

# LAMP

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## May Reflections:

May is a month of growth, celebration, and renewal. As flowers bloom and days grow longer, we're reminded of the beauty and promise in every season God gives us. This month, we also celebrate Pentecost—the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and the Church was born. Just as the Spirit moved among them, may we feel that same fire in our hearts today—guiding, comforting, and empowering us to live out our faith boldly. Let us carry that Spirit into every corner of our lives, sharing God's love wherever we go.



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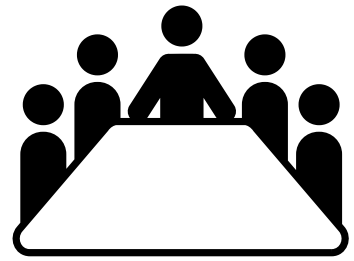
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# COUNCIL MINUTES



MarcApril 14, 2025 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 p.m. 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. (Iona Prayer Book)

Max Kopplin, Hunter Weber, and Kohl Nuehring shared their statements of faith. Pastor made a motion for these three to be confirmed in the faith and as voting members of ALC. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Candy Lompe shared she is putting together the confirmation service for Sunday, May 4th. Robes, stoles, and boutonnieres will be provided by ALC. Maureen will talk to Chris about ordering the flowers for the sanctuary and the boutonnieres.

Cindy Gosse asked to add approval of the audit to the agenda. Sara Borland motioned to approve the agenda with the addition. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report:

Last month's water bill had gone down. Fixing the leak took care of issue that was causing the previously higher water bill. CD came in and renewed at 4.2% for 3 months. Donations coming in are steady. Sara Borland asked about the "Simply Giving" option and if there was a cost associated it. Mike said there is, but is minimal in comparison to the number of members using it.

Mary Adams motioned to approve the Treasurer's report from 4/12. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

## Secretary Report:

Cindy Gosse motioned to approve the March minutes. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Shirley Bergman requested that approved minutes be sent within 24 hours to Chris. She pointed out that on the website, under council minutes, a few months were missing. The missing month's were in The Lamp section of the website.

## Committee Reports:

### Hospitality Reports:

Nuerings will host hospitality for Easter and the Warings will host last Sunday in April. Sara Borland will organize the hospitality hosts for May.

#### Parish Ed/Youth:

Wednesday Worship is over for the year. There are two weeks of confirmation left. Confirmation service will be May 4th. "Pizza, Puzzles, and Pop" event is coming up for the youth group on April 25th. June 13th is the summer kickoff event for the youth group at the Nuehrings. Thursdays with God resumes in May studying Galatians.

#### Property/Technology:

Mike Waring said he turned up the water heater. The fence at the parsonage is straightened. Mike will look at it to pop it back into place. Richard would like to plant hollyhocks around the mailbox. Maureen suggested a shorter flower around the mailbox. Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly called to check that they were on the schedule for the dishwasher at the parsonage. Cy & Charley's is coming on 4/15 to repair the parts. Mike mentioned new router is in and we are streaming to YouTube. Anthony Bahe hasn't done the rewiring yet. Maureen found where the box elder bugs are coming in on the southwest door. When it's warmer, she will caulk the spacing that's in the door jam.

#### Scholarship:

Cindy Gosse received an email from Pat Winblade on behalf of the review committee, including Pat, John Bergman, and Sue Rigdon. One application was received from Katelyn Zelle who will be attending Wartburg. The review committee recommended to approve the \$1,200 budgeted scholarship. Cindy believed in the past we would do what the college would match. Shirley agreed. Sara questioned if it was reoccurring. Students have to reapply every year. Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly motioned to make the scholarship for the \$750 as that is what Wartburg would match. Second by Christy Phillips. Motion carried.

#### Worship and Music:

Sara Borland shared notes from the praise and worship meeting that was held on March 18th. Next meeting is May 4th at 4 p.m. May 28th at 6:30 p.m. will be the practice run. Sunday afternoon services will start June 1st at 4 p.m. We will repeat music so people learn songs. Casual service around 45 minutes. Amber Reuter will donate the cost of banners. Shirley talked to Jessica about her 4 p.m. piano practices. We will create a church Google calendar so all church events can be viewable. Shirley asked about the "All Creation Sings" hymnals. There are lots of resources online for that hymnal. Offerings will be collected at the 4 p.m. service and there will be two offering collections, one for the general fund and one for a designated community organization each month. Amber will resize the banner artwork for the postcards that will be sent to active and inactive members.

June 6th and 7th is Synod Assembly in Cedar Falls. Pastor will attend. Christy mentioned that Amanda Phillips may be interested in attending again as well. Registration opens May 15th.

June 8th will be a joint church service out at Zion. Members from both churches will help lead service.

April 27th we will have Dan Mixdorf as Pastor of both ALC and Zion.

#### Call Committee:

Maureen shared there is an interview on April 24th at 4 p.m. They will take the candidate to both churches as well as the parsonage. Maureen will speak with Amanda Phillips about the time commitment needed coming up as we interview for Pastor and Amanda completes her Masters Degree and her plans to move coming up in May.

Mary pointed out that we have the joint Council meeting scheduled on April 23th. In discussion, we need to postpone this meeting to see how the interview goes on April 24th.

### Pastor's Report:

Saturday night service at Zion is on hold until a new pastor is in place.

Youth would like to revamp the "music" room as the youth room. They need to come up with a plan with a timeline and budget. Cindy Gosse motioned for the youth to create a plan to present to Council. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly would like vacation April 24th through April 29th. Sara Borland motioned to approve Pastor's request. Second by Mary Adams. Motion carried.

### New Business:

Jessica Saunders' Recital is June 1. Sara Borland will contact her about convening the timing for the recital, as well as future practices, before 4 p.m., as starting June 1 Praise and Worship Services start at 4 p.m. The Google Calendar will be helpful for this.

Mike Waring mentioned that Chris asked that Council be able to approve events via email that are time sensitive. Sara Borland suggested we be able to respond by a majority quorum. Chris will email any requests to all Council members.

Shirley Bergman will open the church for the Artist Collaborative's meeting at 6:30 on April 28th.

Cindy Gosse asked if our insurance policy coverage has been checked for hosting community/non-congregational activities. Cindy will check with Chase at the insurance company about the liability coverage.

Audit Committee Report was sent to the the Council members. Mary pointed out the Sabbatical Set Aside Fund isn't earning a lot of interest. The Audit Committee recommended purchasing a \$4,000 CD so it is moved to a higher interest fund. Shirley Bergman motion to approve the Audit Committee's suggestion.

Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Christy Phillips motioned to approve the audit findings. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

Mary Adams will be using the Fireside Room on April 24th at 10:30 a.m. It'll be about 2 hours. They will be done before the scheduled interview.

Building policy was sent to council for review by Shirley Bergman. Church secretary will receive the form. Mike will be the point of contact during events. Sara Borland motioned to approve the building policy with the addition of Mike's contact information. Second by Christy Phillips. Motion carried.

### Correspondence:

Mission Investment Fund sent information of their services.

Church Mutual is having an annual meeting.

### Pastoral Assessment:

Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly shared a simple form with council. Cindy shared the synod's form. Maureen will reshare the form to council. Council will send their completed forms directly to Pastor.

Maureen Even mentioned that Chris asked where the Easter envelope offering should go. Cindy Gosse motioned that the Easter envelope offering go to to Independence Food Pantry. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

### Deacon Assignments for May:

May 4: Mary; May 11: Mike; May 18: Christy; May 25: Amber

Lord's Prayer was said.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Sara Borland. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Reuter

Secretary



# SUMMER FOOD!!!



## 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 starting June 11

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!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We are collecting items for LWR Personal Care Kits. You may drop them off at the church. List of items needed. We have a goal of 45. **ITEMS NEEDED** 40 Dark Bath Towels, 20x40 or 52x27, 70 Full size bars of soap- unopened, 17 Adult size Toothbrush, ,and 27 Metal Nail Clippers.

## Pizza, Puzzles & Games



Sponsored by ALC Youth Group

Fun was had by all who participated—thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event a success!



# Confirmation 2025



Pastor Pat Mohr, Kelly Kohl, Kohl Nuehring, Max Kopplin, Hunter Weber

## Kohl Nuehring

I believe that God has done many things to help us. One thing that I believe about God is that He creates us, protects us, loves us, and helps us get through hard things that can be stressful in life. Another thing that I believe about God is that He helps guide our faith by creating the Ten Commandments. I believe that God created Earth so I could live my life in faith and that He created Heaven for me to live my eternal life. I also believe in Jesus and how He has helped us with many things. One thing that He has helped us in is that He sacrificed His life for us. He loved everyone whether they were rich or poor and healthy or sick. He helped us by forgiving our sins. Another thing He did is that He healed people that were sick and by teaching people. Also, He didn't hate people that didn't understand Him. I believe that the Holy Spirit has done many things to guide us. The Holy Spirit also made the Church holy. Also, it helps us lead people. It gives us strength to defend us and others. Finally, I believe many things about our church. I believe that it is a safe place for when you are struggling in life. Also, it's a safe place to worship and pray.

## Max Kopplin

I believe in God who loves me and is with me no matter where I am or what I am doing. I trust in Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins, and rose again to save us. The Holy Spirit helps me make good choices and live with love and kindness. I pray, read the Bible. I try to follow God daily; even when life gets hard, I will know it is all part of God's plan. I want to share his love with others and do what is right.

## Hunter Weber

My faith formation letter starts with my Baptism. I do not remember because I was only a baby and too young to speak for myself, but two of my family members, along with my parents, stood up in front and promised to raise me in the church of God. Now I can speak for myself, and I have chosen to follow Jesus, and this confirms my Baptismal promise. Through Sunday School, Communion classes, and now through Confirmation, I have learned what it is to be in the Lutheran faith. Through learning the Bible, God's messages of love and hope for all people. My faith tells me that God is guiding us to choose good over evil and ultimately leads us to salvation in heaven. The Bible and our sermons have taught me that God has the power both to help and forgive people tempted by evil.

### Hunter Weber continued

I believe the Holy Spirit is always with you, even if sometimes it doesn't feel like it. In the Bible it says do not be afraid because God is with us. This makes me feel comforted, whether I am struggling with a class at school, a sport, or nervous about something. God makes me feel stronger and this makes me feel safe. I have a relationship with God now and I can talk to Him daily, and this helps me through everyday life, and I will continue to have a relationship with others in the Lutheran community where I have learned the greatness of helping others in need, praying, and doing things for others as God wants us to do.



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

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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!)

### ***Join Us for a Special Outdoor Worship!***

American Lutheran Church and Zion  
will come together for a joyful Jubilee joint service on  
Sunday, June 8th at 10 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church.

Come celebrate in the beauty of God's creation—  
bring your lawn chairs or a blanket,  
and worship with us under the open sky!

Everyone is welcome—don't miss this uplifting morning of faith,  
and fellowship!

# **LSI** **Host Homes** LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA

## A Father's Day Reflection: Amanda's Journey of Hope and Stability

This Father's Day, we're honored to share the powerful story of Amanda, a young woman whose life has been transformed over the past 13 years through the unwavering dedication of LSI's Host Home program and the compassionate care of Megan D.

Amanda came to LSI with many challenges. With a limited IQ and emotional struggles rooted in past trauma, she had difficulty connecting with others and managing daily life. Before LSI, she lived in institutional settings, heavily medicated, and unable to thrive. Her life was a series of difficult chapters, until she found her match in LSI and Megan.

Megan has been a steady and committed presence in Amanda's life. With unmatched patience, professionalism, and deep care, Megan helped guide Amanda from a place of instability to one of emotional balance. What was once a life of uncertainty is now one of structure, safety, and growth thanks to the loving environment of a Host Home.

Today, Amanda lives with "Momma Mavis," her dedicated Host Home provider, who gives her 24/7 care and inclusion in family life, appointments, and even special needs art classes. The flare-ups that once led to hospital visits are now a thing of the past. Amanda is thriving, living proof that compassion and commitment can change a life.

As Bruce C., Amanda's adoptive father, says: "LSI and Megan never wavered. I call this stabilization in Amanda's life. The individual care from a non-family member is needed beyond words. Thanks to Mavis and Megan, Amanda's quality of life would not be possible without the LSI Host Home program."

Amanda, the 25th foster child welcomed by the C. family and their third adoption, is still on her journey and we're honored to walk alongside her.

This Father's Day, we celebrate all the fathers, families, caregivers, and advocates who believe in second chances, and who help make stories like Amanda's possible.

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.



This month marked the start of our 160th Anniversary celebrations! We gathered to reflect on our legacy and share excitement for the journey ahead. Stay tuned for details on the main celebration in October, you won't want to miss your chance to be part of this historic milestone! Your gift changes the lives of thousands of people across Iowa.

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# May Celebrations



## Birthdays

Kelly Seehase	2-May
Wade Putnam	2-May
David Ruehs	3-May
Traci Clark	6-May
Morgan Westpfahl	7-May
Kaylie Bergman	8-May
Nora Frush	11-May
Sharon McAtee	12-May
Haylee Frush	12-May
Josie Loyd	13-May
Marie Bushkofsky	14-May
Ronda Fratzke	18-May
Maxwell Kopplin	20-May
Keaton Lysne	20-May
Dave Wyant	24-May
Christa Leach	27-May
Katey Niichel	28-May
Payton Ruckdaschel	29-May
Elliot Ahmann	29-May
Jenifer Wyant	30-May

## Baptism Anniversaries

Blaire Zummak	21-May
Eleanor Fratzke	21-May
Steffen Hoey	22-May
Brenda Schmit	24-May
Maisie Niichel	25-May
Iva Ruehs	27-May
Anthony Bahe	27-May
Natalie Schares	27-May

Braylon Dahl	21-May
Kylon Dahl	21-May
Charlie Stanek	22-May
Casey Schmit	24-May
Haley Borland	25-May
Bryan Tonne	27-May
Collin Gosse	27-May
Justin Gosse	27-May

## Wedding Anniversaries

Merritt and Connie Jones	5/2/1981
Thomas and Kaye Jones	5/18/1963
Eric and Traci Clark	5/18/1996
Larry and Christy Phillips	5/23/1987



**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](mailto:kayejns@gmail.com) or the office [secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) with any prayer concerns.

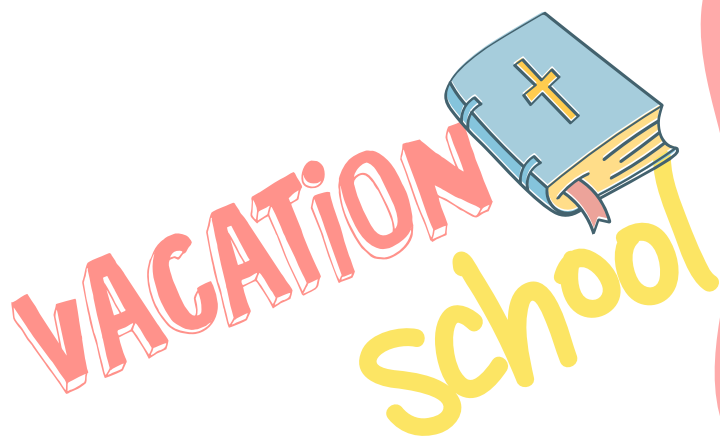
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JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
7th Sunday in Easter 8:30am Worship & Communion 4pm Praise Worship				Womens Bible Study 9am		
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Pentecost Sunday 10am Outdoor Worship at Jubilee 4pm Praise Worship	6:30pm Council Meeting		<u>LAMP articles due</u>			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Holy Trinity Sunday 8:30am Worship & Communion 4pm Praise Worship						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
2nd Sunday After Pentecost 8:30am Worship & Communion 4pm Praise Worship	Artist Colaboration 6:30pm at the park			Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly Council President: Maureen Even Secretary: Chris Waring Church Phone: 827-6626 Web Address: www.americanlutheranjesup.org		Sect out of office
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3rd Sunday After Pentecost 8:30am Worship & Communion 4pm Praise Worship						
Secretary out of office.....						

## Deacon Assignments for June

1st Mary Adams  
 8<sup>th</sup> Jubilee  
 15th Maureen Even  
 22nd Christy Phillips  
 29<sup>th</sup> Maureen Even



## Community Wide VBS

6pm-8pm August 3rd-7<sup>th</sup>,  
 Program on the 8th  
 Ages 4 thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Volunteers needed contact  
 Christy Phillips  
 christystitch@yahoo.com