

AMERICAN LUTHERAN NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2023

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS!



WOW! Summer has flown by and many of our children are back in school for this year! And now, we are preparing to start off the church school year with Rally Day on September 10th. Please join us for lunch and fun activities planned!

I can't exactly remember where I found this article, but I'd like to share it acknowledging I don't know the original source, other than it was from back in 2020....

"I'm often asked the question "What do you do in Sunday school? What do you learn there?" Well, did you know that Sunday school is a great place to learn and relearn again and again that you are a Child of God?? I found this story about Sunday school that could easily have been me.

When a young student was being interviewed for the ordained ministry, she was asked about her spiritual journey. She remembers how she began her answer. "I told the committee that I've always known I was a child of God, and I am thankful for knowing it!" Where did she learn she is a child of God? "At home and in Sunday school," she says. "I grew up in Sunday school and it has been a tremendous influence on me." Both of her parents were active in Sunday school during her childhood and youth. "My mother taught an adult class for years. Seeing how important Sunday school was for her and my dad helped me know it could be important for me, too," she says. When she, as an ordained minister, thinks back to her early Sunday school experiences, she remembers her first teacher, who taught her when she was in elementary school.

"Mrs. C was always so kind and taught me that Jesus was a real person and helped me discover how important that is to us." Another Sunday school teacher she remembers is Ms. K, who taught her when she was in her teens. "Ms. K treated me like I was an adult. She always listened to whatever I had to say and seemed to respect my opinions. She made sure that I got to do things that might help me grow spiritually. We had a great time traveling to different churches, hearing great speakers and went to a couple super concerts."

The pastor credits Sunday school with helping her develop her basic convictions, morals and values. "I don't remember any particular lessons, but I do know what I learned helped me think through what I believe about life and developed my Christian values. I didn't only learn from the lessons. My relationships with teachers and classmates influenced my thinking." Sunday school continued to be important to her during the early years of her marriage and when she was a young mother. When her children were small, they loved Sunday school. Her oldest daughter, who is now 43, still talks about Mrs. H, who took care of her in the nursery.

In her 25 years since ordination, she has emphasized Sunday school throughout her ministry. She says in each church where she has served, she has been impressed by the dedication of Sunday school teachers who view teaching as their calling. "As a pastor I try to support our Sunday school, she said. "One of my priorities is to help teachers have the best available resources and training. I thank them." Reflecting on her experiences as a child, a youth, a parent and a pastor, this pastor says Sunday school is a great place to learn you are a child of God."

How is our Sunday school doing in teaching us about being a child of God? There is an easy way to find out! Come and join us. Our Sunday school classes meet at 10:15 am every Sunday morning. Adult Education has 2 different classes that meet at this same time; one in the council room and the other in the confirmation room.

So, remember that our children are back in school! The buses pick up kids at sometimes strange places, so be alert! Be prepared to STOP! Kids don't often think before they move, so we need to be aware of them.

It's a great time to support our children in getting the best, most well rounded education available. To me that includes the intellectual, the physical, the arts, and the spiritual; much like a four legged stool. Bless our students, parents, teachers, administrators, and all those working for the best education our children can get. Oh, and don't forget, grandparents.....stories of our growing up.... Those are important too! We all have lessons to teach to the youngsters...keep telling your story!

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Jeanette



**Pastor Jeanette's last Sunday at ALC will
be September 24th.
We wish her well in her retirement. Please
join us after the 9:00 a.m. service this day
in the Narthex
for a farewell reception.
Cake and coffee will be served.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.

THE REMNANT will meet on Tuesday, September 5th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bible Study Room. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. The Remnant is a support and sharing ministry group for any members of ALC and friends that have lost a loved one.



2023-2024 CONFIRMATION A Parent's Informational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. (Important: This meeting is mandatory for parents to attend in order for their child to be in Confirmation Instruction. Please call the church office if you are wanting your child to attend Confirmation this year but cannot make it to this meeting.) Confirmation Instruction will begin on Wednesday, September 13th, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (meal from 5 to 5:30; instruction starts at 5:30).

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!

50+ POTLUCK will be held on Tuesday, September 12th, at 11:30 a.m. in the ALC Youth Hall. Please bring a dish to share and come and enjoy this time of food and fellowship.



BIBLE SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, September 24th. All children from age 3 through 8th Grade will be receiving a Bible during the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. Please make sure your child is in attendance this day!

TABLE GUILD MEETING will take place on Saturday, October 7th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary. If you are already a part of Table Guild or would like to become a part of Table Guild, please plan to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend but would still like to be a part of this group, please talk to Sheila Sherman.

MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15TH We will be welcoming Margurette Carter (and possibly her daughter) representing the Carter Family Foundation, this year's Mission Sunday recipient. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 29TH Pastor Allen Schoonover from Noblesville, IN, will be here to preside over our worship service.



KITCHEN REFRESH The refresh of the church kitchen is coming along quite nicely. Painting is done, new floors are in, appliances are being delivered, and countertops are coming soon. Which brings us to the topic of the old countertops. If someone would like all or part of the old countertops for your garage or shed, please see Sondra Sipes. They will not be available until the new ones are installed. And if we have more than one person interested, we will have to have a drawing. Please stop by and take a look—and come back often to see the progress.

PORTALS OF PRAYER The fourth quarter Portals of Prayer (October-December) will be available to pick up in the Narthex and outside of the church office on Friday, September 15th.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL



We kicked off the 23-24 preschool year with kids and staff learning new faces and names. We are having a blast. We are planning Parent nights, fun outings and we are excited to get our guest reader program started so if you are looking to come spend 20-30 minutes per month reading and talking with our little ones, feel free to sign up on the calendars in the narthex or call the preschool and we will make sure that you get on the calendar. Just like last year we had a HOT beginning to the school year which we tried to keep cool by heading back to the splash pad.

We will be getting started with fundraising soon so be on the lookout for those opportunities to help the preschool. I hope you have had the opportunity to look down the preschool hallway. We had so much fun this summer and wanted to share with all of you the many trips and fun we had.



FROM:

...Shirley Friemel...On the 5th of August, the ladies of ALC helped at the Back to School Days held at Bethany Park Church. Had a great turn out and gave 134 children school supplies for the coming school year. A special thanks to the ladies which helped us on Friday morning set up and on Saturday during distribution. I appreciate all you do and your willingness to help. God Bless you for doing the Lord's work!

...Neal & Sally Bauer...Thank you for the prayers, cards, and other support upon the passing of my Mom, Pat Bauer. Your kindness is appreciated during this difficult time.

...Dave & Loretta Overholt...Thank you so much to those that helped prepare the delicious meal, and to J.R. Sipes for delivery. We appreciate it and God's Blessing.

...Joyce Higgins...Thank you to those who are making and delivering the wonderful meals each month. They are so appreciated.

...Fisher Area Food Pantry...Thank you for your continued support that has kept us financially stable for years. Thank you for all you do for us.

...ChildVoice International...Thank you so much for partnering with us. We are blessed by your faithful support.

...Community Service Center...Thank you so much for your donation! Your continued support of our efforts is greatly appreciated.

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

JULY 18, 2023

Call to Order at 7:26 pm with opening prayer and reading from Psalms 111. Absent John Lux and Devin Cox. Guest Requests/Public Comments - Jack Spitz wanted to know about wiring of audio and video system. Item covered later in the meeting. Additional Agenda Items and Approval of Agenda – no additional items. Motion to approve agenda by Neal White, second by Linda Kirk, motion passed. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve past minutes by Ron Howe, second by Brad Albers, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report -Treasurer's report given by DeAnn McMorris. Motion to accept report by Neal White, second by Shirley Friemel, motion passed.

Pastoral Acts – Included in Pastors report.

Ministry Team Reports – Reports available upon request.

Building Team – Storm damage of more than our deductible of \$5000 from lightening or power surges occurred. Devin has contacted our insurance provider and opened a claim.

Elder's Report/ALC Foundation Report – Board is searching for new person to farm foundation ground; present farmer is retiring.

Old Business

- a. Status of Sound/video – Neal has contacted Paul Mathis, he said go back to Amplio, Neal is contacting them for a new quote.
- b. Status of organ – Need a chip from China which will take some time because of back orders.
- c. Parking lot reseal/stripe – Will be done on July 27 & 28, 2023.
- d. Convocation – OKC August 9-11. No one will attend.
- e. Status of kitchen refresh plan – Update in August.

New Business

- a. Sidewalk leveling – Waiting on contractors reply, tabled until August.
- b. Service of the Word - July 30 – Neal White will lead this service since Pastor will be on vacation.

Pastor's Report – Accepted.

Motion to adjourn by Shirley Friemel, second by Brad Albers, passed. Adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:35 pm.

MILITARY & PRAYERS

WEDDING

August 5th, 2023 -

Trevor Hoffman & Lauren Heap
were united in marriage here at ALC.

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.

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Please
Pray
for...



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.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS



We are once again 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 is located in the Narthex for donations.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Barbara Schade; LeAnn Ballard (friend/Tom & Mary Edwards); Rosemary Bennett (friend/Ben & Allison Moser); Steve Phillips (step-son/Emily Deal); Evelyn Jolliff (mother/Sally Bauer); 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); 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.



Ellen Roessler	9/2	Brenna Schluter	9/10	Midge Seim	9/20
Riley Falletti	9/3	Magdaline Riley	9/12	Ed Hesterberg	9/21
Ryan Falletti	9/3	Ruthie Riley	9/12	Annette Carlson	9/22
John Lux	9/4	Brenda Spitz	9/12	Joan Cleary	9/22
Bob Lindsay	9/5	John Colwell	9/13	Dennis Long	9/22
Ronnie Kocher	9/6	Sandy Heiser	9/14	Jennifer McKaufsky	9/22
Jackie Roelfs	9/6	Stacey Albers	9/15	Mary Stocks	9/22
Lois Sjoken	9/6	Kaitlyn Holland	9/15	Mike Meek	9/25
Linda Finger	9/7	Gwen McMorris	9/15	Stacy Acton	9/26
Dennis Buhr	9/8	Tracy O'Donnell	9/16	Rebecca Clanton	9/27
Rob Dailey	9/8	Leona Palmer	9/16	Nancy Little	9/27
Greg Suits	9/8	Jacob Holland	9/17	Matt Albers	9/28
Jacob White	9/8	Gary Sjoken	9/17	Stan Stanfill	9/28
Helen Carmien	9/9	Harmon Albers	9/19	Kyndall Cox	9/29
Karen Derges	9/9	Pamela Bross	9/19	Myles Wahl	9/29
Bob McElwain	9/9	David Keith	9/20	Loretta Elliott	9/30
Terry Doyle	9/10			Reggie Peters	9/30



Michael & Shelly Dunn	9/2	Rodney & Sandy Heiser	9/19
Jim & Pam Cheek	9/3	Jeremy & Patti Motley	9/20
Scott & Marcie Rodgers	9/3	Joe Jr. & Kari Briggs	9/21
Ed & Madonna Bartell	9/5	Kyle & Amy Cheek	9/21
Terry & Synda Miller	9/5	Dennis & Terry Doyle	9/24
David & Colleen Falletti	9/6	Greg & Jennifer McKaufsky	9/27
Chuck & Kay Cain	9/9	Kenny & Ann Price	9/28
Arlen & Sandra Ackerman	9/14	John & Barbara Schade	9/29
Jeff & Christie Holland	9/18	Vernon & Patsy Franzen	9/30
Willie & Monica Carico	9/19		

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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.**

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	Worship Stewards	Offering Communion	Table Guild	Greeters	Bulletin Greeters	Lectors	Prayers	Acolytes
9/3/23	Steen Bjerre	Rob Wyre Jack & Brenda Spitz	DeAnn McMorris Sheila Sherman	Pen Pendleton Earl Smith	Wendy Watkins Marleen Peavler	Kyndall Cox	Monica Carico	Aubrie Albers Andrew Benton
9/10/23	Lloyd Schluter	Bill Schlueter Joe & Barb Manka		Jim & Pam Cheek	Rod & Sandy Heiser	Chrissie Hall	DeAnn McMorris	Leah Graves Ella Schluter
9/17/23	Ron Howe	Sheila Sherman Stan Wolken Wendy Watkins		David Hulse Donna Hustedt	Mary Peters Lois Madden	Sean O'Donnell	Sheila Sherman	Daphnie Albers Chase Schroeder
9/24/23	Shirley Friemel	Kaitlyn Holland Sue Coffin Richard Friemel		Erwin Osterbur Emily Holland	Leon & Cheryl Freese	Sofia Roelfs	Joan Mathis	Jaxson Wahl Joshua James

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.