

AMERICAN LUTHERAN NEWS

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Grace and peace to you all,

Over the past nine months several members of the congregation made efforts to prepare our Youth Wing for the new school year. Three classrooms were renovated, the youth hall was repainted, carpeted, new light fixtures installed, and the Senior High "Upper Room" was cleaned and redecorated. We had help from our youth and high school students to clean, we had council members, volunteers, and others who gave their time and talents to prepare this space to be used for Christian Education.

In the fall we will have some new Sunday School classes utilizing these spaces. A Sunday school nursery will be offered for our "twos and threes." Grade School, Middle School, and Senior high will all have their own classes in different rooms. In addition, my wife Kristin will be facilitating a small group discussion for parents who are actively raising children where they can seek mutual care and consolation. Our Women's group will continue to meet at it's normal time as will the adult theology class in the Council Room. I encourage you all to find a place where you fit into our regular Sunday Morning Education. If there is not a place where you fit in or you see a need for another type of group, consider starting a group of your own. I will be happy to help provide for any needs in this area.

In addition to the weekly programs, we are going to start a new, "intergenerational Sunday" (better name to be determined) every quarter. Four times a year we will have a potluck brunch and bring all of our classes together for a group lesson, activity, and time of fellowship.

More will be announced about these events at Rally Sunday on September 7th. I invite you all to attend that special event. If you are interested in getting involved with youth ministry, Sunday school, or any other ministries of the church, please contact me or our Youth and Sunday School Trustees.



Yours in Christ,

Rev. Aaron M. Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1st, in observance of Labor Day.

NO QUILTING The quilters will not meet on Monday, September 1st, due to the Labor Day holiday.

RE-DEDICATION SERVICE for the Sunday School Wing will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This will be a full communion service. Please plan to attend and see all of the work that has been done!



SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CLASS invites you join us for our new study about the prophet Gideon. His story teaches us that God transforms our weaknesses into triumphs that unlock His strength. Please join us for conversation, fun, and a whole lot of Bible study. This session starts on September 14th, right after church in the Confirmation room. Hope to see you there. Blessings!

ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held on Sunday, September 14th, during the Sunday School hour for any child wanting to become an acolyte.

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY Join us for Jennifer Rothschild's 7-session Bible Study titled Psalm 23. The class will start on Wednesday, September 17th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. Please contact the church office or Deanne Rosenbeck at 217-621-8816 (text or call) by Wednesday, September 3rd, to get your workbook ordered. Cost is \$22.



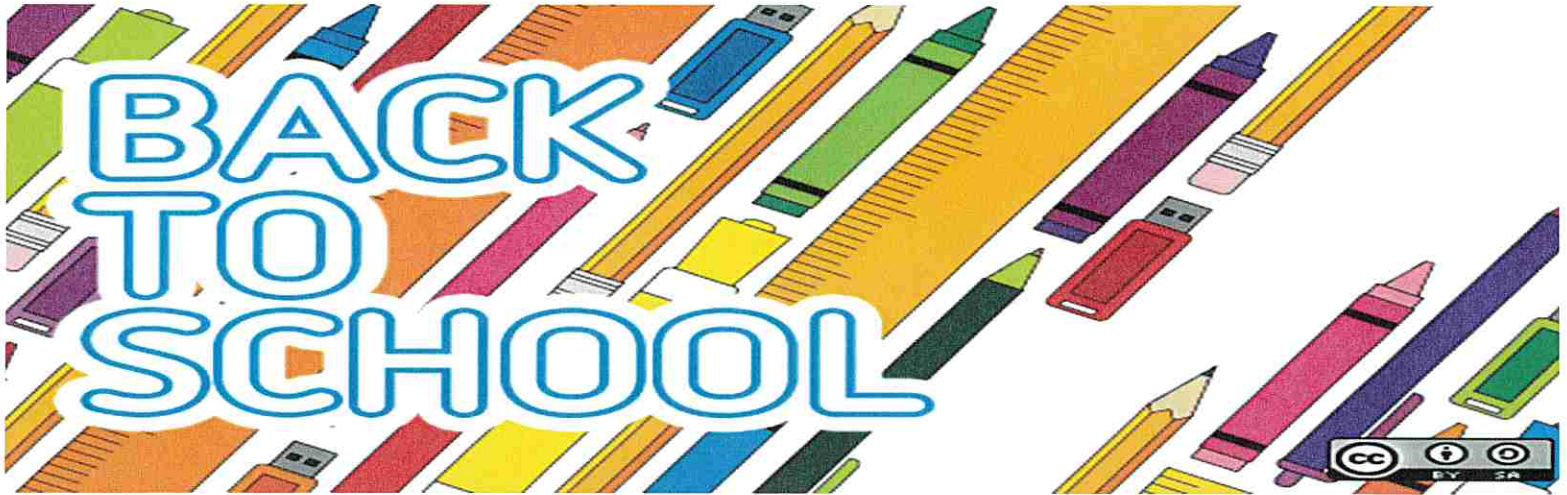
BLOOD DRIVE The ImpactLife Blood Drive will be held at American Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 17th, from 11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. in the ALC Youth Hall.

OPEN HOUSE for the 90th Birthday of Loretta Fruhling Elliott will be held on Sunday, September 28th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at American Lutheran Church. All are invited to attend.

GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION will be held here at American Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 11th. More information will be posted in upcoming bulletins. Cost to attend will be a \$10 donation to cover for lunch. Please call the church office at (217)893-4550 by Friday, October 3rd, if you plan to attend.



MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY - OCTOBER 12TH Mark your calendars now for our Mission Sunday on October 12th. Maddie Benson, Director of Development will be here to help share the vision of NALC for our youth and seminarians. She is part of the Leadership Core Team of the NALC. We will have more details as they are given to us in future bulletins and Temple Talks. There will be a Question and Answer time available after the worship in the Fellowship Hall. Your Benevolence Committee would like to invite all as we are all Champions of Youth Ministry.



September-ALC Preschool News

The preschool session has started and so far, is off to a great start with 14 students! This year the director and teachers have come up with several field trips and presenters that will come to the school to teach the children. We are excited to add new curriculum including Spanish twice a week, sign language and science exploration on top of the other areas we already focus on.

September 5th, 2025, is grandparents' day at ALC preschool. Grandparents of enrolled children will come to enjoy songs, a book, art project and refreshments with the children! It starts at 3 p.m.

We are still enrolling for preschool if anyone is interested, stop by the office, pick up a flyer or enrollment form and chat with the new Director! Or give us a call 1-217-893-8773!

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 7th

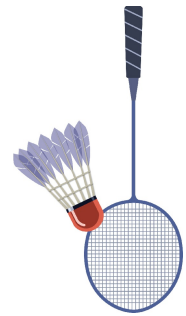
Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Lunch will be provided -

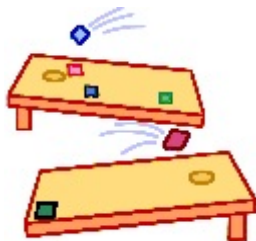
Brats, Hot Dogs, & Smoked Pork Loin



There will be plenty of activities!
Dunk Tank, Bingo, Face Painting,
Badminton, Kickball, Bags, &
Water Balloons



Something for Everyone!!!



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS



2025 Council

President...*J.R. Sipes*
Vice President...*Mitch Suits*
Secretary...*Terry Doyle*
Shirley Friemel-
Ushers/Worship Stewards;
Linda Kirk-HR;
Ann Price-Sunday School;
Joyce Holland-
Youth/Confirmation;
Ron Howe-Worship/Music;
Lois Sjoken-Grounds;
Justin Kaiser-Building;
Midge Seim-Preschool;
Deanne Rosenbeck-
Chairman/Outreach.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 15, 2025

Meeting was called to order with opening prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Treasurer's Report - DeAnn McMorris reported information obtained from the bank holding the mortgage that interest rates were expected to rise substantially by the time the note would come due in spring of 2026 resulting in costly payments. After discussion, a motion was made and carried unanimously to recommend to the Congregation to pay off the amount in full. The date of August 10, 2025 was set for a Congregational vote with prior proper notifications.

Ministry Reports

- a. Sunday School - Rally Sunday set for September 7th.
- b. Youth - A Youth Group of 14 from Kansas requested to stay at ALC July 26th overnight on their way to North Carolina for a mission trip.
- c. Groundskeeping - A damaged tree limb is getting addressed and the playground has been sprayed for weeds.
- d. Benevolence - Withholding Oromo Life Stream's 3rd & 4th

quarter checks until communication with them can be obtained.

Disaster Response - Continue to restock. 50 Health Kits were delivered to the Salvation Army Post in Davenport, IA, to aid flood victims.

Elders's/Foundation - Obtained a \$2 million liability insurance policy for the farm ground. Ryan Sage was a guest and had good conversation regarding his seminary pursuits.

Old Business

- a. The flooring replacement in the Youth Hall area should begin between Aug 1st-Sept 1st.
- b. Amendment to the Constitution/Audit Process is still work in progress. The church audit is completed and went well and the Pre-School is due next.
- c. The 100 Year ALC Anniversary celebration for 2030 is a work in progress.
- d. Paraments storage location - An agreement was made to utilize the South end of the Council Room to put the cabinet, preferably a newer/user friendly one. Sally Bauer is the overseer of the Paraments so she will follow up on how to proceed going forward.

New Business

- a. Pastor's graduation ceremony is scheduled for July 26, 2025. DeAnn McMorris and Sondra Sipes are coordinating the meal.
- b. J.R. Sipes exhibited Solar Light Kits that can be obtained from Thrivent for free. They need to be assembled and then returned to Thrivent to be distributed internationally to those in need.
- c. Door Check personnel confirmed: Monday: DeAnn McMorris; Tuesday: J.R. Sipes; Wednesday: Pastor Aaron; Thursday: Ron Howe; Friday: Deanne Rosenbeck; Saturday: Lois Sjoken; Sunday: Jeremy Motley.

Pastor's Report/Acts – Included.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**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); Levi Loschen (grandson/Luella Loschen); Ryan Falletti; Riley Falletti; Eli Baker (grandson/Gary & Lois Sjoken).



SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

...Scott & Tina James and family for the loss of Scott's father, David James, on August 8th.

...Leonard & Mary Stocks and family for the loss of Leonard's grandson, Zackary Naoumides, on August 12th.

...Mike & Stacy Tome and family for the loss of Mike's grandmother, Gale Lenover, on August 27th.



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 12th.



Rich Friemel; Karen Bruns; Clarence & Martha Stanfill; Sondra Sipes; Ray Hoff (stepfather-in-law/Allison Moser); Daniel Rodriguez (father/Allison Moser); Kim Wyre; Annette Carlson; Marlys Morris; Wilma Suits (sister/Sue Coffin); Brian Dietz; Karen Flessner; Roberta Arthur; Steve Schluter; Eugene Schmidt (brother/Dave & Peggy Schmidt); Tracie Sisneros (sister/Sean O'Donnell); Glenn Behnke; John Keith; Pen Pendleton; Denny Doyle; Pastor Barb Busboom; Rodney Larkin (husband/Kaylee (Sleigh) Larkin); Geraldine Gorecki (sister/Joyce Williamson); Lee Briggs (friend/Reggie & Mary Peters); Carla Adkins (friend/Joyce Williamson); Jessica Hawn (daughter/Rob & Kim Wyre); Earl Smith; Gabbi Reynolds (friend/Tome's); Ben Moser; William Benton (father/Phillip Benton); Steve Ritchie (friend/J.R. & Sondra Sipes); Sharon Lohen (friend/Paul & Linda Keith); Mary Mallicoat (mother-in-law/Earl Smith); Nick Shepherd (brother/Rhonda Keith); Joyce Keith; Bob & Jenny Hobby (cousins/Keith Family); Merrill Wattjes; Michael Markarian (brother/Joyce Williamson); Joan Percival; Joyce Williamson.

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:
Bridle Brook: Keith Dohleman. Holly Brook (Rantoul): Genet Dixon; Luella Loschen; Joan Mathis. Prairieview Lutheran Home (Danforth): Dave & Loretta Overholt.



Ellen Roessler	9/2	Bob McElwain	9/9	Pamela Bross	9/19
Riley Falletti	9/3	Terry Doyle	9/10	David Keith	9/20
Ryan Falletti	9/3	Brenna Schluter	9/10	Midge Seim	9/20
Bev Lehmann	9/3	Magdaline Riley	9/12	Ed Hesterberg	9/21
Gary Rosenbeck	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	Katie 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	Nancy Little	9/27
Rob Dailey	9/8	Leona Palmer	9/16	Matt Albers	9/28
Greg Suits	9/8	Jacob Holland	9/17	Clarence Stanfill	9/28
Jacob White	9/8	Gary Sjoken	9/17	Kyndall Cox	9/29
Helen Carmien	9/9	Harmon Albers	9/19	Loretta Elliott	9/30
Karen Derges	9/9			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
Chuck & Kay Cain	9/9	Larry & Barb Corbly	9/25
Jeff & Christie Holland	9/18	Greg & Jennifer McKaufsky	9/27
Willie & Monica Carico	9/19	Kenny & Ann Price	9/28

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Worship Service -
Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Adult 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	Ushers*	Table Guild	Greeters	Lectors	Prayers	Acolytes
9/7/25	Terry Doyle	Marleen Peavler Travis & Nikky Flesner	Emily Deal Sheila Sherman	Tom & Mary Edwards	Dennis Albers	Aubrie Albers	Ivie Albers Kali Schluter (Vestments worn)
9/14/25	Sheila Sherman	Kyndall Cox John & Rhonda Keith		Jack & Brenda Spitz	Chrissie Hall	Jim Cheek	Peyton Cox Liam Hall
9/21/25	Lloyd Schluter	Aubrie Albers Leon & Cheryl Freese		Mary Peters Char Sons	Sean O'Donnell	Sheila Sherman	Jack Flesner Connor Suits
9/28/25	Ron Howe	Sue Coffin Andrew Peck Judy Peck		Sheila Sherman DeAnn McMorris	Andrew Peck	Joyce Holland	Logan Suits Carson McClain

***Ushers: Please be at the church by 8:30 a.m. to pass out bulletins.**