

AMERICAN LUTHERAN NEWS - AUGUST 2023

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS!



For those of you who were not in church on July 23, I'd like to share with you my words on that day.....In the past couple weeks my health has taken some unexpected turns for the worse and I am finding myself faced with the distinct possibility that those health issues may shorten my time in full-time service to God's church. That, along with my husband, Dennis' decline in health and mobility, we have come to the conclusion that it is finally time for me to retire.

As it stands at this present moment, September 30, 2023, I would be concluding my position as interim Pastor at American Lutheran Church, Rantoul, IL. I know this is not the most ideal situation, and I know that there were hopes that this could be a long term position, but health concerns are first and foremost in my heart and mind. In light of that and to help reduce the level of stress and work load, your church council and I have agreed that from this time on, I would lead Sunday morning worship, bury the dead, marry couples, and baptize, and continue to visit those hospitalized and special and emergency circumstances.

My time at here at American has been relatively short, but full of grace, blessings, learning and understanding. I will miss you, especially missing all the wonderful hugs the most. I'll forever be grateful for this congregation and the warm welcome I felt when I first came here last November.

You will be receiving this newsletter during the time I had set aside a while ago for vacation time. Dennis and I are spending some restful time with daughter Amilyn and family: grandson time!! And I'm reminded of how I used to love to take to the open road during the summer. When I was a child, every August we would pack up the car and go. Sometimes it was just to some destination in our home state of Wisconsin; but about every 4 years we'd be off to the distant land of Montana! I remember those trips very well. In 1959, we passed through Yellowstone National Park the day of the earthquake! We were to have stopped and camped that night, but my dad decided that it was early enough in the day that we would head up to my sister's in Helena, Montana. Lucky for us we did, since the camp ground where we were going to stay, the next day was a lake! Or maybe I should say, how blessed we were that my dad made that decision.

We learned that day, that taking to the open road is always an adventure because of the uncertainty that lies ahead. Perhaps that's part of what makes summer vacations in the car so memorable. Who could forget an earthquake, engine trouble in the badlands or navigating a road washed out from a summer thunder storm?

The Bible speaks of life as a road or path that we are called to travel, such as.....

- 1) **Matthew 7:17**, “*Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.*”
- 2) **Acts 2:28**, “*You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.*”
- 3) **Romans 11:33**, “*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!*”
- 4) **2 Corinthians 6:3**, “*We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.*”
- 5) **John 14:6**, “*Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'*”

We often find that the road of life is narrow, is not easy to find, and is sometimes mysterious. It can teach us many things, like to care for others. Our life-long journeys should always begin with knowing Jesus is the way to our ultimate destination.... heaven and life everlasting with our Lord!

This is a very exciting, although somewhat challenging, time for American Lutheran and I hope and pray you take the time to be with your brothers and sisters here at church during this journey with all its adventures and uncertainties with the knowledge that you have a great companion on the journey with you; Jesus Christ!!! May His peace go with us all!

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Jeanette



To Our ALC Family,

As we approach a new time of transition, please be reminded that our Call Committee continues to do their work in search of the person God is calling to American Lutheran Church. In the meantime, God's work continues through each of us--to show our love to one another and in outreach to others through our various ministries. Rally Sunday will soon be here, kicking off another year of Sunday School, and Confirmation parents meeting and Confirmation Instruction start date (to be determined) will be announced in the next weeks. And, we have a list of names of Supply Pastors to whom we will reach out. So, be encouraged! Continue to give of your time, talents and treasures whether it's serving on a committee, as a teacher, worship steward, usher, altar guild, the list goes on and on. It's ok to feel a little outside one's comfort zone knowing God is equipping each of us to do His kingdom work. We appreciate your prayers.

In His Service,
Terri Kirby, John Lux and JR Sipes

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE The call committee has met with a total of three pastors who have submitted their profiles to our committee for review. The committee determined that two of the pastors would not be a good fit for our congregation and is still actively in the interviewing process with the third pastor. As a reminder, call committee members cannot share details about any pastors who submit their profile for review to our committee in order to protect the privacy of the pastor. If you have any questions in regards to the process of the committee please feel free to reach out to any members of the committee, but keep in mind that information may be limited for confidentiality purposes. Our congregational profile is still active on the NALC website and we ask that the congregation continue to pray for our future pastor, our congregation, and the call committee during this time of discernment.

Call Committee - Stacey Albers, JR Sipes, Neal White, Jessie Cox, & Midge Seim



LEMONADE STAND The ALC Summer Camp school age group's final Friday Lemonade Stand will be held on August 4th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This is your last chance to get a refreshing cup of lemonade from a wonderful group of kids!!!

THE REMNANT will NOT be meeting in the month of August. They will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bible Study Room.

50+ POTLUCK will NOT meet on Tuesday, August 8th. The next potluck will be held on Tuesday, September 12th, at 11:30 a.m. in the ALC Youth Hall.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE for the call of a pastor is still being held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening. A time of fellowship with a light meal begins at 5:45 p.m. prior to the prayer service. All are invited and welcome to attend!

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, August 11th.



ON VACATION Nikki will be on vacation the week of August 14th - 18th. During this time, Judy Peck will be in the office from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and DeAnn McMorris from 1:00-4:00 p.m. each day. Please call the church office if a need arises or stop by during these times and they will make sure you are taken care of.

HEALING SERVICE On Sunday, August 20th, we will be offering a healing service as part of the worship service. Prayers for healing can be for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. During the liturgy, Pastor Jeanette will offer prayers and anointing with oil to people individually.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS We will once again be partnering with Northview Grade School collecting gently used clothing, and new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade (size 5T to Men's & Women's size small). A tub will be located in the Narthex for donations.



FROM: Joyce Keith... Thank you to all involved in the wonderful meals delivered from the Church! I truly appreciate them! Being a quilter, I especially liked the "pocket quilt." I will carry it in my billfold. God Bless you all!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL & SUMMER CAMP



We have had a fabulous summer! Field trips to the planetarium, county fair, pottery place, pool, splash pad, bowling, local parks, Dairy queen, putt-putt and more. We have also had Jr. Chefs come in and "drive in's" in the gym. We have enjoyed water fun in the sun. Go to our Facebook page (Preschool Lutheran) to see some of the highlights. A huge thank you to those who have supported us. We couldn't have had such a successful summer without your support.

A Lemonade stand was our way of teaching the kids that hard work pays off and that we can do something for those without an address. Some phrases about our lemonade "this is really good" "what's your recipe?" "how do you keep it so cold?" Our community was able to raise around \$500.



As we wind down our summer camp, we are looking toward the preschool school year starting. We still have openings. Our round up will be August 9th, from 5:00-6:30pm. You can come take a tour, meet staff, fill out paperwork and receive a small bag of goodies. We will be opening our early pre-k room for those that have 2 years before kindergarten along with our regular preschool classroom.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS



2023 Council

President...*Terri Kirby*

Vice President...*John Lux*

Secretary...*J.R. Sipes*

*Brad Albers-Mowing/
Snow Removal;*

Ron Howe-Worship/Music;

Neal White-Chairman & Youth;

Devin Cox-Building; Marleen

Peavler-Preschool; Shirley

Friemel-Ushers/Worship

Stewards; Linda Kirk-HR;

Ann Price-Sunday School.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2023

Called to order at 7:33 pm with Bible Reading and prayer by Pastor Jeanette. Absent – Brad Albers. Guests – Sondra Sipes with information on costs for kitchen refresh to be considered. Approval of agenda – Motion by Neal White, second by Ron Howe. Motion passed. Approval of last meeting minutes. Motion by John Lux, second by Shirley Friemel. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

By DeAnn McMorris, all within budget. Motion to accept by Neal White, seconded by Devin Cox. Motion passed.

Pastoral Acts – In Pastors Report.

Ministry Team Reports

Reports available upon request.

Building Team

- a. Striping and sealing of parking area. Motion to accept A-1 bid by Ron Howe, second by Shirley Friemel. Motion passed.
- b. Discussion on sidewalk leveling - more research needed.

Old Business

- a. Status of sound/video assessment – being researched meeting on June 24, 2023. Organ repair being researched.
- b. Facilities/grounds repairs. Shingle missing north side.

New Business

- a. Kitchen is in need of refreshing – being researched for items needed and cost.
- b. A pallet of limestone has been at the southwest entrance of the church for some time.

Pastors Report – Included.

Motion made to adjourn by Neal White, second Ron Howe. Motion passed at 8:58 pm.

MILITARY & PRAYERS

SERVING IN THE MILITARY



Kelly Williamson (daughter/Joyce Williamson); Jon Stiebner (son/Synda Miller); Alex Short; Brandon Elrod (grandson/Elfrieda West); Kasey Fenimore (nephew/Schlueter's); Justice Long; Brian Griswold (son/Phillip Griswold); Levi Loschen (grandson/Luella Loschen); Ryan Falletti; Riley Falletti; Carson Church.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

...Neal & Sally Bauer and family for the loss of Neal's mother, Pat Bauer, on July 19th.

...Sonia Harris & family for the loss of her husband, Joe, on July 25th.



NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Arbor Rose (Monticello): Mary Stiger. **Bridle Brook:** Keith Dohleman. **Country Health:** Mildred Flessner. **Goldwater Care (formerly Heritage Health):** Ruth Lutz. **Holly Brook (Rantoul):** Genet Dixon; Janet Withers. **Piatt Co. Nursing Home (Monticello):** Rita Buenting. **Prairie Winds of Urbana:** Ilene Ackerman.



PRAYER CONCERNS



Wayne Martin (cousin/Shirley Friemel); Ron Minch; David Cox (father/Devin Cox); Sondra Sipes; J.R. Sipes; Gloria Heimburger; Gabbi Reynolds (friend/Tome's); Ben Moser; Robert Flessner; Denny Doyle; Beth Tally (aunt/Allison Moser); Mary Jean (friend/Allison Moser); Shorty Baugher; Rich Friemel; LouAnn Baugher; Lynn Moser & Roy Huff (In-laws/Allison Moser); Joane Wilson (sister/Robert Flessner); William & Ruth Benton (parents/Phillip Benton); Pam Mathews; Kim Wyre; Earl Smith; Marianna Wolters; Steve Ritchie (friend/J.R. & Sondra Sipes); Rhonda Keith; Jack Cleary; Ella Osterbur (aunt/Earl Smith); Leon Rucker (cousin/Earl Smith); Paige Willard (friend/Nick Hanson); Paul Wolters; Kyrsten Valentine (daughter/Ted & Anita Valentine); Martha Stanfill; Sharon Loeh (friend/Paul & Linda Keith); Marla Osterbur (friend/Sue Coffin); Marlys Morris; Mary Mallicoat (mother-in-law/Earl Smith); Nick Shepherd (brother/Rhonda Keith); Joyce Keith; Jenny Hobby (cousin/Keith Family); Karen Derges; Debbie & Gordon Peterson (daughter & son-in-law/Irene Galindo); Gus Robertson (father/Pamela Bross); Kathy Anderson; Mary Ann Heiser (mother/Rod Heiser); Courtney Schoolcraft (niece/Paul & Linda Keith); Sue Selby (sister/Mary Stocks); Merrill Wattjes; Fred Sommer (step-dad/Jennifer Smith); Sandra Ackerman; Bonnie Henderson; Velma Armstrong; Jessica Hawn (daughter/Rob & Kim Wyre); Kathleen Cooper (grandmother/Jennifer Smith & Brenna Schluter); Michael Markarian (brother/Joyce Williamson); Pat Gallahue; Joan Percival; Joyce Williamson; Irene Galindo.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Tyler	8/2	Janet Withers	8/11	Mike Tome	8/26
Ed Bartell	8/3	Ivie Albers	8/12	Emily White	8/26
Marlys Morris	8/3	Janine Fruhling	8/13	David Falletti	8/27
Paul Keith	8/5	Neal Bauer	8/14	Andy Holland	8/27
Pam Mathews	8/5	Mary Peters	8/14	Connor Schmidt	8/27
Barbara Busboom	8/6	Jessica Cox	8/15	Martha Stanfill	8/27
Dagon England	8/6	Patti Motley	8/15	Phyllis Hafermann	8/28
Andrew Fairchild	8/6	Duane Smith	8/15	Sandy Lindsay	8/28
Olivia Graves	8/6	Kevin Kaiser	8/17	Leonard Stocks	8/29
Bev Ehmen	8/8	Eric Briggs	8/19	Debby Wilcoxon	8/29
Grace Hanson	8/9	Aiden Cheek	8/20	Ilene Ackerman	8/30
Steven Jeffers	8/9	Dave Overholt	8/21	Alex Brooks	8/30
Dale Sleigh	8/11	Mike Little	8/23	Katherine Bartell	8/31
Stacy Tome	8/11	Donna Hustedt	8/24	June Luna	8/31
		Marilyn Worra	8/25		



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Sam & Joyce Holland	8/3	Brad & Stacey Albers	8/22
Paul & Linda Keith	8/12	Duane & Jennifer Smith	8/22
Dennis & Libby Buhr	8/13	Phillip & Rose Benton	8/23
Gene & Lisa Heap	8/15	Ron & Annie Minch	8/24
Roger & Pam Mathews	8/18	Rob & Kim Wyre	8/25
Reggie & Mary Peters	8/18	John & Joyce Borchers	8/30

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Worship Service -
Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Sunday School
and Women's Bible Study.

**ALC is Christ-centered by emphasizing teaching, worship and prayer
as we strive toward spiritual growth.**

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

Worship Stewards	Offering Communion	Table Guild	Greeters	Bulletin Greeters	Lectors	Prayers	Acolytes	
8/6/23	Midge Seim	Joyce Holland Shirley Barnes Pam Cheek	Sondra Sipes Sally Bauer	DeAnn McMorris Lindalou Hauersperger	Mary Peters Emily Deal	Monica Carico	Terry Doyle	Jaxson Wahl Stephen Feig
8/13/23	Lloyd Schluter	Tom Edwards Patsy Franzen John Keith		Erwin Osterbur Earl Smith	Jessica Cox Kyndall Cox	Leah Graves	Midge Seim	Chase Schroeder Andrew Benton
8/20/23	Sheila Sherman	Shirley Friemel Devin Cox Emily Deal		Wendy Watkins Sue Coffin	Judy Quinlan Linda Kirk	Kellie Wahl	Pam Cheek	Joshua James Kyndall Cox
8/27/23	DeAnn McMorris	David Hulse Donna Hustedt Sam Holland		Luella Loschen Shirley Friemel	Jack & Brenda Spitz	Dennis Albers	Shirley Friemel	Kaitlyn Holland Aubrie Albers

Fall Round-Up



2023-24 School year

Sign up now to secure your spot

Children 3-5, **must be toilet trained**

New this year Early pre-k classroom

Curriculum: ABC Jesus loves me!

A one-time \$30 Registration fee

Full and part time availability



American Lutheran Christian Preschool

500 Church Dr. Rantoul IL 61866 (217)893-8773 preschoolatalc@gmail.com

BINGO (with some FUN prizes!)

Emergency Vehicles

Face Painting

September 10, 2023

Main Street Creamery Ice Cream

AND MORE!!!

YOU ARE INVITED TO.....
RALLY SUNDAY!

Please join us in kicking off our Christian Education Programs with a church wide Rally Sunday Celebration!

Bring a side dish to share, and the church will take care of the rest. We will be providing drinks, bbq sandwiches, and Main Street Creamery for dessert.

Everyone is welcome!

Items to note:

1. This will be teacher installation Sunday.
2. Backpacks will be blessed for the school year.
Please have your child bring theirs.
3. Please wear informal clothing this day (yes - to church, too!)
4. Sunday School will kick-off on September 17th.