

AMERICAN LUTHERAN NEWS - OCTOBER 2023

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS!



I write today in the midst of finishing up paperwork and preparing to say goodbye to the congregation I've served since last November.

Dennis and I have now moved to Beloit Wisconsin and we're excited to think of the adventures we'll experience now that I'm retired. Yet we are painfully aware of what we are leaving behind: this church family, friends, and colleagues.

As we say our goodbyes, we are grateful for the people we've met and the experiences we've had and how they have taught us to trust in God's providence and guidance. Our sadness in saying goodbye is mixed with the joy and hopefulness of our new life.

What a privilege it has been to share the journey of faith with you. I count it among my deepest joys. Even in sad and challenging times, what a blessing it has been to support each other in these moments. Our lives have been interwoven in the fabric of faithful service to our Lord and Savior. Dennis and I thank you for everything! A special thank you to all those who helped us in the move. We could not have done it without your assistance!

I finished my service to you this past Sunday, September 24th. And from this point forward, we will continue to hold you in our prayers and ever be the friends to you that we have been. What we will not be is pastor and pastor's spouse. Someone yet unknown, who will be called as your next pastor, will fulfill those roles.

Finally, be encouraged that we are resurrection people. We know that death and loss are not the last words in our lives. Christ assures us: **"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you"** (*John 14:18*). Change is part of life, and we face it together, trusting in the one who holds our future, lives and spirits in his hands—Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. In our sadness or joys, Christ sustains us with his grace and love. As we say our goodbyes, let us rest assured in the comfort that Jesus also has given us a blessed goodbye: **"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age"** (*Matthew 28:20*).

Rest assured, by His grace, you will continue to gather for worship and share the Heavenly meal; you will be spiritually filled; you can welcome any who come to visit; and you will be refreshed to go out into the world showing your faith in Christ in your daily lives.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

In the spirit of Christ's love, I wish for you peace, joy, blessings and love.

Pastor Jeanette

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TO THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH The Women's Bible Study group invites you to join us for our next 7-week study called "Isaiah" by Melissa Spoelstra. We will begin this study on October 1st at 10:15 a.m. in the Confirmation/Bible study room. Melissa will encourage us to trust in God's character, His comfort, and even His correction instead of relying on our own efforts or the counterfeits of the world. We hope to see you on the 1st. Blessings to you.

THE REMNANT will meet on Tuesday, October 3rd, 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.



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. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. 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!

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.

50+ POTLUCK will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, 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.

KITCHEN COUNTERTOPS If someone would like all or part of the old kitchen countertops, 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.



STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS Gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex.

EDEN PARK CEMETERY All decorations you wish to save must be removed from Eden Park Cemetery by October 15th or the caretaker will remove them. After October 22nd, you may replace decorations on the graves.

PORTALS OF PRAYER The fourth quarter Portals of Prayer (October-December) are available to pick up in the Narthex and outside of the church office.



FROM:

...Sally & Neal Bauer... Thank you for the prayers, cards, food, thoughts, and calls or texts and other help during the past weeks while my mom, Evelyn Jolliff, was in hospice care and after her passing from this life. Receiving love from our American Lutheran family is very special and appreciated during times like these.



GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION will be held on Saturday, October 14th, at St. John Lutheran Church in Flanagan, IL. The keynote speaker is Pastor Brad Hales, Pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Culpepper, VA, and Director of Church Planting/Aging for the NALC. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m.

The convocation will open at 9:30 a.m. To help plan for lunch, please call our church office at (217)893-4550 by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 2nd, if you are planning to attend.

MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15TH We are happy to invite Tonya Carter to be our speaker for Mission Sunday on October 15th. She will be speaking about The Carter Education and Community Foundation that was named in honor of her father Ed Carter. The foundation is a nonprofit organization that offers scholarships, employment ready workshops, financial literacy programs and community events for kids of all ages. She will also be speaking immediately following the service in the sanctuary.



REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 29TH Pastor Al Schoonover from Noblesville, IN, will be here to preside over our worship service. Communion will be served. We will also be dedicating the new refreshed kitchen on this day as well as having a potluck lunch.

Meat and drinks will be provided for the potluck. Please bring a side dish to share. More details will be available in upcoming bulletins.



FALL HARVEST PARTY will be held on the evening of Friday, November 3rd. Please mark this date down on your calendar. There will be lots of food, fun and fellowship this evening. Please watch October bulletins for more information.

OCTOBER PULPIT SCHEDULE:

10/1 - Layperson (No communion)

10/8 - Layperson (No communion)

10/15 - Tonya Carter, The Carter Education & Community Foundation
(No communion)

10/22 - Layperson (No communion)

10/29 - Pastor Al Schoonover (Communion will be served.)

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL



We have had fun with Grandparents Day celebration, attended 50+ lunch, Field trip to Bunnie Burrows in Fisher, practiced a fire drill, celebrated a Birthday, visited Holly Brook and awesome park visits. We have been busy and learning a lot. Ms. DeAnn is helping us learn more about the Bible and how to sing and have fun loving God.

We have had a great September but here is October. We will be starting our first fund raiser on October 23rd with the Christmas Greens. I know it sounds early but really—it's only 86 days away. This was a new fund raiser that we did last year. Many have said that the swags were great as grave blankets. Plus, there is a new reindeer this year and they smell amazing. Please help support the preschool and decorate for Jesus' birthday. Don't worry if you are just wanting those butter braids. That sale is going to start on November 20th (see insert).

We have a great group of students. If you would like to come in and read to the kids, let the preschool office know and we will get you signed up.



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

AUGUST 15, 2023

Call to Order at 7:30 pm with Opening Prayer. Absent Ann Price. Guest Requests/Public Comments - Stacey Albers from Search Committee, Sondra Sipes from Kitchen Refresh Committee. Additional Agenda Items - None. Approval of Agenda items. Motion to approve by Neal White, second by Brad Albers, motion approved. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes - Motion by Neal White, second by Brad Albers, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - Motion to approve by Neal White, second by Devin Cox.

Pastoral Acts

Funeral – 7/28/23 Joseph Harris (Pastor Deb Domeier) – Pastor Thorpe was on vacation. Wedding – 8/5/23 Trevor Hoffman & Lauren Heap - Pastor Thorpe officiated.

Ministry Team Reports – Reports available upon request.

Building Team

Air conditioning is now working. New ice machine being researched with Duden and Silver.

Old Business

- a. Galanti Organ Repair – Northside says a new power supply and amplifier rack are needed.
- b. Kitchen Refresh - Estimated cost/timeline - \$29,987.80 est. completion mid-October 2023. Motion to allow \$30,000 for refresh by John Lux, seconded by Shirley Friemel, motion passed.
- c. Sidewalk Repairs tabled until September 2023 meeting for contractor estimates.
- d. Usher/Worship Stewards - Security walk about - no info yet.

New Business

- a. Call Committee Update - 3 candidates interviewed; none considered a match for our congregation.
- b. Status of Confirmation Program – Program will be taught by Sean O'Donnell, Dennis Albers and DeAnn McMorris.
- c. Supply and Interim Pastors Availability – Only 5 Pastors available for supply no interim available.
- d. Parsonage Landscape - Bush trimming/west (only) landscaping – Will be evaluated for what is needed.

Pastor's Report – Pastor is retiring September 30, 2023. Secured new home in Wisconsin.

Adjournment and Closing – Motion to adjourn by Brad Albers at 9:10 pm, second by Linda Kirk, motion approved.

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.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

...Emily Deal & family for the loss of her step-son, Steve Phillips, on September 1st.

...the family & friends of Easton Wilsey who passed away on September 8th.

...Neal & Sally Bauer and family for the loss of Sally's mother, Evelyn Jolliff, on September 12th.

...the family & friends of Gloria Heimburger who passed away on September 20th.



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; Erwin Osterbur; Janet Withers. **Piatt Co. Nursing Home**

(Monticello): Rita Buenting. **Prairie**

Winds of Urbana: Ilene Ackerman.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Ray & Cindy Williams (sister & brother-in-law/Scott James); John Sherman; Rena Shebesta (great-granddaughter/Geri Remmers); Barbara Schade; Rosemary Bennett (friend/Ben & Allison Moser); Wayne Martin (cousin/Shirley Friemel); Ron Minch; David Cox (father/Devin Cox); 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 Rocker (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.



Kayla Pilarski	10/1	Mary Nuku	10/6	Aiden Schroeder	10/22
Vicki VanBlaricum	10/1	Connie Early	10/14	Tanna Suits	10/22
Sally Bauer	10/2	Chrissie Hall	10/14	Velma Armstrong	10/23
Dawn Briggs	10/2	Ken Kocher	10/14	Callie Luna	10/23
Tom Finger	10/2	Christie Fiedler	10/15	Louis Hall	10/24
Maggie Johnson	10/2	Ron Howe	10/17	Melvina Heap	10/24
Janie Howe	10/4	Angie Krickovich	10/17	Eli Schluter	10/26
John Keith	10/4	Richard Peavler	10/17	Jim Hamby	10/27
Andrew Peck	10/4	Lloyd Schluter	10/17	Kali Schluter	10/28
Pierce Rodgers	10/4	Matthew Benton	10/18	Shirley Barnes	10/29
Phillip Griswold	10/5	Willie Carico	10/20	Madison Palmer	10/29
Bobby Loveless	10/6	Adalyn Loschen	10/20	Kevin Rasor	10/31



Sean & Tracy O'Donnell	10/3	Neal & Sally Bauer	10/23
Devin & Jessica Cox	10/13	Stan & Bev Wolken	10/23
Tom & Linda Finger	10/14	Jack & Brenda Spitz	10/24
Jaron & Kalyn Hodson	10/15	Richard & Marleen Peavler	10/25
Caleb & Johanna Riley	10/16	Pen & Mary Jane Pendleton	10/25
Tom & Mary Edwards	10/17	Bill & Jody Schlueter	10/26
Harold & Bev Frazier	10/18	Scott & Sheree Bussard	10/27
Robert & Anita Pilarski	10/18	John & Rhonda Keith	10/27
Jeff & Rachel Palmer	10/20	Mike & Stacy Tome	10/27

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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.**

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	Worship Stewards	Offering Communion	Table Guild	Greeters	Bulletin Greeters	Lectors	Prayers	Acolytes
10/1/23	DeAnn McMorris	Marleen Peavler Pam Cheek Brenda Spitz	DeAnn McMorris Terri Kirby	Jackie Roelfs Marcie Rodgers	Judy Quinlan Emily Deal	Dennis Albers	Monica Carico	Andrew Benton Liam Kaiser
10/8/23	Ron Howe	Tom & Mary Edwards Patsy Franzen		Joshua James Linda Kirk	Ben & Allison Moser	Leah Graves	Pam Cheek	Katie Holland Logan Suits
10/15/23	Terry Doyle	Rod & Sandy Heiser Emily Deal		Judy Peck Sondra Sipes	Joan Mathis Phyllis Hafermann	Midge Seim	Terry Doyle	Joshua James Carson McClain
10/22/23	Shirley Friemel	David Hulse Donna Hustedt Katie Holland		Maddy Graves Aubrie Albers	Anita & Kayla Pilarski	Sheila Sherman	Sally Bauer	Kyndall Cox Connor Suits
10/29/23	Lloyd Schluter	Sam & Joyce Holland John Lux		Mary Peters June Luna	Tom & Mary Edwards	Stephen Feig	Shirley Friemel	Ella Schluter Jack Flesner

PRESCHOOL FUND RAISERS

This year we are doing two different fund raisers:



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Christmas greens and Butter braids.

Preschool will be out in the front before and after service to take orders on October 29th and November 5th for the Christmas Greens.

Also, Preschool will be out in front before and after service to take orders for the butter braids on November 26th and December 3rd.

Payment must be made at time of order. Checks can be made to American Lutheran Preschool.

The greens will be in after Thanksgiving and the Butter braids will be here December 14th and be able for pick up on Sunday the 17th.

Thanks for your support.