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## **May 2024 – Give a Gift to LSI: Support Mothers across Iowa**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. Did you know LSI brings hope and healing to mothers in each of our service lines? Here are just a few examples:

The Child Care Business Development program in our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services prepares women, often mothers, to run an in-home childcare business. This small business opportunity allows them to provide for their family and ensure their children receive culturally appropriate care.

Many mothers benefit from our Foster Care and Adoption services, whether they be mothers who are blessed with a child through adoption or foster mothers who provide love and guidance to children from all paths of life.

Early Childhood Services prepares mothers-to-be for birth and raising a child. Additionally, home visitation programs help ensure a strong support system for young parents across the state.

These are just three examples of how LSI serves mothers in Iowa. This Mother's Day, we encourage you to give a gift in honor of your mother or motherly figure to ensure mothers around the state receive the care and support they deserve.

Donate online at [lsiowa.org/donate](https://lsiowa.org/donate) or send a check to Lutheran Services in Iowa, PO Box 848, Waverly, IA 50677-0848.

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.

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 [LSIowa.org](https://lsiowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

American Lutheran Church  
March Council Meeting  
March 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Vice President Maureen Even. Present Barb Hayek, Cindy Gosse, Shirley Bergman, Maureen Even, Mitchell Hayek and Secretary Chris Waring. Absent Christy Phillips

Maureen Even led devotions.

Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gosse reported that the transfer from Improvement was done in March. The checking account balance at the end of February was \$6,719.27. No transfer of funds needed since the checking account balance was under \$1,0000 carried. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Chris Waring pointed out that on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with the Call Committee and Council the wrong date was in the header and since has been corrected. Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting along with the February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup> joint ALC Council and Call Committee meetings. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

Hospitality – No report.

Memorial – No Report

Parish Ed – No report submitted Cindy Gosse mentioned that Worship Wednesday has not been available the last two scheduled days. One was due to Craig Schutte passing away and instructor Katie Niichel is his daughter. The other was scheduled for an evening that ALC held Midweek Lent service. Secretary Chris will contact Katey to follow up on their plans going forward.

Presidents Maureen Even talked with Craig Frush from Zion regarding the candidate withdrawing her application.

Property- Shirley Bergman discussed the needed repairs for filling nail holes, painting, buying miscellaneous hardware, rusty vents, small curtain rods so that those will be taken care of. Cindy Gosse made a motion to purchase the small items and paint as needed. Mitchell Hayek seconded. Motion carried. The blinds for the secretary and Pastors office have been installed by Mike Waring and Maureen Even.

Scholarship – No candidates for scholarship and deadline has passed.

Technology – removed from reports, has been merged with Property

Worship and Music - none

Youth – No report was given. Question was asked by Shirley Bergman if they have met their financial goal for they Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Chris reported that Sara Borland had stated that their goal has been met and that any additional monies would be going back to the Youth Fund.

Call Committee –No report. The candidate withdrew her resume. Discussion concerning the process they talked about the length of time it took, questions that our council would like to ask and if the Council is allowed to visit with the candidate. Vice President Maureen asked that the members of the Council that were present when the Synod gave them the outline of the process supply her with those notes. Once Maureen has them and reviews, she will report back to the council. Maureen will also check to see if we need to update our profile for the Synod. A question was brought up if we had the current Synod constitution and Cindy Gosse said she would forward her information from the Synod regarding the Call process.

### New Business

- Maureen Even noticed that new florescent lights need to be replaced with LED. The ballast may need to be replaced for LED bulbs. Maureen will talk to Wayne Schneider to check on.

### Old Business

- Pulpit Supply, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Secretary Chris reported the Rev. Liz Bell from the Synod will be leading worship at both congregations.

Correspondence: EWALU holding Annual meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We can send two voting members from our congregation.

### Deacon Assignments for April:

7<sup>th</sup> Maureen Even

14<sup>th</sup> Cindy Gosse

21<sup>st</sup> vacant at the time of the meeting, since then Sheila Collins has volunteered.

28<sup>th</sup> Maureen Even

Cindy Gosse made a motion to adjourn. Second by Barb Hayek. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Waring, Secretary



## Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> was full of celebrations!



**Elliott Mae Ahmann**, daughter of Maddison and Brady Ahmann was Baptized. Her sponsors were Molly Ahmann and McKinley Schubert.

Elliott's parents were giving the *Frolic First Bible* along with a Baptism candle to be lit on the anniversary of her baptism. Brady, Maddi and Elliott are new to the Jesup Community.

### Worship Wednesday Choir

Sang "This Little Light of Mine" while holding votive candles they had made. A HUGE thank you to the members of our congregation that dedicated their time and talents to this program: Crystal Lynse, Katey Niichel, Christy Phillips and Olivia Hemmer.

Worship Wednesday was developed to hold what would traditionally be called Sunday School. It was found that more parents responded to this ministry versus traditional Sunday morning sessions.



**Layne Witt** received a *Deep Blue Kids Bible* from American. Presented to her by her parents, Shane and Brea along with her sister Lauryn.

### Seeking two outstanding volunteers to join us for Worship Wednesday!

✿ This is a fantastic chance to collaborate with our dynamic and passionate youth, spanning ages 3 to 6th grade. We gather twice monthly (6:15-7pm) from September to April, immersing ourselves in inspiring Bible narratives, participating in enjoyable crafts or games, and sharing delightful treats. Join us for this enriching and fulfilling opportunity!



## ELCA Youth Gathering Update!

As you may recall, 6 youth and 3 adults are attending the ELCA Gathering in New Orleans this July. While all the youth are busy with activities and wrapping up the school year, we still are making time to get together, fundraise, and prepare!

Sunday, April 20, many youth and their families helped with spring yard cleanup at Sheila Collins' house! On May 5, we'll attend a Getting Ready event at Wartburg for all attendees from our synod. The youth will also be meeting monthly now until we leave to plan, learn, and grow together. Thank you to the congregation for your continued support and prayers!



## Celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June



Our Float in the Parade!

Farmers Day will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> which is early this year. The Anniversary Committee would like to have an entry in this year's parade. The Committee has a couple of ideas for a float. What is needed now are **Volunteers!** Also needed is a trailer or hay rack and someone to pull the float. Also, a location to work on the float the week prior to Farmer's Day. Please contact Chris Waring (563) 920-0857, Maureen Even (563) 880-8872, Sheila Collins (319) 231-5036 or Mary Adams (319) 269-3478 to volunteer your help or materials for the float. June is right around the corner, so don't delay!

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



On July 3, 1934, the first organizational meeting of American Lutheran, Jesup, was held in Colonial Hall with 39 baptized (28 confirmed) members. A number of these were from two rural Lutheran churches which had disbanded – St. Michael's (the Forks) north of town and St. Paul's Evangelical south of Jesup in Westburg Township. An Anniversary Committee has been formed to organize a celebration of the **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ALC**. The Committee members are Maureen Even, Sheila Collins, Chris Waring and Mary Adams & Shirley Bergman.

We invite you to place **Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**, on your summer activity calendar. We will begin the day here at ALC with our worship service at 10 AM with a potluck dinner immediately following. Table service, meat and a special cake will be provided; with the side dishes being brought by attendees. The Committee is working to have special displays of pictures and other memorabilia available. If you have any items you would like to have included in these displays, please contact one of the Committee members. Our next Committee meeting will be Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 More information will be provided as details are finalized.



**Please keep in your prayers:** Emelia Dahl Jacobson - Send cards to Emelia at Hiawatha Care Center, Room 53, 405 North 15th Avenue, Hiawatha, IA 52233.

Stephanie Winkelpleck is back at home and continuing her trips to Iowa City. Here mailing address is 454 5th St., Jesup, IA 50648

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](mailto:tomjones@indytel.com)) or Chris ([secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)) with any prayer concerns.



Thanks to all who sent prayers and good wishes during my recent surgery and recuperation, and also for the cards. I appreciate all of them. Denny Becker

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, thoughts and cards during my hospitalization and recovery. It has been very comforting to know and experience so much support and care during that time. Thank you again and God Bless. Christy Phillips

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$150 to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund. LWR

This article copied from the North Eastern Iowa Synod "Star"  
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New 'C3' Ministry Fair to offer more than 20 workshops by Marcia Hahn

All congregation members from the Northeastern Iowa Synod are invited to attend the synod's first "Creative Collaborative Congregations (C3)" Ministry Fair Saturday, June 1, at Wartburg College, Waverly.

This new event is an opportunity for lay people, pastors, and deacons from across the synod to gather in fellowship, learn together, share ideas and get inspired with skills to strengthen their congregational ministries.

This year's Ministry Fair replaces the Synod Assembly, which will take place every other year and will meet again June 7, 2025.

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE** The Ministry Fair will feature more than 20 workshops, along with round table discussions and displays to support congregations, staff members, council members, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and volunteers in their ministries and administrative activities. Parents and family members will find several workshops on faith in the home, keeping children safe, spiritual practices, and other family focused topics.

Everyone will be able to attend two workshops in the morning beginning at 9 a.m. and two in the afternoon, concluding at 3:45 p.m. Check-in for the fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. The day will also include a devotional worship service, lunch with round-table conversations and a service project to support area food pantries. Bishop Kevin Jones and his tuba will be part of the live worship band planned for the C3 Ministry Fair worship service on June 1. Everyone who plays an instrument is invited to join the band, which will be directed by Pastor Dave Efflandt



More information is available by scanning this QR code!

SCAN ME

## Opportunity for Service in our community and beyond

### Summer Food Program

The Jesup Ministerial Association will be offering bag/boxes of food for families that have been prescreened and signed up for this program. The churches participation: United Methodist, First Presbyterian, St.A's, Jubilee, American Lutheran and Jesup Bible Fellowship.

This program will provide food for approximately 12 families in our school district, two times a month from June 5- Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Each church has an assigned day that they will be responsible for the packing and distribution. The families are responsible for arriving at St.A's on the delivery dates, the volunteers do not deliver items to the homes.

➔ Our congregation has been asked to **supply boxes of Instant Oatmeal and canned vegetables.** You can drop off your donations in the shopping cart at the entrance of our church.

### SERVICE PROJECTS TO SUPPORT FOOD PANTRIES

The Hunger Network invites congregations to bring birthday cake kits and packages of sanitary products to be distributed to food pantry ministries in this synod.

The birthday cake kits contain items needed to celebrate a birthday or special day, including a cake mix, candles, canned frosting, a can of soda (to replace oil and eggs), and a birthday card in a foil cake pan. Additional items can also be added, such as paper plates, sprinkles and other cake decorations, streamers, and party hats. Please include this recipe with your donation: Baking Instructions: Happy Birthday! To make a cake without eggs, oil and water, mix 1 can of pop with the cake mix. Bake according to the box directions.



The Cake and Sanitary products may be dropped off at the church. **Deadline is May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Thank you in advance for sharing your time and resources!**

## EVENTS

**Sunday worship services** will be at **10am** from **April-July**

### **Council Meeting:**

Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

### **Prayer Shawl**

May 21<sup>st</sup> 10am

### **Women's Bible Study:**

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30am

### **Graduation Sunday**

May 19<sup>th</sup> 10am

### **Deacon Assignments for May**

5<sup>th</sup> Maureen Even

12<sup>th</sup> Maureen Even

19<sup>th</sup> Barb Hayek

26<sup>th</sup> Christy Phillips

### **Ushers for April**

Denny and Joyce Becker

The Neuhring Family

### **PASTORS COMING TO ALC:**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> Pastor Luther Thoreson**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> Pastor Dennis Hanson**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Pastor Dan Mixdorf**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> Pastor Phil Borleske**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Military members:** Christa Leach has returned from deployment and is still with the 434<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin continue their monthly drills with the 185<sup>th</sup> 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.*





## Birthdays

Kelly Seehase	2-May	Ronda Fratzke	18-May
Kyle Wilson	4-May	Maxwell Kopplin	20-May
Traci Clark	6-May	Keaton Lysne	20-May
Morgan Westpfahl	7-May	Dave Wyant	24-May
Kaylie Bergman	8-May	Christa Leach	27-May
Nora Frush	11-May	Katey Niichel	28-May
Sharon McAtee	12-May	Elliot Ahmann	29-May
Josie Loyd	13-May	Payton Ruckdaschel	29-May
Marie Bushkofsky	14-May	Jenifer Wyant	30-May

## Wedding Anniversaries

Merritt and Connie Jones	2-May
Eric and Traci Clark	18-May
Thomas and Kaye Jones	18-May
Larry and Christy Phillips	23-May

## Baptism Anniversaries

Nathan Schares	1-May	Braylon Dahl	21-May
Blaire Zummak	1-May	Kylon Dahl	21-May
Eleanor Fratzke	8-May	Charlie Stanek	22-May
Steffen Hoey	10-May	Casey Schmit	24-May
Brenda Schmit	12-May	Haley Borland	25-May
Maisie Niichel	13-May	David Ruehs	26-May
Iva Ruehs	14-May	Collin Gosse	27-May
Anthony Bahe	16-May	Justin Gosse	27-May
Natalie Schares	20-May	Bryan Tonne	27-May

Note change of service time to 10am April through July

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MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
				9:30am Women's Bible Study		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> 10am Worship & Communion						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> 10am Worship & Communion	6:30pm Council Meeting					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 10am Worship & Communion Celebrating our Senior Students		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl				
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
<b>Holy Trinity Sunday</b> 10am Worship & Holy Communion						

Secretary Chris is updating the records and would appreciate if you would fill out this information (even if you feel she already has the correct info)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address if different \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you! You can email, mail or drop off at the church office.

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