caroling on Sunday, Dec 16 after worship. We will go first to Winding Creek in Jesup and then to Prairie Hills in Independence.

Deb Whitford from LSI is scheduled to come preach at our worship service on January 13. (I will also be present.) I think it would be good to have our Noisy Offering in January go to LSI, since she will be here during that month.

The Jesup Ministerium is planning a service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will be Sunday, January 27, at 4pm, at St. A's.

New Business:

Maureen Even will ask the Financial Secretary, Mike Waring, and Head Organist, Shirley Bergman if they wish to continue their position for 2019. Wayne Schneider will continue as the Head Usher for 2019. If they agree the council will appoint them at the January council meeting.

Organ--Shirley Bergman gave a report on the organ. The organ has not worked since November 11, 2018. Shirley had an organ technician, Jim Lohman from Allen Organs, come and look at the organ. Mr. Lohman took the circuit board with him for possible repair.

Shirley has also talked to Alan Wright, who has also worked on the organ before. Alan has agreed to take a look at the circuit board that Mr. Lohman sends him. Mr. Lohman presented Shirley with an estimate of \$920.20 to fix the organ. Barb Hayek made a motion for Shirley to ask Alan Wright to fix the organ and if he cannot then have Jim Lohman fix the organ. Sara Borland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Key Assignments—Wayne Schneider and Barb Hayek will check with a couple of people to see if they have a church key.

Old Business:

Budget Hearing—Sara Borland made a motion to present the Budget at the Budget Hearing on January 13, 2019 after church to the congregation. Mary Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mary Adams made a motion to approve the proposed budget to be presented at the Budget Hearing on January 13, 2019. Kaye Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

The church received a thank you from the Independence Food Pantry.

Donation letters were received from organizations. These letters will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Deacon assignments were given for January.

The next council meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Sara Borland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Wayne Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Phillips
Secretary





Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Helping Kids Thrive

When Kari, a little girl they knew through church, was in need of a foster home, Stacie and Blake decided to step up.

The couple became licensed as foster and adoptive parents, and Stacie says it's been a rewarding experience ever since. With LSI Foster Care and Adoption in their corner, ready to provide support, guidance, or even just a listening ear, Stacie and Blake lift up children in their community through foster care.

After caring for Kari as foster parents, the opportunity came to adopt her. Now 10, Kari is an amazing big sister. The family has fostered and adopted a son, 3-year-old Silas, and they recently welcomed their biological son, 1-year-old Jett, into the family.

Stacie and Blake continue to foster children in need of a safe and supportive home, and Stacie says they hope to adopt again in the future.

"When you become a foster or adoptive parent, yes, you're helping children. But at the same time, you learn about yourself and you learn more about the world around you," Stacie says. "Foster care is an experience that is indescribable and life-changing."

Events

Be Our Guest

February 20: Maid-rites, Potato Chips, Veggie Tray, Cookies

February 27: Baked Potato Bar, Brownies

BE OUR GUEST: Due to bad weather and school closings, the Be Our Guest meals for January 23 and 30 had to be cancelled. Again we'd like to remind you, if school is cancelled, there will be no meal on that day. We hope February will be kinder to us.



Be Our Guest

Since several of our regular servers will be gone in February, we would appreciate help if you are available February 20th or the 27th. Call Sharon McAtee at 827-6154 or Kay Jones at 334-3783 if you can lend a hand.

We have served more families with young children and many who are not from our congregation. It is fun to see who will come through our doors on Wednesday nights. -- God's Blessing from the Be Our Guest Committee

Adult forum on Dementia: Pastor Kristen will be leading a book study on the book *Dignity and Grace: Wisdom for Caregivers and Those Living With Dementia*, which will take place after our worship services on January 27, February 3, and February 10. If you are interested in attending, see Pastor Kristen for a copy of the book.

Taste of EWALU: Join us on March 17 for a taste of Camp EWALU! We will enjoy lunch in the main dining hall, a wagon ride tour of camp, adventures on the low ropes course, campfire songs, and supper cooked over the campfire. We will leave the church at 11:30am and return around 6:30pm. All are welcome, and feel free to invite friends as well! Suggestion donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child attending, payable to the ALC Luther League Youth Ministry Fund. Please let Pastor Kristen know if you plan to attend.

Ash Wednesday and Special Lenten

services: The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on March 6. Beginning on March 6 and throughout the season of Lent, we will have special Wednesday evening services at 7:00pm. Please plan to join us!

Souper Bowl Sunday: The Super Bowl will be held on Sunday, February 3. In the spirit of helping our neighbors and enjoying puns, we invite you to bring a can of soup or other item for the Independence Area Food Pantry to worship that day.

JAM After school program: JAM (Jesus and Many) is an after school children's program for pre-k through 5th graders. Kids will be met by leaders outside of the school on Wednesday afternoons where they will walk to the Methodist Church for snacks, games, Bible lessons, and more.

Join us for our JAM session as we study Jonah & The Whale and Daniel & The Lion's Den. Spring 2019 JAM will be held from 3:30-5:15 on February 27, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 10 and April 24. Our final program will be Wednesday, May 1 at 6pm, with dinner following. Contact Pastor Kristen if you would like to register for JAM or volunteer at JAM!

Conference Annual Assembly: On Sunday, February 17, 3-4pm, the Jubilee Conference Annual Assembly will take place somewhere in Cedar Falls/Waterloo, exact location TBA. We will hear a presentation about the book Canoeing the Mountains, which is about leadership in the church in a changing cultural climate. Any interested members of the congregation are invited to attend, please let Pastor Kristen know if you would like to go.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



OMELET BREAKFAST

BONUS! Pickup some delicious treats at the CDA Bake Sale!

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019
8:00AM - NOON**

ST. ATHANASIUS LUNCHROOM, JESUP

All you can eat Omelet, Hash Browns,
Whole Hog Sausage, Toast, Fruit Cup & Beverage!

FREE WILL DONATION / CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE

Proceeds donated to Jesup & Don Bosco scholarship funds and other projects.
2018 Winners: Jesup - Garrett Wellman & Emily Burke; Don Bosco - Zach Nie, Caroline Strauel, & Brianna Zoll

Announcements

Military members:

Christa Leach is in the Air Force Reserves and will be deployed from January to August 2019.

Remembering in prayer:

Jan Rachuy, currently receiving treatment for cancer

If you or one of your loved ones would like to be added to our prayer list, please let Pastor Kristen or the ALC office know

(827-6626 or secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) or write your request on your communication card.



Thank you: Heartfelt thanks to Pastor Kristen for the wonderful funeral service, the ladies of the church for providing and serving the meal, and for the support from her church family at this difficult time.

-- The Jean Frush Family

Thank you: Thank you to the congregation for your very generous gifts to my family and me this past Christmas. We feel very blessed to be able to be a part of the Jesup community, and I feel very blessed to serve as your pastor!—Pastor Kristen and Family

Fellowship Hosts

Fellowship hosts are needed for Feb. Please sign up in the basement.

Pastor at Synod Women's Retreat: On Sunday, February 24 (afternoon) through Tuesday, February 26 (afternoon), Pastor Kristen will be out of town at a retreat for Women Rostered Ministers in the Northeastern Iowa Synod. If you have a pastoral care emergency at this time, please call Pastor Mike Ashman from Zion Jubilee Lutheran Church at 319-231-6440.

Sunday School Teachers: Sunday School is always looking for teachers. Anyone can help with easy to follow lessons and wonderful kids to work with! Please contact Cyndi Nuehring or Pastor Kristen if you have any questions and are interested in helping. Thanks. cyndinuehring@gmail.com

Independence Food Pantry is in Need of Donations: The independence food pantry is in need of toilet paper and crock pots (in new or excellent used condition). Your donation would be greatly appreciated and can be left in the back of the sanctuary.

Food Purchased from Jesup Ministerial Fund: The recent snowy and cold days have been hard on families on our area that rely on the free & reduced lunch program at school. When school is cancelled, these families may struggle to have enough food. The Jesup school administration has been working hard to obtain and distribute extra food to these families. The churches of the Jesup Ministerial have purchased additional food using money from the Jesup Ministerial Fund. Thank you to all the school staff for organizing this effort and for distributing the food, and thank you to all who have generously contributed to the Jesup Ministerial Fund!

Peanut Butter: During the school year, the churches in Jesup take turns purchasing peanut butter that will be distributed to the children who participate in the Backpack food program at school, and February is ALC's turn. Please bring in jars of peanut butter and place them in the shopping cart in the entry way of the church by February 28. We are hoping to have at least 30 jars to donate to the school. Thank your generosity!

Camp EWALU Brochures: It's time to start planning your summer adventures! Brochures for EWALU Bible Camp are available on the table outside the secretary's office. Scholarships are available for any youth who would like to attend.

Notes from Worship and Music

Praise team:

Weds Feb. 13:

Sun. Feb. 17:

7pm Praise team rehearsal

Contemporary Service

Chime Choir

Weds. Feb. 20: 6pm Chime Choir Rehearsal

Weds. Feb. 24: Chime Choir Performs at Service

Music from Wartburg Pinnacle: On Sunday, March 17, we will enjoy special music from Wartburg Pinnacle during regular worship service. Pinnacle is a student-led vocal music group from Wartburg College, and they sing a wide range of music. Plan to join us for this special service, and invite a friend! Pinnacle is completely student-funded, and our Noisy Offering in February will help cover their expenses incurred through travel and the purchase of music



Know anyone who could offer the gift of special music in 2019? Contact Shirley Bergman at bergmansa@hotmail.com or call 319- 239-0031 to discuss options

Celebrations

Birthdays

Wayne Natvig	2/1	Jaylon Dahl	2/10	Steel Rolison	2/20
Blaire Zummak	2/1	Kyler Lysne	2/10	Kayla Haack	2/22
Isabelle Distler	2/4	Jessica Clayton	2/11	James Anderson	2/24
Neva Erpelding	2/4	Maisie Niichel	2/11	James Mattson	2/24
Kayla Putnam	2/4	Adaline Schares	2/11	Glen Anderson	2/25
Doug Shaffer	2/4	Mary Sullivan	2/11	Brinley Bergman	2/25
Charlie Stanek	2/6	Jim Gosse	2/12	Robert Derifield	2/25
Wendi Bjorheim	2/7	Jeryn Loyd	2/13	Luke Gosse	2/25
Justin Gosse	2/7	Rita Luloff	2/13	Larry Phillips	2/27
Shane Anderson	2/8	Kaye Reil	2/13	Marcy Gosse	2/28
Anthony George	2/8	Luke Hunziker	2/15	Myles Neegaard	2/28
Heather Bergman	2/9	Ron Reil	2/17	Tiffany Vogel	2/28
Kristen Rod	2/9	Camden Seehase	2/18	Angie Loyd	2/29
Glen Meskimen	2/20				



Wedding Anniversaries

Jeff & Wendi Bjorheim	2/7/1997	22
Jack & Nikki Hemmer	2/8/1997	22
Randy & Iva Ruehs	2/14/1981	38
Donald & Lorelei Williams	2/14/1993	26
Don & Dawna Smith	2/23/1985	34

Baptisms

James Crow	2/5	Andrea Anhalt	2/14	Jaima Tonne	2/18
Angie Pederson	2/5	Jordyn Bergman	2/15	Sara Rigdon	2/19
Tracy Versluis	2/5	Kendall Rachuy	2/16	Kyle Wilson	2/19
Jan Rachuy	2/6	Carrie May	2/17	Heather Bergman	2/23
Robin Clayton	2/11	Lukas Pearce	2/17	Jesse Blad	2/24
Tessa Clayton	2/11	Gavin Putnam	2/17	Joe Rolison	2/24
Travis Clayton	2/11	Mike Schares	2/17	Braden Knight	2/26
Susan Emme	2/12	Steph Witt	2/17	Hannah Knight	2/26
Kendall Ricklefs	2/12	Kaye Reil	2/18	Jenna Amling	2/28
				Harper Westpfahl	2/28
				Amy Rahe	2/29