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September 2024 – Impact of In-Kind Donations

At LSI, in-kind gifts (non-monetary) are just as impactful as financial donations. Director of Philanthropy, Deb Whitford, was inspired by the song “If I Could Dream” by Elvis Presley. She wondered, “What would I dream about for our clients? What would our clients dream for?”

A Story by Deb Whitford:

When is a yardage not just pieces of fabric? In the hands of someone learning to sew, fabric becomes a blank canvas of possibilities. A nearly empty closet containing the few items a refugee could fit in their suitcase when traveling to the US turns into a place of pride when filled with hand-sewn clothes made from that fabric. If I could dream...I dream of curtains for bare windows and cloth to cover worn tables. I dream of the magic of small pieces of fabric fitting into beautiful patterns in quilts to brighten homes and become treasured wraps providing comfort and warmth. These dreams are becoming a reality thanks to the generosity of an LSI donor.

Connie Hansen from Audubon, Iowa, is no stranger to fabric and sewing. Connie has enjoyed sewing for much of her lifetime. In her younger years, she shared her passion for sewing, serving as a 4-H leader in Melville Township, sewing clothes for herself and daughter. Through the years, her love and passion for quilting has grown friendships with others who love the craft. Connie dreamed of keeping her newest neighbors warm with her remaining fabric and donated the yards to LSI. This fabric will be used by our newly resettled immigrant and refugee families to create quilts and clothing, helping them feel more comfortable in their new homes. We hear about dreams every day at LSI from our direct service providers, team members, and clients. Thanks to your generosity, these dreams can become reality.

Help our clients' dreams become reality by donating in-kind gifts to LSI. To learn more, contact philanthropy@LSIowa.org.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 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 and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.



Changes and Transitions!

- There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind." C.S. Lewis. ...
- Moving doesn't change who you are. ...
- Change is painful, but nothing is as painful as staying stuck somewhere you don't belong." ...

Why is change so scary? It is for me as well as you. I think its because we are so comfortable with the now – why should we change! But change happens whether we want it or not.

Change will be happening at ALC. As you witnessed at the Youth Led Worship service, we have lots of youth and they are hungry for spiritual nurture. We have fantastic youth leaders as well.

The 13 confirmation students are bright and fun to be with. And they too are looking for how their faith will effect their lives. Both groups want worship that speaks their language and speaks to their hearts.

So ALC will be making some changes. Slowly I will introduce some different words in worship. We will begin using the more contemporary Lord's Prayer (which is closer to what Jesus taught). And we will experience different Christian Creeds. The creed used in the Youth Service comes from the Celtic tradition.

We will move the baptismal font to the center aisle in readiness to baptize Elaina Sue Clark in October. We will leave it there, full of water every Sunday. As you come forward for Holy Communion, touch the water and remember your own baptism. Making the sign of the cross is optional, but it does remind us that through baptism we are buried with Christ and we are raised to new life with Christ.

The Praise Team will be returning and singing new songs once a month. Hopefully this will encourage young families to return to worship.

We are actively working on the MSP (document for the Call process) to update and revise it to include the energy that is evident at ALC.

All these changes may seem like too many, but we cannot stay locked in the past. We must move forward or this church will not grow.

Let us pray together: O God, You know which direction our congregational life is headed. Guide our path and heart as we continue to trust You through these changes in our life. While we don't understand what You're doing right now, help us depend on You as we navigate these changes. In Jesus' name, amen.

Blessing to you all

Pastor Pat

Council Meeting

August 12, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Christy Phillips at 6:30 p.m. Present: Cindy Gosse, Barb Hayek, Maureen Even, Shirley Bergman and Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly. Absent, Mitch Hayek.

Devotions by Pastor Pat.

Motion by Barb Hayek second by Shirley Bergman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Cindy Gosse reported that \$5,000 was transferred from savings for the annual insurance premium payment. Also, with the current offerings and reimbursement from Zion for July expenses the current balance of checking is \$8,571.31. Motion by Maureen Even second by Barb Hayek to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Motion by Maureen Even second by Cindy Gosse to approve the minutes of the June 17th and July 8th reports with corrections. Motion carried.

Christy Phillips reviewed the report submitted by Secretary Chris Waring of the tasks she performed the past month.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality – No report

Parish Ed – VBS was held August 4th with around 60 kids attending. The first evening was very hot so the 2nd night it was moved to JBF, returning to the park the rest of the week. The kids really enjoyed the week. The offering was designated for the University of Iowa Children's hospital, raising \$326.73. Each night a family within the community talked about their experience with the Children's hospital. Parish Ed will meet on August 13th to discuss Wednesday worship. Leaders this year will be Christy Phillips, Teri Schares, Beth Stanek and members of the Youth Group want to help. Sara Borland and Beth Stanek will continue to lead the Youth Group.

Property/Technology – Shirley Bergman met with Pastor Pat and Rich to review the parsonage contract. Thank you to members of the congregation that assisted with unloading the POD at the parsonage. A tree will need to be dug out of the rose bush on the east side of the church behind the bell. Dave Peterson was called to fix the door on the bell tower. Pastor Pat asked if it was ok to plant some mums in pots to add some color to the landscape at the parsonage. Barb Hayek said she would pick up some mums when they are available for Pastor. Mike Mostek asked if the garage would be available this winter for use. After discussion, motion by Barb Hayek second by Maureen Even to allow Mike Mostek to use the garage in exchange for removing the snow at the parsonage. Motion carried. Pastor reported the smoke alarm goes off when they turn on the oven. Maureen Even will get the alarm in the hallway of the parsonage replaced.

Scholarship – No report

Worship & Music - A meeting was held July 11th to choose hymns and plan the 90th Anniversary music. Carol Anhalt will lead the choir and choir members were contacted. The 90th Anniversary celebration was very nice. Thank you to members of the committee for all of their work, Maureen Even, Mary Adams, Chris Waring, Sheila Collins and Shirley Bergman.

Youth – The youth have returned from a very successful gathering in New Orleans. All the youth were sent a letter for Sunday evening, August 15th to get together with pizza to organize plans for the year.

Call committee – Committee Chair Amanda Phillips has not heard anything from the Synod. Pastor wants to work with the Call committees to update the MSP. After it is updated it will go back to the council and then the congregation before sending to Pastor Liz at the Synod. Pastor expressed we have to make it look good and inviting for a candidate.

Pastor's report – Pastor has started visiting members especially shut-ins. Pastor would like Chris Waring to continue to attend the Ministerial meeting and Mary Adams to continue with the devotions at Winding Creek so she can concentrate on revitalizing the church. Pastor presented the ELCA curriculum she wants to use for confirmation. It is lively and the kids will enjoy it. She wants the students to understand the meaning and not the memorization of the Commandments. Also, involving the kids in worship. All council members agreed with Pastor's

recommendation to use the ELCA curriculum. Pastor would like to have a healing service. Council agreed to allow a healing service quarterly. Confirmation orientation will be August 28th with pizza. Confirmation will meet every Wednesday evening. Women's Bible Study will be September 5th at ALC. Pastor assisted with VBS.

New Business:

Cindy Gosse presented information on the copier replacement. Two proposals were received and reviewed with Chris Waring. Cindy Gosse recommends the Canon copier for a 60 month lease. Motion by Barb Hayek second by Maureen Even to proceed with a 60 month lease with Gordon Flesch for the Canon copier. Motion carried.

Confirmation curriculum has been ordered. Letters have been sent to all confirmation students and parents.

Jessica Saunders sent an email to the secretary to ask if they could use the fellowship hall on August 24th from 1-5 for her daughter's birthday party if there is inclement weather. Motion by Cindy Gosse second by Maureen Even to allow Jessica Saunders to use the fellowship hall on August 24th. Motion carried.

Deacon assignments for the month of September were made.

Motion by Cindy Gosse second by Maureen Even to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Gosse
Acting Secretary





The ALC Youth Group has kicked off and is excited to offer monthly fun & fellowship events for youth ages 5th-12th grade! Please reach out to Beth Stanek (bethannefl@hotmail.com) or Sara Borland (sborland74@gmail.com) to be added to the Team Reach app and Facebook group if you aren't already there.

Sunday, October 6, 7-8:30 pm

Glow in the dark capture the flag w/ s'mores @ Borlands. Please rsvp to the event in the Team Reach App so we know how many to plan for! Bring a friend!

Sunday, October 13, afternoon-?

Potential trip to Minneapolis to see Christian recording artist, Brandon Lake (singer of "Praise" one of our favorites!). This is available only to high school youth due to distance and time. Please rsvp to the post in Team Reach ASAP so we can finalize plans.

November 10, TBD.

Save the date for our next activity!

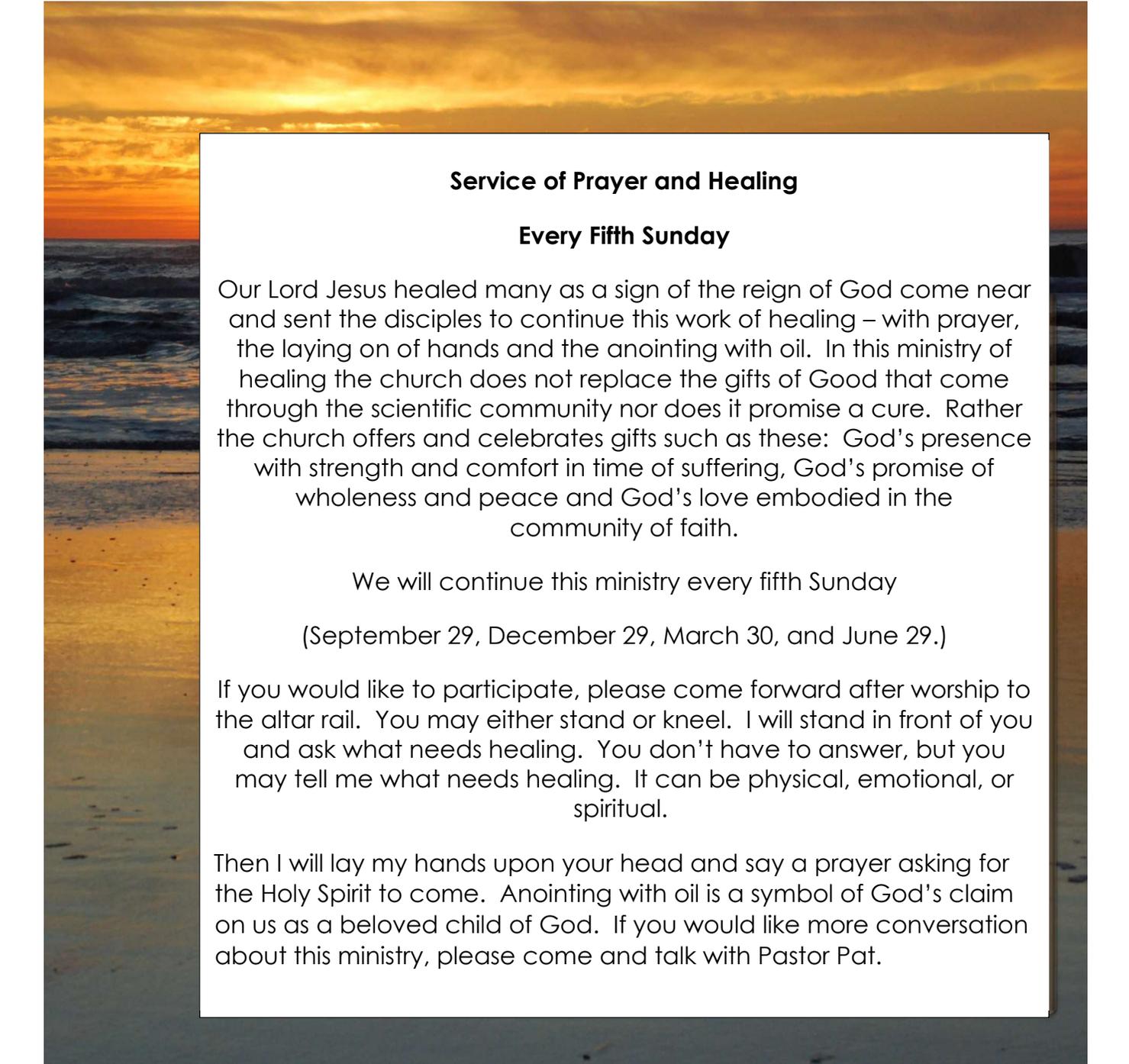


ALC Youth Group
Disruption was one of the core themes for the Youth Gathering – maybe we should continue with blocking off the back pews??



The youth led worship on Sunday, September 8th, sharing their experiences from their trip to New Orleans. You can follow them on Facebook to stay up to date on their activities! (Facebook)





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.

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) or. (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers*

ALC ACTIVITIES

Blessing of the Animals: Saturday, October 5th noon to 1pm - Christians worldwide celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis with a blessing of animals and prayers for creation.

Women's Bible Study: 9am October 3rd 9am the Fireside Room

Worship Wednesdays: October 9th and 23rd 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: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 9am to noon – We are always looking for volunteers to join us!

Prayer Shawl: October 15, 10am Feel free to join the ladies as they crochet or knit beautiful shawls.

Baptism: Elma Sue Clark during worship

Confirmation Classes: Wednesdays 6pm at ALC, September through December 18th

Will move to Zion in January-April with Confirmation Service at ALC and Zion on May 4th.

There are 12 students, seven from ALC and five from Zion!

Prayers and Concerns

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.



Please remember the family and friends of Neva Erpelding in your prayers as they grieve with broken hearts and cherish her memory.



Continue your prayers for Stephany Winkelpleck, Marie Bushkofsky and Emilia Dahl.

UnityPoint Hospice

Volunteers Needed

Are you wanting to make a difference in someone's life? Become a volunteer for UnityPoint Hospice today!

To become a volunteer contact Heather Hurd-Schneider at 319-235-5027, email heather.hurd-schneider@unitypoint.org or scan the QR code!

UnityPoint Hospice serves a 55 mile radius of the Cedar Valley
**Volunteers must be 18 years or older

UnityPoint at Home
3731 University Ave
Waterloo, IA 50701



Events and Opportunities

Raising Money for Hospice



Hops for Hospice

OCTOBER 17, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Waterloo Center for the Arts

Join us for an evening of beer and wine sampling, live music, and light appetizers to support the patients and families of UnityPoint Hospice.

Live Music by
Brad & Kate



SUPPORT HOPS FOR HOSPICE
Buy a Ticket, Sponsor the Event and Donate Today!



UnityPoint Hospice

Send your donation to support UnityPoint Hospice to:
Allen Foundation, Hops for Hospice, 1825 Logan Ave., Waterloo, IA 50703

Beyond our Doors

TAILGATE SUNDAY

This is a Thrivent Action Team Project



BRATS

VS

BURGERS

MENU

GRILLED BRATS OR HAMBURGERS
CHEESY POTATOES, CHIPS OR MAC & CHEESE
BAKED BEANS
DESSERT

22 SEPTEMBER

4:30-6:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church Jubilee
Junction of V62 and Jubilee Road

DRIVE THRU OR INSIDE DINING

AGES 6 AND UP \$10, AGES 5 AND UNDER FREE

Progress for Hope Luncheon

Tuesday, October 8th at
George's Local

Early Lunch: 10:30am-12:00pm

Late Lunch: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Tickets: \$25

INSPIRATION



House of Hope's Progress for Hope Luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at George's Local in Cedar Falls (in honor of World Homeless Day on October 10th).

There will be two sessions: an early lunch from 10:30 - 12:00 and a late lunch from 1:00 - 2:30. Tickets will be available for purchase Friday, September 6th at www.houseofhopeccd.org/events.

Guests will enjoy a delicious lunch specially created by the culinary geniuses at George's Local for this event while listening to stories of hope from women impacted by House of Hope programs.

Don't miss this inspirational event!



Birthdays

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|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Judy Clayton | 1-Sep | Ralph Hill | 14-Sep |
| Celeste Corkery/Saunders | 3-Sep | Carmen Nuehring | 16-Sep |
| Brian Jones | 5-Sep | Lainey Bahe | 16-Sep |
| Hunter Hill | 6-Sep | Katie Clark | 19-Sep |
| Emily Clark | 7-Sep | Keith Nuehring | 20-Sep |
| Gene Putnam | 8-Sep | Tom Hoey | 21-Sep |
| Kylon Dahl | 8-Sep | Teri Schares | 21-Sep |
| Dorothy Thompson | 11-Sep | Merritt Jones | 22-Sep |
| Ethan Wyant | 12-Sep | Kathy Rachuy | 24-Sep |
| Mackenzie Wilson | 12-Sep | Joel Zummak | 25-Sep |
| Stella Distler | 12-Sep | Jeff Borland | 25-Sep |
| Lauryn Witt | 12-Sep | Missy Weber | 30-Sep |
| James Clayton | 13-Sep | | |

Wedding Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Wayne and Ruth Schneider | 9/5/1970 | Dave and Jenifer Wyant | 9/3/1994 |
| Mike and Chris Waring | 9/2/1977 | Brad and Jennifer Wilson | 9/4/1999 |
| Brian and Barb Hayek | 9/10/1983 | Shawn and Tessa Even | 9/25/2011 |
| Robert and Robin Clayton | 9/10/1991 | Harold and Erika Clayton | 9/13/2014 |
| James and Kristi Clayton | 9/11/1993 | | |

Baptism Anniversaries

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|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Susan Bowers | 1-Sep | Macey Krivanek | 18-Sep |
| Maureen Even | 2-Sep | Jordan Leach | 19-Sep |
| Marie Bushkofsky | 5-Sep | Benjamin Gosse | 22-Sep |
| Dan Even | 6-Sep | Eric Clark | 22-Sep |
| Judy Clayton | 7-Sep | Hannah Borland | 23-Sep |
| Randy Ruehs | 8-Sep | Gene Putnam | 23-Sep |
| Landon Bergman | 8-Sep | Brady Ahmann | 25-Sep |
| Katelyn Zelle | 9-Sep | Kenny Olson | 26-Sep |
| Carsyn Niichel | 10-Sep | Dar Thompson | 28-Sep |
| James Clayton | 13-Sep | Grace Distler | 29-Sep |
| | | Karsten Nuehring | 30-Sep |

2024

OCTOBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|--|------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 29 | 30 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| | | | Confirmation Class 6pm ALC | Womens Bible Study 9am | | Blessing of the animals Noon-1 |
| | Pastor Pat out of the Office | | | | | |
| 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Worship | | | Worship Wednesday 6-7:15 Confirmation Class 6pm ALC | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 21st Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Worship & Communion | 6:30pm Council Meeting | Prayer Shawl 10am | Confirmation Class 6pm ALC | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Worship & Communion Baptism Elaina Clark | | | Worship Wednesday 6-7:15 Confirmation Class 6pm ALC | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly Council President: Christy Phillips Secretary: Chris Waring Church Phone: 827-6626 Web Address: www.americanlutheranjesup.org Church e-mail: secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org | | | |
| Reformation Sunday 8:30am Worship & Communion | | | | | | |

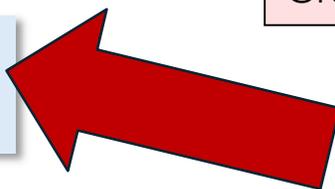


Remember to turn your clock back an hour October 27 @ 12 am

Lutheran World Relief School Kits Donations

Items needed: 1 12 inch ruler, 1 pair of blunt children's scissors, 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons, 4 70-sheet notebooks (no loose-leaf paper)

Last Day for Donations
Friday, September 20th



Deacon Assignments for October

6th Maureen Even
 13th Maureen Even
 20th Cindy Gosse
 27th Christy Phillips

Ushers for October

Greg & Crystal Lysne