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## **August 2024 – Navigating Transitions: From Summer to Fall, from Struggle to Strength**

Though the longer days of summer, BBQs, and running through sprinklers are coming to an end, cool evenings at the football stadium, beautiful color-changing leaves, and spending the school day with friends are upon us. As Iowans prepare for the multicolored season of autumn, LSI is here to help you navigate the changing of the seasons.

Transitions can be a difficult time for anyone, and LSI provides services to ease the process of change.

Our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services help new arrivals to the U.S. resettle and start a life in Iowa. Our Host Homes program helps adults living with disabilities transition to greater independence through a mentor-mentee relationship. Our Early Childhood Services prepare parents expecting a child for a healthy birth and provide support as children transition from milestone to milestone. Our foster parents provide safe, loving homes for children moving through the foster system as they await adoption.

Whether we're helping someone through a difficult life transition in therapy or teaching former refugees English and cultural competency skills, at LSI we're there every step of the way. If you need support during a transition in your life, visit [LSIowa.org](https://LSIowa.org) to learn more about our services.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

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## Service of Prayer and Healing Every Fifth Sunday

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing – with prayer, the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil. In this ministry of healing the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace and God's love embodied in the community of faith. We will continue this ministry every fifth Sunday (September 29, December 29, March 30, and June 29.)

If you would like to participate, please come forward after worship to the altar rail. You may either stand or kneel. I will stand in front of you and ask what needs healing. You don't have to answer, but you may tell me what needs healing. It can be physical, emotional, or spiritual.

Then I will lay my hands upon your head and say a prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to come. Anointing with oil is a symbol of God's claim on us as a beloved child of God. If you would like more conversation about this ministry, please come and talk with Pastor Pat.



American Lutheran Church  
May Council Meeting  
May 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm President Christy Phillips

Present Barb Hayek, Maureen Even, Cindy Gosse, Recording Secretary Chris Waring. Mitchell Hayek by phone Absent: Shirley Bergman  
Maureen Even led devotions.

Maureen Even made a motion to approve the agenda. Cindy Gosse seconded Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Cindy Gosse stated that she did not review the minutes of the last meeting until the previous evening and did not make the transfer of \$479.58 from savings to checking that was approved at the April meeting. Maureen Even made a motion to transfer \$479.58 from savings into checking. Barb Hayek seconded. Motion carried. Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Mitch Hayek seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Gosse clarified the procedure for recording and preserving minutes from a closed session as Recording Secretary Chris Waring had no previous experience. The section of the closed meeting is not to be printed in the meeting minutes, they are to be printed separately, put in a sealed envelope, dated and put into the safe. Recording Secretary Chris Waring will make corrections to the previous joint Call Committee and Council minutes. Motion was made by Cindy Gosse to approve the minutes as corrected. Maureen Even seconded. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

Hospitality – A few of the Mother's Day gifts were left over. Graduation cake has been ordered for May 19<sup>th</sup> service.

Parish Ed – Recording secretary Chris Waring attended the Jesup Ministerial meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> in the am and the dates for Summer Vacation Bible School have been set for August 4-8<sup>th</sup> to be held in the city park. Back up location if inclement weather will be at Jesup Bible Fellowship. Christy Phillips agreed to helping with the crafts.

Presidents Maddison Ahmann is requesting her membership be transferred from St. Paul Lutheran in Holstein, Ia., Christy Phillips will sign the transfer letter for Secretary Chris Waing to mail. Chris received a phone call from Jason, the representative from Gordon Fletch. Gordon Fletch is the company that we hold the lease with for our copier. Our lease runs out in two months. Cindy Gosse is familiar with the contract, she will contact Jason, get the details and bring the information to the next council meeting.

Property-Update from the first report emailed from Pat Winblade to the council on May 8<sup>th</sup>. President Christy Phillips received update May 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon: Barb and Mike Mostek removed the car from the parsonages detached garage. The Property committee has the ability to use the budgeted monies for improvements to the parsonage, unless if the purchase is for an appliance or above the \$2500. The dehumidifier that is no longer working from the basement of the parsonage needs to be brought up from the basement and have it taken to the city dump or have Thomas James pick up for \$15 each. Cindy Gosse stated she would donate a used dehumidifier for the use at the parsonage, but not sure if it is working order. Motion was made by Barb Hayek to purchase a dehumidifier for the parsonage if the donated one does not work. Seconded by Maureen Even. Motion carried. Maureen Even applied Weed and Feed on the church property. The hostas at the parsonage were recently divided, Lilly of the valleys will be left to fill in the triangle of the sidewalks, the ones on the south side of the front door will be removed.

Scholarship – No report

Worship and Music – No report

Youth – Preparing to leave for New Orleans Youth Gathering, the Blessing send-off will be scheduled for either July 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. Sara Borland had contacted the other churches in Jesup inquiring about an Ecumenical youth group and there was no interest.

Call Committee -No report

Audit Report -President Christy Phillips read the report and during the reading it was felt that the first item on the review was a repeat from last year's report. Treasurer Cindy Gosse will review the report and communicate with the Audit Committee. Motion made by Maureen Even to approve the Audit Committee report. Seconded by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

Cindy Gosse left the meeting at 6:49pm

## New Business

- Jessica Saunders requested the use of a Sunday School room or Fellowship room for Pre-K students through 1<sup>st</sup> grade voice music classes, four to five weeks this summer. The parents of the children would be encouraged to attend, and the classes would be capped off at eight students. Jessica noted in her request that she thought this was part of her original agreement to use the church but wanted to approval again with the exact dates and times. Barb Hayek does not recall this specific request when first approved. Jessica would like to do a trial run in July: Monday morning two classes and one in the early evening. Maureen questioned the Monday evening time because the Council always meets the second Monday of the month. Questioned if Jessica will be responsible for cleaning up after classes? The council decided that the Sunday School room with the piano would be the best location for these classes. Maureen Even asked for the exact dates to aid in the planning and setting up for the church's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the use of the Sunday School room with the piano. Discussion: The questioned was asked if the Church would be liable for any accident or injury to the children since this would be Jessica's business not a church function. The council will ask Cindy Gosse to check this with our insurance before approving this request. Christy Phillips will inform Jessica that we are checking with insurance before approving this request and that we would need exact dates and times, and if approved the Sunday school room with the piano is the assigned room. Barb Hayek made a motion to table the motion she made until next month. Maureen Even seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ecumenical Service June 23rd at 9:30am at the Jesup park pavilion. Jubilee and Jesup Bible fellowship are not participating.
- The C3 Ministry for our Synod will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Wartburg. Amanda Phillips will be attending. Registration is \$50 per attendee; this fee will be covered by our church. Cindy Gosse will need to pay by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Amanda Phillips will be delivering the "Take the Cake" and sanitary products to the event. Chris Waring noted that there have been funds donated for these two projects in the Benevolence account, she will use these funds to purchase items needed for "Take the Cake" and the sanitary products. An offering will be taken for the Synod Companion Hungary Fund to support the ministries of the ELCA in Hungary. Maureen Even made a motion to approve a donation of \$250 for the offering. Barb Hayek seconded. Motion approved. These funds will be taken from the current account.
- Secretary Chris Waring requested an early deadline date of June 11<sup>th</sup> for the LAMP due to her being out of the office from June 17<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>. She will send out an email to those that need to be informed of the change of date. The bulletins will be ready for print for the Sundays when she will be absent. Maureen Even will add the announcements and print.

## Old Business

- 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee- Maureen Even stated that we will not be participating in the Farmers Day Parade due to lack of interest from the congregation. Chris Waring is getting quotes for noon meal for two meats and cookies. Maureen Even will also be ordering a cake. The rest of the meal will be potluck by members attending the celebration. Décor will be kept simple, will be doing a Faith of Family tree. Chris Waring will be making a Power Point to be running, not during the service. Sending invitations to prior Pastors of the congregation.
- Pulpit supply is filled up to September 29<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup> was filled the afternoon of this meeting with Pastor Kevin Ericson. Bishop Kevin Jones will be presiding over worship for our anniversary in July. Jubilee has been informed and they will still be holding their regular service.

Correspondence Letter from LSI stating that Bremwood will no longer be a facility for troubled youth. Bremwood will still be in existence in a different capacity. Secretary Chris Waring will paraphrase the letter and publish it in the LAMP.

Requests for donations were received from the following: Buchanan County Sheriff's Office requesting funds for Child safety and Drug prevention education. Camp EWALU, ELCA These donation requests are tabled for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A question asked if we have any children going to camp, members of the council were unaware of any other than Charlie Stanek. There a funds set aside in the budget to financially assist families if needed. Secretary Chris Waring will send an email informing our members of this fund and to let her know if there is a need.

Thank you from The Zion Church Council expressed their gratitude for the use of our basement for their confirmation banquet. They especially appreciated the accommodation, which enabled their members in a wheelchair to attend the event comfortably.

## Deacon Assignments for June:

2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Even

9<sup>th</sup> Maureen Even

16<sup>th</sup>

23<sup>rd</sup> None needed Ecumenical Service

30<sup>th</sup> Christy Phillips

Barb Hayek made a motion to adjourn. Second by Maureen Even. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Waring, Recording Secretary



## Council Meeting

June 10, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Christy Phillips at 6:24pm. Present Cindy Gosse, Barb Hayek, Maureen Even. By phone: Shirley Bergman and Mitch Hayek. This meeting is being recorded in the absence of the recording secretary Chris Waring.

Devotions by Barb Hayek

Maureen Even makes a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the transfers. Seconded by Cindy Gosse. Motion Carried

**Treasures report:** The CD came due and renewed for 5 months at 5%. Barb made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Maureen Even seconded. Motion approved.

**Secretary's report:** Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the secretary's report. Maureen Even seconded. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

Hospitality- Maureen working on Father's Day Gifts

Parish Ed- VBS Augusts 4-8 at Jesup Park. Ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Property-Half of the light fixtures have been replaced in the Fireside room at the cost of \$174. Cindy Gosse made a motion to replace the other half of the fixtures in the Fireside room. Barb Hayek seconded. Motion Carried. Maureen Even will contact Wayne Schneider to have him move forward with the replacements.

Pat Winblade has provided receipts for items she has purchased.

The bathroom needs repainting, the register needs to be installed, removed caulking, and will recalk as needed.

Kitchen needs repainting

Shrubs at the church will be trimmed June 12, 2024. Ray Zummak, Randy Frush, and Kenny Schares

Carpets need to be professionally cleaned; Cindy Gosse will contact Chris Cass to get a quote. The carpet may need to be replaced in one of the bedrooms due to a worn mark. Maureen Even will start painting the bathroom and the kitchen and will record the new paint color.

Cindy Gosse suggested that the air-conditioning be turned on to help eliminate the smell and humidity.

Scholarship – none

Worship and Music- none

Youth-Leaving July 14<sup>th</sup> and will check to see if July 7<sup>th</sup> will work for the sendoff service. Six highschoolers and 3 adult leaders from ALC will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering on July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans. Once they return the students will share their trip during the service. Leaders: Sara, Kieth, and Beth. Students: Piper, Hannah, Kaylie, Carsten, Katelyn, and Carmen.

Call Committee- MSP will be expiring and Amanda Phillips will be renewing online

### **New Business:**

Barb Hayek made a motion to accept the transfer of membership into American Lutheran Church for Brady and Maddison Ahmann. Cindy Gosse seconded. Motion carried.

Christy received an email from Pastor Liz of the Synod stating that there is a potential Interim Pastor wanting to move to Iowa from Albuquerque New Mexico. They would be in Iowa for just a few days. Two members of Zion and two members from ALC would meet them at Pizza Ranch for a meal and then touring our parsonage and both churches. Christy Phillips and Maureen Even will be meeting the candidate along with two members from Zion. Secretary Review- Maureen Even made a motion to increase the secretary's salary to \$16, beginning June 1st as per the original agreement. Seconded by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Insurance update- Our Property and Liability Insurance is \$5260, this is an increase of \$71. Workers Comp \$485 this is an increase of \$29, Umbrella stayed the same at \$350. Due July Audit Report- Cindy Gosse was confused on the first paragraph of their report because it stated the same as last year. No bills are paid unless she has the invoice or receipts. Substitutes for organist procedure: Shirley sends Cindy an email and Cindy prints and puts the amount paid, check number and the date on the printed email-what else do they need? We pay 100% of the supply pastor and Jubilee reimburses us 50%. Schindler elevator billed us to mail out an invoice. Cindy called them and we will now be billed by email so there will not be a mailing fee going forward. Youth account deposits by Simply Giving are automatically sent to current then need to be transferred to the Youth account. Bills for the Youth account is taken from Current, and monies transferred as needed. Cindy is still working on the Shepards Staff question that the committee had. Once Cindy has all the answers, she will email the Audit committee.

Anniversary Report: Invitations sent to former Pastors, former members, and current members with RSVP.

Meat from Rach's Kitchen, Cake from Hy-Vee, Maureen to make cookies

For the beginning of the service, we will use 1930's hymnal.

C3 Ministry Fair- Amanda Phillips submitted a report. Many workshops were available with roundtable discussions at lunch. If anyone wants more information they may contact her.

Jessica Saunders found a location for her summer music program.

**Pulpit Supply:** Filled until the beginning of October.

**No Correspondence:**

**Deacon Assignments:**

July 7 Cindy Gosse

July 14 Barb Hayek

July 21 Maureen Even

July 28 Christy Phillips

Cindy Gosse made a motion to adjourn. Barb Hayek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Waring

Recording Secretary



Special Council meeting June 13, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Christy Phillips. Present: Cindy Gosse, Barb Hayek, Shirley Bergman and recording Secretary Chris Waring. Absent: Mitch Hayek

Cindy Gosse made a motion to have the two dehumidifiers at the parsonage picked up by Thomas James for a charge of \$15 each. Seconded by Maureen Even. Motion Carried.

Barb made a motion to amend the motion from the previous June 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting to reflect an increase in Chris' wage to \$16.75 after her first 6 months. Cindy seconded. Motion carried.

Maureen Even made a motion to go into closed session. Barb Hayek seconded. Motion carried.

Closed session at 6:29pm

Cindy Gosse made a motion to come out of closed session at 6:58. Seconded by Barb Hayek. Motion Carried

Cindy Gosse made a motion to meet with Zion to work on a contract to hire the interim Pastor. Barb Hayek seconded. Motion Carried

Cindy Gosse will work on a budget for the upcoming meeting.

Christy Phillips informed Craig Frush from Zion that we have approved having the candidate for Interim Pastor preside over worship on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Christy Phillips will contact Craig Frush and inform him that Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> works best for our council to meet to discuss the hiring of the interim candidate.

Cindy Gosse made a motion to adjourn. Barb Hayek seconded. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 7:06pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Waring

Recording Secretary

Special Council Meeting

June 17, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Christy Phillips at 6:30pm

Present: Christy Phillips, Maureen Even, Cindy Gosse, Barb Hayek, Shirley Bergman and recording Secretary Chris Waring Absent: Mitch Hayek

Carpet in basement professionally cleaned after the water damage during Covid.

Questions regarding the replacement of the carpet. Barb Hayek mentioned a leak in the back corner of the basement. Question on who changed the downspout drainage. There is mold in one of the corners in the basement that needs to be checked into.

Motion made by Maureen Even to have Chris Cass clean the carpet at the parsonage. Seconded by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

Shirley Bergman made a motion to purchase a dishwasher from Cy and Charlies, with a cap of \$1000. Seconded by Maureen Even. Motion Carried

If the candidate does accept the call the budget would need to be revised and approved by the council.

Cindy Gosse offered to donate mulch for the front of the house.

Recommended to prepare an agreement form for the occupant of the parsonage to sign to insure the property was the same condition as when they began occupancy.

Budget Hearing June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Revised Budget Approval Congregational Meeting July 14<sup>th</sup> following worship.

Barb Hayek made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Gosse Seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Waring

Recording Secretary

Council Meeting

July 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Christy Phillips at 6:28 pm. Present Cindy Gosse, Barb Hayek, Mauren Even, Shirley Bergman and recording Secretary Chris Waring .

By phone: Mitch Hayek.

Devotions by Christy Phillips

Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the transfers.

Seconded by Maureen Even. Motion Carried

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Cindy Gosse mentioned that we might need to transfer money from our savings account to cover the property and liability insurance premium, which is approximately \$5,000. This decision depends on the deposits made in the last two weeks, as Financial Secretary Mike Waring was on vacation during that period.

Maureen Even made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Shirley Bergman seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Approval of Amended Budget:** Mitch Hayek questioned why the church was paying the full 15% of the social security for the pastor's salary. Cindy Gosse clarified with Rev. Steve Brackett from the Synod office that since we are a church we are required to pay all of the pastor's Social Security allowance. Shirley Bergman inquired that since we have a year contract with the Interim Pastor, and if we find a permanent pastor are we obligated to full fill the one-year contract. Maureen Even read the contract and in short it stated that we need to give the interim 30 days' notice that the contract will be terminated, and we are not held accountable for the remainder of the contract. Maureen Even made a motion to approve the revised budget and present it to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Gosse seconded the motion. Mitch Hayek abstained from voting. Motion carried

**Secretary's report:** Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the secretary's reports from July 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Maureen Even seconded. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

Hospitality- Maureen Even purchased items for the Father's Day gift bags

Parish Ed- VBS August 4-8 at Jesup Park. Ages 4yo to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Secretary Chris received an email from Lori Schutte about VBS late in the day, it was forwarded to Christy Phillips.

Christy Phillips and Teri Schares are still in need of one other person to help with Worship Wednesdays.

Property- Reports were submitted from Maureen Even and Pat Winblade.

Shirley Bergmann has prepared a contract for the interim pastor to sign upon moving into the parsonage. This contract outlines the expectations for upkeep and the condition the house must be left in when the pastor leaves the congregation.

The question was asked if the water softener in the parsonage needs to be replaced since it has not been used for so long. Will wait to see if it is in working order after the pastor move in.

The sleeper sofa that was left in the basement has been disassembled and moved to the garage for Thomas James to pick up. Wayne Schnieder has contacted Thomas James to arrange the pickup.

Cindy Gosse will contact Thomas James to start garbage pickup and provide them with billing information.

Pat Winblade has resigned from the property committee.

Shirley Bergman has been designated as the chair of the property committee and will serve as the contact person for any questions or issues related to property matters going forward. Secretary Chris Waring will supply the pastor with a Leader List with contact information.

Jubilee can supply the following items for the parsonage until the furniture arrives: Card table and chairs, TV trays, air mattress, and plastic plates and silverware. Secretary Chris Waring will contact Craig to set a time for delivery

Shirley Bergman will walk through the parsonage with the pastor upon their arrival and go through the contract checklist.

Scholarship – none

Worship and Music-The committee will meet this week to plan the future worship services. Chris Waring will contact the Synod to see if it would be possible to install Pastor Pat on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary service.

Youth- We are having a sendoff blessing on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> during worship.

Motion was made by Barb Hayek to provide an offering in the amount of \$250 for the Generation X World Hunger offering at the youth gathering. Seconded by Maureen Even. Motion passed. Cindy Gosse will either submit online or send a check with Sara Borland.

Call Committee- MSP has been updated and submitted. Pastor Pat, our Interim Pastor will be meeting with the Call Committee in the future to see if there are ways to improve the profile to attract more interest for possible candidates.

### **New Business:**

Sara Borland asked Cindy Goose if the youth could use the church's credit card or purchase 3, \$1000 prepaid debit cards for them to use during their travels. After discussion it was decided that for record keeping purposes the group will use their personal credit or debit cards and submit receipts to Cindy Gosse for reimbursement. The motion was made by Barb Hayek not to provide a credit card or prepaid debit cards. All receipts need to be presented for reimbursement. Maureen Even seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 120 invitations have been mailed out. Low response at this time. Carol Anhalt has agreed to lead the choir. Chris will check with Bishop Jones to see if he would install Pastor Pat. In the Memorial Fund there is \$652, designated for Anniversary. Barb made a motion to use the \$652 towards the catering for the Anniversary dinner. Maureen Even seconded. Motion carried.

Pulpit Supply: Filled until the beginning of October, if need be, Pastor Pat will begin worship on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Correspondence: Thank you card from the Ahmann's for the baptism of Elliott

Deacon Assignments:

August

7<sup>th</sup> Barb Hayek

11<sup>th</sup> Maureen Even

18<sup>th</sup> Christy Phillips

25<sup>th</sup> Maureen Even

Maureen Even made a motion to adjourn. Barb Hayek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Waring

Recording Secretary

**ALC ACTIVITES**

**School will soon be back in session  
and ALC's programs will be in full  
swing!**

Women's Bible Study: 9am first Thursday of the month in the Fireside Room

Worship Wednesdays: begin Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:16pm-7pm. They are held every other Wednesday. All Sunday school children are invited to join us and learn about Jesus and *Have Fun Doing It!*

Quilting: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 9am to noon – We are always looking for volunteers to join us!

Confirmation Classes: Begin September 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at ALC, September through December 18<sup>th</sup> Will move to Zion in January-April with Confirmation Service at ALC and Zion on May 4<sup>th</sup>

## ELCA Youth Gathering 2024



After many years of anticipation, fundraising, and planning, six high school youth and three adult leaders attended the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. The week-long journey's theme was "Created to Be" and was filled with learning, growth, new friends, new experiences, and so much more! The group drove in a 15-passenger van, stopping in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on both legs of the trip. Once in New Orleans our group was assigned a hotel in the French Quarter for the week.

A quick recap:

- Day 1 we explored New Orleans a bit and visited the Audubon Aquarium and Insectarium. We saw lots of creatures native to the area, explored, and even tried some yummy (bug-filled!) snacks. We experienced our first Mass Gathering at the Smoothie King Center, where we'd go each night of our journey. We met lots of new friends and even bumped into former ALC pastor, Kristen Corr-Rod. The theme for this day was "Created to Be...BRAVE" We heard lots of amazing music and speakers and really got excited for the week ahead!



- Day 2 was our interactive learning day. We spent the day exploring the convention center's interactive displays, playing games, and learning. This space was 5 blocks long and we were TIRED! Mass Gathering again that night, with the theme "Created to be...AUTHENTIC."
- For Day 3, we hopped back in our van and drove about an hour to Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station for our accompaniment day, whose focus is research and education about the coastal wetlands and the impact of weather and humans has on the environment. We joined two other groups from the Gathering there - one from Cedar Falls! After our accompaniment was over, we visited a local hot spot, trying some new foods like alligator, catfish, and frog legs - not bad! In the afternoon we had some fun at an interactive art museum called JAMNOLA, which stands for Joy, Art, & Music. And, boy we did that! Wrapped up our day again with Mass Gathering - more great music and worship around the theme "Created to be...FREE"
- On Friday (Day 4) we joined our synod and synods from IL and MN in worship - we got to see many friends from the area, including Bishop Kevin Jones. This contemporary, joyful worship service invigorated our group to bring new ideas back to ALC - we cannot wait to share more! That afternoon we snuck in a quick visit to some shops and sight seeing in the French Quarter before boarding the Creole Queen paddle boat with other members of our Synod. That night we were blessed to get into the 5th row for Mass Gathering and the energy for that night's session (Created to be...DISRUPTIVE) was electric!



- We closed our week in New Orleans on the final day with a final worship/mass gathering with the theme "Created to be...DISCIPLES!" We happened to be randomly selected that day to sit in a luxury suite for worship, which was a wonderful treat! We left New Orleans that morning feeling energized and excited as we began our travels home.

Each day we learned something new, met new friends, grew as disciples, and in our own personal faith. I think each person would tell you they took something different from the week and that is GOOD. As an adult leader, I encourage you to ask these kids what they loved the most or what surprised them. I also encourage us, the congregation of ALC, to be brave disciples ourselves as we learn from these youth.



Above all, the group would like to share our sincere thanks to all of you for your support of prayers, donations and financial gifts that enabled us to attend this event.

The next Youth Gathering is scheduled for 2027 in Minneapolis and will be open to anyone entering 6th-10th grade this fall.

## American Lutheran's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration-Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

There were over 100 in attendance between the service and the meal.

Maureen Even dedicated countless hours to researching, designing, and bringing to life our church's beautiful family tree. The roots honor our charter members, the trunk represents the pastors who have served, the birds symbolize those who have become ministers, and the leaves celebrate both past and present members of our congregation.



Thank you to the members of the committee: Mary Adams, Maureen Even, Sheila Collins, Shirley Bergman, and Chris Waring. The youth deserve a round of applause for the work their help in the kitchen and dining area.

Ray Zummak was honored as being the longest continuous member of ALC. Shirley Bergman was honored for her 50 years as ALC organist.



Luther League then and now.





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 (tomjones@indytel.com) or Chris (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) with any prayer requests.



Thank you so much for all the work done for the Church's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I truly enjoyed my time. Bruce Erpelding.

Thank you from the Independence Food Pantry for our donations in June and July.

**Noisy offering for September** will be used to purchase items for Flood Buckets. If you have a five-gallon bucket that has a lid and is clean you may bring to the church or if you wish to purchase, this will save funds for the items needed.

## DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK

### Help replenish the synod's flood bucket supply

This summer, the Northeastern Iowa Synod Disaster Response Network and congregations delivered flood buckets to help Iowans affected by flooding.

Pastor Kyle Barton, facilitator for the Northeastern Iowa Synod's Disaster Response Network, delivered 200 flood buckets from the synod's stockpile in Allison to the Western Iowa Synod Office in Storm Lake. In addition, Bergen Lutheran in Roland sent two flood buckets to Spencer and 18 to Humboldt. St. John Lutheran in Guttenberg sent 10 buckets to Humboldt. St. John in Clarksville assembled 78 buckets, which were donated to help with flood relief in Spencer.

#### HELP REPLENISH THE FLOOD BUCKET SUPPLY

Flood buckets contain essential cleaning supplies to help people clean up their homes and businesses following a flooding disaster. Since



2017, this synod has maintained a supply of flood buckets to have on hand for emergencies. Congregations and individuals are invited to help replenish the current supply to ensure readiness for the next time flooding affects Iowa communities.

Making flood buckets could be a good congregational project for this year's "God's work. Our hands." service day on Sunday, Sept. 8. Thrivent Action Grants could help fund the supplies. Instructions to assemble the flood buckets can be downloaded at



Pastor Kyle Barton and his daughter deliver flood buckets to the Western Iowa Synod to help with flood recovery efforts.

[www.neiasynod.org/flood-buckets](http://www.neiasynod.org/flood-buckets).

**Congregations that have flood buckets available or know where flood buckets are needed should contact the synod office, 319-352-1414.**



## Birthdays

Melissa Bahe	1-Aug	Landon J. Bergman	16-Aug
Connie E. Collins	2-Aug	Thomas Jones	19-Aug
Nicole L. (Nikki) Hemmer	6-Aug	Eric Clark	20-Aug
Randy Ruehs	8-Aug	Carmen D. McAtee	21-Aug
Brady Wilson	8-Aug	Jacob R. Clark	24-Aug
Maddison R. (Maddi) Ahmann	11-Aug	Daniel (Dan) Even	26-Aug
Teresa L. Merkel,	12-Aug	Jessica Saunders	26-Aug
Jordan J. Leach	15-Aug	Benjamin J. Gosse	27-Aug
		Madyson Dahl	30-Aug

## Wedding Anniversaries

Becker, Dennis (Denny) and Joyce	3-Aug
Mostek Sr., Michael J. (Mike) and Barbara J. (Barb)	16-Aug
Gosse, Ronald L. (Ron) and Constance L. (Connie)	27-Aug
Merkel, Randy and Teresa L.	30-Aug
Fratzke, Robert and Eleanor J.	30-Aug

## Baptism Anniversaries

Schneider, Bill	1-Aug	Westpfahl, Morgan B.	18-Aug
Vogel, Rayann D.	8-Aug	McAtee, Renee E.	20-Aug
Schneider, Wayne L.	9-Aug	Loyd, Angela J. (Angie)	21-Aug
Mostek, Barbara J. (Barb)	10-Aug	Bahe, Melissa	21-Aug
Lysne, Crystal	12-Aug	Ruckdaschel, Payton L.	26-Aug
Lysne, Keaton	12-Aug	Hunziker, Kayla	28-Aug
Dahl, Jaylon D.	16-Aug	Rock, Evelyn J.	31-Aug
Jones, Christopher W. (Chris)	17-Aug		

## EVENTS

### Sunday worship services:

8:30am Aug-Nov

### Council Meeting:

Monday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

### Worship Wednesdays:

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

### Confirmation:

Wednesdays 6pm ALC

### Women's Bible Study

Thursday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 9am

### Quilting:

Sept 10, 24<sup>th</sup> 9am

### Prayer Shawl:

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 10am

### Deacon Assignments for Sept.

1<sup>st</sup> Christy Phillips

8<sup>th</sup> Youth/Maureen

15<sup>th</sup> Barb Hayek

22<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Even

29<sup>th</sup> Cindy Gosse

### Ushers for September

Tom & Sue Hoey

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Military members:** Christa Leach has returned from deployment and is still with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin continue their monthly drills with the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is a student at Iowa State and currently home from Arkansas in the Army Reserves as Cassidee and Cole. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

*If you know of anyone else serving in the armed forces, please contact the church office ([secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.*



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

2024

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Worship & Communion			Worship Wednesday 6-7:15	Womens Bible Study 9am		
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Worship & Communion	6:30pm Council Meet	Quilting 9am	Confirmation Class 6pm ALC			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Worship & Communion		Prayer Shawl 10am	Worship Wednesday 6-7:15 Confirmation Class 6pm ALC			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Worship & Communion		Quilting 9am	Confirmation Class 6pm ALC			
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
19th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Worship & Communion				Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly Council President: Christy Phillips Secretary: Chris Waring Church Phone: 827-6626 Web Address: <a href="http://www.americanlutheranjesup.org">www.americanlutheranjesup.org</a> Church e-mail: <a href="mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org">secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org</a>		

## Lutheran World Relief School Kits: Donation Drive

We encourage everyone to participate in our annual donation drive for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Now is the perfect time to take advantage of great deals!

**Items needed:** 5 unsharpened pencils

- 1 large eraser (2 1/2 inches)
- 5 blue or black ink pens (no gel pens)
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 12-inch ruler
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 4 70-sheet notebooks (no loose-leaf paper)

Last Day for Donations  
Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Items can be dropped off at the church whenever you see my white Nissan parked in front. Please ring the doorbell to let me know you are here. Thank you for your generosity and support!