

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN NEWS

OCTOBER 2024

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NALC MISSION-DRIVEN

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples—in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world—must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

As it is written in Psalm 107:2: “Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story, those he has redeemed from the foe.” It is through each of us telling the story of what Jesus Christ has done for us through his death and resurrection that changes everything. In John 4, we read how the Samaritan woman shared the story of what Jesus had said and done, and because of her testimony—*the whole village believed*.

Whether it is through countless other examples of stories in Scripture, or the same phenomenon we see occurring in our world today with friends, family and even strangers—God calls us to tell our stories. When we begin to tell our stories, we realize they are not really “ours” but “his.” Through telling these stories—the body of Christ is built up, strengthened in faith, and knit together.

*(Taken from the NALC.org website)*



## MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY

October 20<sup>th</sup> is Mission Festival Sunday where we will have an opportunity to hear stories of what Jesus has done. We will welcome back Pastor Jay Johnson to share about two specific international missions—**World Mission Prayer League** with a particular concern for the people of Bangladesh India and for which he has been connected for many years, and Pastor Philip Sandi’s **Way of the Cross** Mission school in Sierra Leone Africa. These organizations will be our *focus for giving* this Mission Festival Sunday and through the end of the year.

Let us be a blessing to these missions. Praise be to God.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be starting on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child/children are in attendance as we start the new year!

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE & MEAL** will be held each Wednesday evening with our time of fellowship and meal at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Room then move to the Martin Luther Room at 6:30 p.m. for our time of prayer. 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. All are invited and welcome to attend!

**50+ POTLUCK** will NOT be held in the month of October. They will resume meeting on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Hall.



**GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION** will be held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Danforth, IL. The keynote speaker is Pastor David Hefner from the Carolina's Mission Region. He will be discussing for us the importance of an active PCAT (Pastoral Care & Transition Team) and give us some food for thought on how to begin forming a PCAT here in the GRMD. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. The convocation will start 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 7<sup>th</sup>, if you are planning to attend.

**TABLE GUILD MEETING** will take place on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**EDEN PARK CEMETERY** All decorations you wish to save must be removed from Eden Park Cemetery by October 15<sup>th</sup> or the caretaker will remove them. After October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.



## OCTOBER PULPIT SCHEDULE:

10/6 - Pastor Carl Rasmussen (Communion)

10/13 - Neal White

10/20 - Pastor Jay Johnson (Communion)

10/27 - Pastor Jim Lehmann (Communion)

# High School Youth Group

**Starts  
Wednesday  
October 9th**

**Meet  
in the  
Youth  
Hall**

**Calling all  
9th-12th graders  
to join us for Youth Group!**

**Dinner at 5:30  
Bible Study 6:00-7:30**

*If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Albers or Kellie Schluter*

## RED PARAMENTS FOR THE DAYS OF REFORMATION AND PENTECOST

### Reformation Day (Panel One)

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1-5, Revised Standard Version)

One of the hallmarks of the beginning of the Reformation was that the people were given access to the Scriptures to read and study for themselves. The Reformation opened the door for common people to have access to God's truth. Martin Luther nailed his 99 thesis to a door at Wittenberg. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, he is the Word of God. Thus, we placed the open Bible on the cross. We also chose to include the circle representing the world as we are commanded by Jesus to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20a, Revised Standard Version).

### The Day of Pentecost (Panel Two)

"And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 2:2-4a, Revised Standard Version)

The people of God received the Holy Spirit. The white dove represents the Holy Spirit descending upon them. They were seen with tongues as of fire resting on their heads. The flames are waving, blown by the breath of the Holy Spirit. The flames extend back into the first panel because it is the Holy Spirit that connects the entire body of Christ to one another. The people represented have different faces and different appearance because every tribe and every nation has opportunity to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to us through the open door of our hearts as we receive him through our Baptism and as we continue to walk in the paths he has set before us.

# CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS



## **2024 Council**

President...*John Lux*  
Vice President...*J.R. Sipes*  
Secretary...*Mitch Suits*

*Devin Cox*-Building;  
*Marleen Peavler*-Preschool;  
*Deanne Rosenbeck*-  
Chairman/Outreach;  
*Shirley Friemel*-  
Ushers/Worship Stewards;  
*Linda Kirk*-HR;  
*Ann Price*-Sunday School;  
*Joyce Holland*-  
Youth/Confirmation;  
*Ron Howe*-Worship/Music;  
*Lois Sjoken*-Grounds.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**AUGUST 20, 2024**

Call to Order at 7:20 p.m. with opening prayer by DeAnn McMorris. Members absent: Lois Sjoken and Mitch Suits. Guest Requests/Public Comments – None. Additional Agenda Items and Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve by Linda Kirk, second by Ron Howe, motion carried. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Joyce Holland, second by Marleen Peavler, motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report/Financial Committee**

Report by DeAnn McMorris - All items on target with budget. Motion to approve by Ron Howe, second by Devin Cox, motion carried.

### **Pastoral Acts**

7/27/2024 - Mildred Flessner; 8/9/2024 - Irene Galindo

### **Ministry Team Reports**

Reports available upon request.

### **Elder's Report/ALC Foundation Report**

Next meeting in October.

### **Old Business**

- a. M & R Builders estimate of youth hall and hallway concrete repair - in work
- b. Job Descriptions
- c. Church and Parsonage inspection – Discussion held.
- d. Sound system repair/update – In Work
- e. Playground holes – In Work
- f. Convocation online - DeAnn McMorris & Sally Bauer were representatives, 27 Students in seminary.

### **New Business**

- a. Flooring bid for youth hall by Flooring Surfaces – Approved by congregational vote – Work in progress.
- b. Cabinet to store Church Paraments – Tabled
- c. Rally Sunday – with flooring issues – will coordinate with Sunday school.

No Pastor's Report.

### **Adjournment and Closing**

Motion to adjourn by Ron Howe, second by Deanne Rosenbeck, motion carried. Closed with Lord's Prayer. Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

## GIFT OF GOD

August 28, 2024 - Tate Michael Dean Carver

6 lb 6.3 oz 19 inches

Son of Brayden Carver & Autumn Saylor

Great-grandson of DaVeda Reitz

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## PRAYERS TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY



Jon Stiebner (son/Synda Miller); Alex Short; Brandon Elrod (grandson/Elfrieda West); Kasey Fenimore (nephew/Bill & Jody Schlueter); Brian Griswold (son/Phillip Griswold); Levi Loschen (grandson/Luella Loschen); Ryan Falletti; Riley Falletti.

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### SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

...Jackie Roelfs & family for the loss of her mother, Martha Bruns, on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

...Dr. Janine Fruhling-Petersak for the loss of her husband, Mike, on September 19<sup>th</sup>.



 **STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS** Gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



Pastor Barb Busboom; Rodney Larkin (husband/Kaylee (Sleigh) Larkin); Shorty Baugher; Rich Friemel; Tyler Edwards (son/Tom & Mary Edwards); Geraldine Gorecki (sister/Joyce Williamson); Lee Briggs (friend/Reggie & Mary Peters); Debbi Dietz; Carla Adkins (friend/Joyce Williamson); Kim Wyre; Jessica Hawn (daughter/Rob & Kim Wyre); Loretta Overholt; Jennifer Birkey (friend/Terri Kirby); Earl Smith; Cindy Williams (sister/Scott James); Gabbi Reynolds (friend/Tome's); Ben Moser; Denny Doyle; William Benton (father/Phillip Benton); Steve Ritchie (friend/J.R. & Sondra Sipes); 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; Bob & Jenny Hobby (cousins/Keith Family); Bob Selby (brother-in-law/Mary Stocks); Merrill Wattjes; Michael Markarian (brother/Joyce Williamson); Joan Percival; Joyce Williamson.

### NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Bridle Brook: Keith Dohleman. Goldwater Care (Gibson City): Ruth Lutz. Holly Brook (Rantoul): Genet Dixon; Joan Mathis; Janet Withers. Piatt Co. Nursing Home (Monticello): Rita Buenting.



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
		Ben Lehmann	10/21		



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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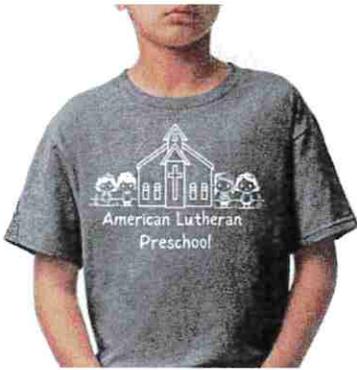
**Logan Bushman**

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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.**

# American Lutheran PreSchool Order Sheets



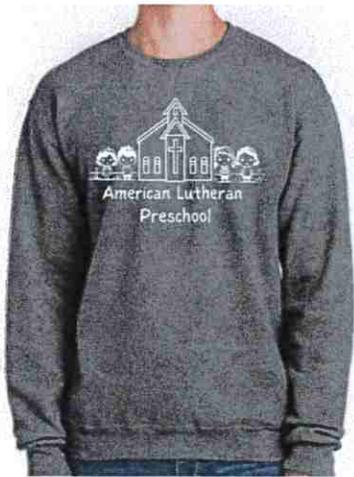
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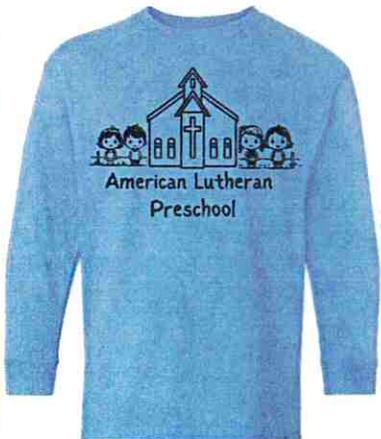
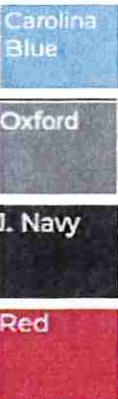
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\$18 CREW NECK T SHIRT LONG SLEEVE, COLOR AND SIZE(S) YS-A3XL:

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ALL SHIRTS COME IN YOUTH AND ADULT SIZES YS TO ADULT 4XL (2XL - 4XL IS AN ADDITIONAL \$2)

**ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY OCTOBER 7**

## OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	<b>Worship Stewards</b>	<b>Offering Communion</b>	<b>Table Guild</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Bulletin Greeters</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
<b>10/6/24</b>	Richard Peavler	Marleen Peavler Rod & Sandy Heiser	Sally Bauer Emily Deal	Earl Smith Lindalou Hauersperger	Mary Peters Emily Deal	Lorraine McElwain	Pam Cheek	Peyton Cox Aubrie Albers
<b>10/13/24</b>	Ron Howe	Aubrie Albers Leon & Cheryl Freese		Wendy Watkins Jeannette Arbuckle	Jessie & Kyndall Cox	Kyndall Cox	Mary Edwards	Daphnie Albers Kali Schluter
<b>10/20/24</b>	Terry Doyle	Wendy Watkins Sue Coffin Leah Graves		Sue Coffin DeAnn McMorris	Aubrie Albers Daphnie Albers	Midge Seim	Sheila Sherman	Carson McClain Liam Hall
<b>10/27/24</b>	Lloyd Schluter	Deanne Rosenbeck Travis & Nikky Flesner		Annie Minch Ron Minch	Tom & Linda Finger	DeAnn McMorris	Jim Cheek	Jack Flesner Kyndall Cox