

September 2021

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5 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Fellowship 7:00 Worship/Communion	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7	8 7:30 Boards Meet 8:00 Church Council	9	10	11
12 Rally Sunday 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Rally Sunday Games 10:30 Rally Sunday Meal 7:00 Worship/Communion	13	14	15 2:30-6:30 Church Cleaning Day with Meal to follow	16 11am Good Sam Service with Communion	17 _____ PASTOR _____	18 _____ JONATHAN _____
19 9:30am Worship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 7:00 Worship V A C A T I O N	20 ----- Fall Theological	21 19th - 21st -----	22 3:45 Confirmation Class 2:30-6:30 Church Cleaning Day with Meal to follow	23 10am The Village Service with Communion	24	25
26 Four Score & More 9:30am Worship/Communion 9:30am 3rd Grade Bibles 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Confirmation Class 7:00pm Worship/Communion	27 1:00 Operation Love	28	29 3:45 Confirmation Class	30	1	2
3		Notes <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> Church Phone - 854-3684 Parsonage Phone - 854-3745 Church Email - office@americanlutherandesmet.org Pastor's Email - pastor@americanlutherandesmet.org </p> </div>				

Learning about Trust in God from an Unlikely Source

The historical data collected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reveals that South Dakota's rainfall "varies widely." According to the data, the Summer of 2021 has been the 7th driest summer in the last 127 years. Not only that, but June was driest month in the last 127 years. Kingsbury County has areas in Moderate, Severe or Extreme Drought and 94% of the state falls in those categories too. The United States Department of Agriculture is projecting that statewide South Dakota yields will be down from last year. For a congregation that has so many folks working in, or lives connected to, or work intertwined with the Agricultural Industry, we do have some definite worry.

That's why I have chosen to bring this up today. Not because I want to make us more worried about the future. But because we can learn something important from folks in the Agricultural Industry. Trust that God will provide. To be a farmer or rancher, you definitely have to trust that God is at work even when it is hard to see it. Don't get me wrong, a little crop insurance and financial assistance from the federal government also helps. But even in those things, we can witness God at work.

Think about how God is constantly at work during the growing process. A farmer has to first determine what crop the field will produce best. Then they have to till the ground in preparation for planting. Next they try to assess which brand and hybrid to plant in the field based on different abilities to withstand varying elements. Afterwards they plant. Sometime throughout the summer the farmer may cultivate. They will almost definitely spray their fields for fungi, insects, or weeds multiple times. Finally, they harvest and sell or store. There are others steps in this process I left out, but you get the point. At every stage farmers and ranchers are trusting that God will provide and is at work. They can't control the weather, but they can control how they care for God's creation that they steward.

As we move into the final part of the growing season, let us be mindful of the ways people in the Agricultural Industry work to provide for all us. If you see that farmer coming down the road in their tractor pulling an implement, slow down and pull closer to the side to give them some room. If the biggest inconvenience of your day is getting stuck behind a tractor going 16 mph for 7 minutes, pulling a wagon of grain to the elevator, that's not too bad of a day. In the meantime, continue to pray for rain, we definitely need it. Pray also for trust that you may believe that regardless of your circumstance, God will provide for you and your family.

In humble service of the Triune God,

Pastor Jonathan David Dolan

Rally Day-Not Just for Kids!

As fall approaches, Sunday School preparations are in full swing. The Sunday School classrooms have been cleaned, materials ordered and the teachers recruited (we could still use a couple more) and Rally Day has been put on the calendar for September 12 at American Lutheran Church.

But is Rally Day just for kids? Let's take a closer look at the word "rally". Webster's Dictionary defines "rally" as: a verb "to draw or call together for a common purpose" or a noun meaning "a renewal of energy in joint action."

Are you in need of "renewal of energy for worship? How has your church attendance been? During the summer, many activities and vacations continually draw us away from each other and our worship schedule - especially on weekends.

We start the summer with good intentions of worshiping regularly, but then the reality of summer's hectic schedule derails us.

With summer behind us, the kids' baseball games and swimming lessons have come to an end. The bags are unpacked from family vacations and the camping gear is stowed away for next year. School is once again in session and you feel a regular schedule is much needed.

We will be celebrating "Rally Sunday" and Blessing Backpacks for our Sunday School students on September 12. It's a special day to begin to "rally" our kids together- for a new year of learning and loving the Lord!

But is it just for kids? No it's for everyone in the church to "renew your energy" for worship, digging into God's Word, for praying, for serving, and for witnessing. It's a day for everyone in the church!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 12**, for a day of fun, fellowship and welcoming everyone back to gather to worship and learn. **Worship service at 9:30 am with Backpack Blessings followed by fun activities for the kids and a Rally dinner in the fellowship hall.**

Kicking off the
Sunday School Season!



American Lutheran Church
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Backpack Blessing during Church
Rally Day Games
Meal in Fellowship Hall



Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us on Rally Day,
Sunday, September 12
for the blessing of
your backpacks!

We invite all students to
bring their backpacks to
church to ask for God's
blessing on the new
school year.



American Lutheran Church
Regular Council Meeting – July 14, 2021

Pastor: Jonathan Dolan

Officers of the Congregation: **President Wade Hoefert**, Vice-President **Lindsay Nolte**, Treasurer **Amy Hoefert**, Secretary **Robin Gigov**

Board of Trustees: Co-Chair Greg Noem, **Rich Abrahamson**, **Bonita Albrecht**, **Chuck Johnson**, **Norm Whitaker**

Board of Parish Education: Co-Chair **Desa Rae Cleveland**, Co-Chair **Vicki Dylla**, **Dianne Mollner**, Monica Roth, **Darcie Tolzin**

Board of Deacons and Deaconesses: Chair **Pam Hojer**, Co-Chair **Devon Clubb**, Secretary **Glenda Haines**, Jacob Anderson, Craig Bjordahl, **Kathy Heller**, **Kay Koehlmoos**, Matt Rusche, **Gordie Skyberg**, **Greg Skyberg**,

Visitors: Cheryl Pamlund

President Wade Hofert called the meeting to order the regular monthly meeting of American Lutheran Church Council on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 8:02 PM. President Wade Hofert was called away at 8:07 PM and returned at 9:39 PM. Vice-President Lindsay Nolte took over the meeting.

Devotion: Pastor Jonathan Doland lead devotion.

Agenda: Gordie Skyberg made a motion to approve the agenda. Rich Abrahamson seconded. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting 07/14/2021 were presented. Desa Rae Cleveland moved to approve the minutes. Kathy Heller seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for the month of July 2021 was presented. Greg Skyberg moved to approve the report as presented. Desa Rae Cleveland seconded. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Old Business:

- A. President
- B. Outreach Committee
- C. Deacon's and Deaconesses
 - a. Communion Assistants and Lectors for July/August.
 - b. Coffee Fellowship
 - c. Splash mailings
- D. Trustees
 - a. A Cleaning Day will be scheduled in September – possibly Sept 15th and 22nd, along with a dinner for participants. Will put in the Voice and Facebook
 - b. Presented ideas for offices. Gordie Skyberg made a motion to have cabinets built. Bonita Albrecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - c. A ceiling fan will be put in the church office.
 - d. Discussion about where to put the American Lutheran sign. Tabled until the gable is up.
 - e. Will look into the elevator needs
- E. Board of Education
 - a. Confirmation class times to get on the same time frame as other churches and support extracurricular activities – Parent Meeting on August 25th to discuss confirmation times; Sunday at 10:45-11:30 and Wednesday at 3:45-4:30
 - b. Pastor Presented Confirmation Curriculum 2021-22. Pastor will meet with the committee again before the parent meeting and put together information for the church website.

- c. Start preparing to find teachers for Sunday School and organize classes – Let us know if you want to teach Sunday School or Substitute.
 - d. Old material from Superintendent’s Room are being sorted and cleaned out
- F. Technology
- a. Looking into software to share calendars, appt., assist with church directory - BreezeCRM - Dez is working on a demo, offers email, texting, groups, cost is \$50/month- **Gordie Skyberg** donated \$600 for a year of the program. **Desa Rae Cleveland** will order BreezeCRM for the church office
 - b. **Desa Rae Cleveland** will purchase TV Stand
 - c. Will be renewing copyright of music
7. New Business
- A. Outreach Committee
- B. Job Committee
- C. Trustees
- a. Discussion has begun on land lease for next year
 - b. Quote from Barrett’s for cove base replacement on downstairs rooms in Ed unit
 - c. Hallways will be painted – upstairs and downstairs
- D. Deacon and Deaconess
- a. Fill openings for CA and Lector’s
 - b. Coffee Fellowship schedule
 - c. Splash mailings
 - d. Discuss meal to Kick Off Sunday School; pork loin dinner in past years.
 - e. **Amy Hoefert** made a motion to open the basement for church fellowship and any events including meals. **Vikki Dylla** seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - f. Will do Four Score and More – mints, nuts, pastor and fellowship
- E. Board of Education
- a. Order Sunday School material, create school calendar, teacher list, student list
 - b. Prepare classrooms, Christmas Program, Music
 - c. Rally Sunday (Sept 12)
 - d. Discussion about Organists
- F. President – A motion was made by **Desa Rae Cleveland** to move into Executive Session. **Rich Abrahamson** seconded. Motion carried. Moved into Executive Session at 9:22 PM. Motion was made to exit Executive Session by Pam Hojer. Amy seconded Moved out of Executive Session at 9:56PM
- a. Interview was conducted by Pres. Hoefert, VP Nolte, & Pastor - their recommendation is to hire Janet Brag-Coleman for the Administrative Assistant position
 - b. Vote to approve Hire – tabled until references are called and background check complete
 - c. Set date for 2-year Pastoral Review meeting time

The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2021, at 8:00 PM. Boards will meet at 7:30 prior to the meeting. Members can meet at the church or via Zoom.

There was a motion for adjournment by **Chuck Johnson**. **Desa Rae Cleveland** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Robin Gigov, Secretary

Approved as read/corrected on _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Sarah Davis	9/1
Keith & Marlys Larson	9/7
Mik & Randi Albrecht	9/8
Brent & Hannah Chester	9/8
Chuck & Brooke Johnson	9/8
Ron & Lavonne Bjordahl	9/19
Warren & April Rusche	9/21
Rod & Debra Combs	9/22
Alan & Pam Hojer	9/29

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Amanda Dylla	9/11
Sutton Bjorkman	9/16
Tucker Anderson	9/18
Riley Orton	9/20
Alijah Roth	9/22
Cora Wilkinson	9/23
Harris Baszler	9/28
Emmet Zell	9/30

COMFORT

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Alyce Siebrands, mother of Aryls Skyberg. Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

BIRTHDAYS

Jason Davis	9/1	Janelle Smith	9/18
Todd Albrecht	9/2	Greg Albrecht	9/19
Vicki McCune	9/2	Autumn Wilkinson	9/19
Lyric Gruenhagen	9/3	George Davis	9/20
Robert Knadle	9/4	Hayden Anderson	9/22
Gary Wolkow	9/4	Melanie Koehlmoos	9/22
Hilary Albrecht	9/5	Lyle Richards	9/22
Hanna Gehm	9/5	Bella Wilkinson	9/22
Jacob Anderson	9/6	Jason Hauck	9/23
Shayna Klingenberg	9/8	Grant Wilkinson	9/23
Evelyn Paulson	9/8	Art Geyer	9/24
Neva Clubb	9/10	Kelly McCune	9/24
Mark Hinkley	9/10	Allie Schaefer	9/24
Anitra Schardin	9/10	Adam Dylla	9/26
Glenda Haines	9/11	Chelsea Wipf	9/26
Richard Jansen	9/13	Greg Noem	9/26
William Carlson	9/14	Clay Abrahamson	9/27
Merlyn Gilbertson	9/14	Andrew Holland	9/27
LeRoy Koehlmoos	9/14	Judy Poppen	9/27
Garret Smith	9/14	Vicky Larson	9/28
Nash Clubb	9/16	Adilynne Schaefer	9/28
Marie Rusche	9/16	Rydr Klosterbuer	9/29
Joshua Mann	9/17	Brayden Roth	9/29
Noah Roth	9/17	Colt Wilkinson	9/29
Cody Siver	9/18	Emma Albrecht	9/30
		Lorinda Holland	9/30
		Delta Siver	9/30



KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

In July, the Food Pantry served 23 families, a total of 44 individuals, 11 of which were children, 16 were seniors.

Some of the needs at the pantry are:

Canned tuna, chicken & spam, jelly and honey, saltine crackers, Cheese-its, Townhouse, Ritz and Graham crackers, Pasta, (egg noodles, elbow macaroni, rotini, rings), mac & cheese, pasta sauce, sugar, baking supplies, LG cans of soup, cream of mushroom, tomato soup, cereal (kids & adults), baked beans, pork & beans, spaghetti & ravioli. Paper items: Toilet paper, paper towels & Kleenex boxes.

Non-perishable food for the pantry can be purchased and left at Maynards to be delivered. If you do not have time to shop, we can also use monetary donations. Our mailing address is:
Kingsbury County Food Pantry , PO Box 202 De Smet, SD 57231.

September WORSHIP SERVICES

Altar Guild - Evelyn Twite
- Glenda Haines

Ushers - Tim & Pat Salonen
- Ben Widman & Jef Hed

<u>Date</u>	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Sept 5	Sharry Knock	Cheryl Palmlund	Isaiah Roth	Tim Salonen- L Glenda Haines- CA
Sept 12	Bonita Albrecht	Bonita Albrecht	Elizabeth Albrecht	Joyce Jansen - L Pam Hojer - CA
Sept 19	Amy Hoefert	Bonita Albrecht	Lane Albrecht	Cheryl Noem - L
Sept 26	Cheryl Palmlund	Cheryl Palmlund	Harper Anderson	Gale Anderson- L Pam Hojer - CA

Church Cleaning Day

We are inviting members to help clean at the church on Sept 15 & Sept 22 from 2:30-6:30pm. A meal will be offered to those that attend.

Interested in playing the Organ?

The church is seeking an additional organist to play during worship services. Please call the office if you are interested.

Mission Action School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

The following items are needed for each kit. Great school sales going on!

4 Spiral Notebooks (70 page)

1 Box of (24) Crayons

5 #2 Pencils

1 Blunt Scissors

1 Eraser

1 Ruler

5 Ballpoint Pens

1 Pencil Sharpener

Contact Kathy Heller at 854-9345 if you have any questions.

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SERMONS ON THE WEBSITE

Worship services are recorded and can be viewed on our website: americanlutherandesmet.org

