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Summer Reflections:

As summer arrives with its long days, warm sunshine, and a slower pace, it's a wonderful season to pause and reflect on the blessings around us. Whether you're traveling, enjoying time with family, tending your garden, or simply soaking in God's creation, I encourage you to keep your faith close in all you do.

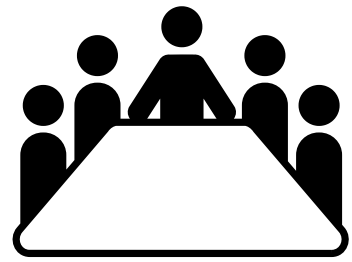
Let this be a season of renewal – not just for the earth, but for our spirits too. Attend worship when you're in town, pray often, and carry Christ's love into every picnic, ballgame, and quiet evening on the porch.

May your summer be filled with rest, joy, and moments that draw you closer to God.

Blessings to you and yours.

May 12, 2025 Council Meeting

COUNCIL MINUTES



The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by President Maureen Even.

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

Pastor led a devotion from "A Guide to Prayer for All God's People" followed by prayer.

Addition to the meeting agenda: Pentecost banners, ecumenical meeting notes, Synod Assembly Offering, and Pastor's contract. Sara Borland motioned to approve the addition of these agenda items. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Cindy Gosse shared the financial reports. Mike Waring mentioned that giving was down at this past Sunday's service. Cindy said the IRS now wants federal withholdings sent monthly instead of the quarterly. Cindy completed the necessary forms to accommodate this change and submitted the withholdings for the month of April. Mary Adams motioned to approve the financial reports. Second by Christy Philips. Motion carried.

Secretary Report:

Amber shared the April minutes were sent to council for review. Cindy Gosse motioned to approve the April Council Meeting minutes. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Reports:

Mother's Day and Confirmation Sunday went well. Mom's loved the little tea and chocolate takeaways Maureen put together. Graduation is this Sunday and graduates received their invitation to service. Father's Day is the next holiday that Maureen is working on little gifts for.

Parish Ed/Youth:

Community VBS will be August 3-7 from 6-8 p.m. at the city park. Pastor Pat is doing the lesson for VBS on Monday, August 4. Pastor needs a male volunteer to be a Roman soldier. Mike will check his schedule. We are looking for an additional Sunday School teacher to volunteer.

Property/Technology:

Shirley Bergman sent an email concerning the piano in the music room. Randy Frush is donating a new piano to the church that was his sisters, Kathy Frush. Randy said he will move the old piano out when he brings in the new piano. The new piano will be put in the TV room away from exterior walls. Motion by Sara Borland to accept the gift of the piano and have Randy move the old piano out. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Pastor mentioned the dishwasher at the parsonage was repaired, but now it's not pushed back far enough and there are drawers that can't be opened. We received a bill from Cy & Charley's for a service call and labor. Cindy Gosse will call to clarify what is under warranty on the dishwasher, and let them know that the dishwasher needs to be put into place as it was before

Maureen Even tried opening the east handicap door and it opens from the inside, but it doesn't open with the outside button. There may be a short. Mike Waring is going to call to have someone come and look at it.

Scholarship:

Pat Winblade asked why council did not approve the \$1,200 that the Scholarship Committee recommended. Maureen Even looked into the history of past scholarships, and found that the Church has always matched the amount of what the college would match. Maureen contacted Sue Hoey and Sheila Collins. Sue said the college matches have changed since the initial budgeted line item. Sheila said the \$1,200 was a cap when the max that any one college would match was \$600. Sue agreed that the budgeted line item was \$1,200 so that two students could use it when the max college match use to be \$600. Maureen looked at the Lamp to see how we advertised it, and it was advertised as a \$600 scholarship. Council approved \$750 as that is what Wartburg will currently match, and we only had one applicant. We will look at what the college matches are for the next school year and look at raising the budgeted line item to \$2,000 in January, as well as create clear guidelines for the scholarship committee. Maureen will let Pat know the decision remains.

Worship and Music:

Sara Borland updated Council that we are on track for the new Contemporary Praise Worship starting June 1. Run through on Wednesday, May 28th. The vinyl banner will go up on Monday, May 26th. Amber Reuter is donating the cost of the printing of the post cards. Maureen Even will get the labels and the post card stamps this week.

Call Committee:

Maureen Even gave the update that the pastor who was interviewed in April has declined moving forward.

The Ecumenical Ministry shared ALC will be collecting instant oatmeal and canned food for this summer's meal donations. Wednesday, July 9th is ALC's day to pack meals at the Presbyterian Church. A \$1,100 check was given to the Ecumenical Ministry by ALC from the noisy offerings that were collected during Lent. Pastor shared that this donation will allow VBS to be free for all the children.

Sunday, June 8th will joint outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. at Jubilee, with a joint council meeting to follow.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor shared her activities from the past month. Motion by Sara Borland to approve Pastor's vacation from May 22nd-May 26th. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Arnita, from Jubilee, is scheduling the fill-in pastor for Sunday, May 25th.

New Business: Synod Assembly Offering as two ministry options for this year. The Dwelling in Faith in Mitchell, IA or The Dwelling in North Carolina. Sara mentioned the Youth heard from a speaker from The Dwelling in North Carolina at National Youth Gathering last summer. Sara Borland motioned that the \$250 offering from ALC for Synod Assembly Offering be to The Dwelling in North Carolina. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried. Cindy Gosse will send the check for the Synod Assembly Offering directly to the Synod.

Ratify the approval of Chris Waring the fellowship hall on June 14 from 8:30-1 Motion by Sara Borland to ratify this request. Second by Mary Adams. Motion carried. Mike Waring abstained from voting.

Ratify the approval of having Evan Sebetka mow the church at \$25 and parsonage at \$35. Motion by Mike Waring Seconded by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Maureen Even will work with Ruth to have an agenda for joint council meeting. Maureen will ask Chris to put it in the bulletin.

Keaton Lysne is going to preach on June 15th for Father's Day. Pastor will help him with structure of sermon. He will preach at both services.

Cindy Gosse has the laptop that was purchased for finance that she does not use. Pastor's computer does not work for more than 10 minutes without being plugged in. Pastor is going to take the finance laptop. We can use that laptop for praise and worship as well.

Pentecost banners design were sent by Chris. Cindy Gosse motioned to move ahead with the cheaper quote. Second by Mary Adams. Motion carried to order Pentecost banners.

Old Business:

Pastor's contract needs to be renewed. Cindy Gosse suggested that the president and vice-president of ALC and Jubilee congregations should meet to discuss. Pastor had previously shared an idea with Cindy to keep the pay the same in the new contract, with the addition of including a membership to Buchanan County Health Center. Job expectations from each congregation for Pastor needs to be clearly stated. Maureen will schedule that meeting.

Correspondence:

Thank you card from EWALU.

Deacon Assignments for June:

Pastor suggested we do intinction for June, July and August.

June 1: Mary Adams; June 8: Service is at Jubilee; June 15: Maureen Even; June 22: Christy Phillips; June 29: Maureen Even

Lord's Prayer was said.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 by Amber Reuter. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Reuter

Secretary



Message from Council President

Starting in July, services at American Lutheran Church will be held on Sundays at 9:00 am and Praise Worship at 4:00 pm. This change follows the resignation of Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly from her Interim Agreement with Zion Jubilee. She will continue her ministries at American Lutheran Church while we move forward searching for a settled pastor. Both American Lutheran Church and Zion Jubilee are currently seeking guidance from the Northeastern Iowa Synod regarding the Yoke Agreement. Following the council's meeting with the Synod, small group question and answer sessions will be arranged for the congregation.



Help Feed Local Families This Summer

The Jesup Ministerial Association is once again partnering to provide food boxes for families in need this summer. These families have been thoughtfully screened and will receive regular support throughout the summer.

Need items Jun.11-Aug.6

American Lutheran Church has a special opportunity to serve our community by collecting 40 cans of fruit and 40 boxes of instant oatmeal each month. These items will help fill food boxes for families in need this summer.

You can place your donations in the shopping cart in the lower narthex—every contribution truly matters and brings hope to someone's table.

Our turn to distribute food is Tuesday, July 9th, at the Presbyterian Church, and we'll need four volunteers to help pack the boxes that day.

If you're able to help or would like more details, please contact Chris Waring. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

SUMMER



CONTRIBUTIONS

Keep ALC in Your Summer Plans – Even When You're Away!

Summer can get busy with vacations, family events, and weekends away—but your faithful support of American Lutheran Church doesn't have to take a break.

Simply Giving is an easy, no-stress way to continue your tithes and offerings, even when you're not in the pews. Whether you choose one-time or recurring donations, you can set up giving on a schedule that works for you.

Scan the QR code with your smartphone or download the Vanco Mobile app to get started today.

LOST & FOUND

Are you missing your water bottle or Hawkeye jacket? See Chris Waring to claim. The jacket has been hanging around since Palm Sunday.



*We
Thank
you!*



We are grateful to Randy Frush for the generous donation of the piano that belonged to Kathy Frush.

In May, Randy Frush, Mike Waring, Kenny Schares, and Craig Frush transported the piano from Hudson to the ALC church basement. We deeply appreciate their time and effort in making this meaningful addition to our church possible.

As a reminder, ALC kindly asks that the piano not be moved without prior permission from the church council.

Thank you again for this thoughtful gift that will bless our music ministry for years to come.

Thank you!

Thank you so much for honoring me and my fellow graduates in church! I appreciate your blessings + the generous gift!

Love, Hannah ♥



American Lutheran Church,
Thank you so very much for your generous \$281.81 donation. Your donation helps the less fortunate daily in getting food on their table.
Sincerely,
Independence Area Food Pantry



Community Wide VBS
6pm-8pm August 3rd-7th,



Ages 4 thru 4th grade
Volunteers needed contact
Christy Phillips
christystitch@yahoo.com



Praise Worship

Sundays at 4 p.m.

Come as you are. All are welcome.

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

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!)

The three Iowa ELCA bishops will ride again for a one-day reprise to support anti-hunger ministries.

Join them Thursday, July 24, for the RAGBRAI ride from Iowa Falls to Cedar Falls. You can also make a donation online or send a check to the Northeastern Iowa Synod office.

To join the ride and learn more, email the synod office or call 319-352-1414.

Donate to Fight Hunger

<https://onrealm.org/neiasynod/-/form/give/ragbrai2025>



Northeastern Iowa Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The May/June 2025 issue of the Northeastern Iowa Synod's Star newsletter is available for you to view and download online at

<https://neiasynod.org/blog/newsletter/>

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE –

- Lay Ministry Training Program – first year update
- Synod Assembly Update
- Seminary Graduates
- Care for Creation Survey Results

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June-July Celebrations

Birthdays

Jacob Leach	3-Jun
Justin Leach	4-Jun
Cindy Gosse	5-Jun
Mary Adams.	6-Jun
Loren Corkery	6-Jun
Claire Corkery/Saunders	6-Jun
Carsyn Niichel	10-Jun
Sheila Collins	11-Jun
Rylan Bahe	14-Jun
John Bergman	16-Jun
Barb Schneider	16-Jun
Barb Mostek	20-Jun
Payton Westpfahl	21-Jun
Macey Krivanek	25-Jun
Maureen Even	29-Jun
Susan Bowers	3-Jul
Crysral Lysne	6-Jul
Layne Witt	6-Jul
Braylon Dahl	10-Jul
Pat Mohr-Kelly	10-Jul
Brady Ahmann	11-Jul
Brea Witt	12-Jul
Gene Waring	14-Jul
Katelyn Zelle	15-Jul
Karsten Nuehring	16-Jul
Kohl Nuehring	20-Jul
Bill Schneider	23-Jul
Wayne Schneider	26-Jul
Darlene Thompson	28-Jul
Beth Stanek	29-Jul
Hannah Borland	31-Jul

Baptism Anniversaries

Blydia M.Emme	2-Jun
KaylieBergman	3-Jun
Celeste Corkery/Saunders	5-Jun
Rylan Bahe	11-Jun
Logan Krivanek	16-Jun
Josie Loyd	17-Jun
Sharon McAtee	18-Jun
Christa Leach	18-Jun
Nora Frush	19-Jun
Ronda Fratzke	21-Jun
Ella Krivanek	21-Jun
Jenifer Wyant	22-Jun
Piper Zelle	22-Jun
Kristin Hoey	30-Jun
Alyssa Hoey	30-Jun
Barb Schneider	1-Jul
John Bergman	3-Jul
Laurie Even	7-Jul
Sheila Collins	11-Jul
Haylee Frush	11-Jul
Katey Niichel	13-Jul
Mary Adams	18-Jul
Justin Leach	27-Jul
Jim Gosse	31-Jul

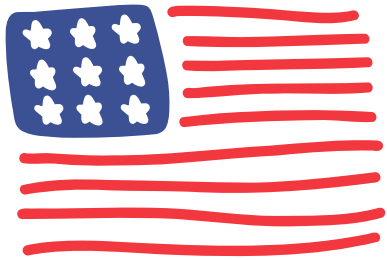
Wedding Anniversaries

John and Heather Bergman	6/12/2004
Travis and Christa Leach	6/14/1997
Anthony and Melissa Bahe	6/19/1999
Scott and Marcia Riggs,	6/26/2010
Bill and Barb Schneider	6/27/1970
Kenny and Teri Schares	6/30/1984
Dan and Maureen Even	7/3/1982
Bill and Laurie Even	7/17/1982
Tom and Sue Hoey	7/25/1992

2025

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
					Sect out of office	
	Pastor available by phone or email this week.....					
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
4th Sunday After Pentecost 9am Worship & Communion 4pm Praise Worship						
10am	13	14	15	16	17	18
5th Sunday After Pentecost 9am Worship & Communion 4pm Praise Wroship	6:30pm Council Meeting					
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	Secretary out of office.....					



Deacon Assignments for July

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13th Christy Phillips
20th Amber Reuter
27th Maureen Even



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.