

American Lutheran Church

The Voice

October 2023

Baptismal

Michael Dylla 10/5
Lyla Lembke 10/14
Gabriel Aughenbaugh 10/14
Oliver Steffensen 10/16
Logan Griffith 10/19
Tianna Noem 10/21
Etta Dolan 10/24
Miles Albrecht 10/25
Alyssa Block 10/28



Birthday's

Amy Zell—1
Becky Currier—2
Kevin Brodersen—3
Gordie Skyberg—3
Ed Hoek—4
Teresa Palmlund—4
Pam Hojer—5
Keith Poppen—5
Lindsey Nolte—7
Nancy Anderson—7
Denver Albrecht—8
Jordan Rusche—9
Loren Nolte—10
Nate Bendorf - 10
Heidi Petersen—11
Taylin Anderson—12
Audi Currier—12
Blake Koehlmoos—12
Gabriel Aughenbaugh—14

Cylie Heidebrink—15
Todd Skyberg—15
Tyler Gehm—16
Noah Roth - 19
Monte Richards—20
Cliff Smith—20
Erin Wilkinson—21
Marsha Brown—23
Delda Gilbertson—24
Karen Holmlund—24
Kyle Anderson—25
Janet Brag—25
Olivia Johnson - 25
Colleen Van Meter—26
Tatum Anderson—27
Darwin Fox—27
Cheryl Palmlund—29


HAPPY
Anniversary!

Wedding Anniversary

Jeremy & Amy Kearns—1
Evan & Julie Lund—6
Rod & Cheryl Palmlund—6
Mark & Kara Aughenbaugh—7
Derek & Lynne Lee—10
Norman & Kathy Whitaker—10
Rob & Desa Rae Cleveland—11
Dan & Michelle Orton—9
Dave & Kathy Heller—14
Michael & Amy Scofield—22
Gary & Judy Wolkow—23
Jon & Rhona Albrecht—24
Wendy & Perry Sand—24

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AUGUST KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Non-Perishable Foods
In Need of:
 Mac n Cheese
 Pasta (All Kinds)
 Pancake mix & Syrup
 Instant Mashed Potatoes
 Canned Chicken & Tuna
 Tuna Helpers
 Ketchup
 Pickles
 Cookies & Snacks
 Crackers (Saltines & Snack)
 Cereal (Both sugary & Non)

Non-Foods In Need of:
 Paper Towels
 Kleenex
 Toilet Paper
 Laundry Soap
 Fabric Softener
 Liquid Hand Soap
 Dish Soap
 Lotion (Hand/Body)
ALL PERSONAL
Care Items

August 2023
 32-Families
 7-New Families
 70-All People
 28- Children (17 & under)
 17- Senior (60+)
 20 -Senior Boxes
 0-Backpacks
 0-DeSmet
 0-Lake Preston

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:
 PO Box 202, De Smet SD 57231

www.kingsburycountyfoodpantry.org

****THANK YOU ALC for your help in supplying the pantry for the month of September.**



IN COMFORT;

We express our sincerest sympathies to the family of Sandy Steen. Please keep her family in your prayers as they mourn the death of their loved one.



IN COMFORT;

Our Condolences to the family of Larry Janssen. Please keep his family in your prayers as they mourn the death of their loved one.

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Jesus Loves Me

Medary Conference Women of ELCA

Fall Retreat

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran, Arlington

Theme: Jesus Loves Me

Theme Verse: **This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.** (1 John 4:10)

Registration (\$10) and Coffee start at 9:00 am

Welcome and Opening Hymn Sing at 9:30 am

Bible Study by Pastor Dayna Weltzin, St. Paul's, Clear Lake

Report from the SD Synodical Meeting and Triennial Convention

Lots of Laughs with skits and reading

Silent Auction

Fellowship with Coffee about 3 pm

Jesus
loves
me



Thank You!

To Rod Palmlund,
Norm Koehlmoos &
Norm Whitaker.

For removing, Mulching, and filling in dirt where we needed to remove 2 trees. It was a lot of hard work and we appreciate their time spent on helping us.

THANK YOU:

Thank you for all the donations for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. A special thank you to Beth Abrahamson for the \$250 gift through Thrivent Projects.

Clothing Drive;

The Kingsbury County Food Pantry is collecting clothing and household textiles.

Please place items in large yard bags, bring to the pantry (when open) or you can drop off bags at ALC during the week.

We are collecting until October 20th, 2023.



If you notice our parking lot has new painted stripes.

Thank You

to Wade Hoefert for painting our parking lot for the safety of everyone. It is greatly appreciated.

IN COMFORT;

As we welcome Richard E Johnson back home, our sympathies to his family in your prayers as they mourn the death of their loved one.



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A huge thank you for the support and prayers as we traveled to Bulgaria to meet and connect with our adopted children last month! It was such an amazing and life-changing experience, filled with God's presence and held together by God's tender and gracious hands. We are SO excited to bring our children to their forever home in this wonderful church and community, in 4-6 months! The compassion, hospitality and encouragement that we have experienced here will be instrumental in their growth and development. Thank you and we thank God for you!

Pr Nate, Sarah, and Izy

Make plans to join us on November 5th, 2023 for

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival ~Bazaar ~ Silent Auction

Sunday, November 5th
at 10:30am (following worship)

Hosted by the ALCW



Pastor Appreciation Day

Is October 8th, 2023

[cough, cough-his birthday is October 10th]

Even though you have only been here a few short months, you have already made a BIG impact on so many people here at American Lutheran Church and the entire community.

We are all grateful you and your family are here and look forward to many years of your services to ALC and De Smet.

Pastor

A Pastor DEVOTED TO giving SO MUCH, GOD ONLY KNOWS all the souls THAT YOU TOUCHED.

Committed to serve WHEN YOU ANSWERED God's call YOU PROVE IT BY BEING a servant to all.

Thank You

Pastor Nate
AND YOUR FAMILY
FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!



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A note from the pastor

Our Fall programming is off and running here at ALC and there is excitement in the air! Can you feel it? Sunday School, Confirmation, Worship, Fellowship, Youth Group, Bible Study...There are a lot of great things happening here!

Paul talks about the various gifts, skills and abilities that exist within the Body of Christ (the Church) through the power of the Holy Spirit. These gifts, skills and abilities exist for the glory of God and for the good of our neighbors. We come and participate not to be served, but to serve and to give, to share and to grow, to connect and to be transformed.

Together, as the Body of Christ, we seek to live into God's desired future as a community of disciples who inspire, encourage, and relate to others, across the street and across the world. We seek to participate in building God's Kingdom – changing people's lives – making an eternal impact, here and now.

How are you engaging in the ministries here at ALC and how are they engaging and inspiring you in your faith journey? You belong here. We belong here.

I encourage you and pray for you to be involved here at ALC and beyond. You have God-given gifts, skills and abilities that can truly benefit and bless our community. God can and wants to utilize someone just like you! Let us all give thanks to God for one another!!

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body...Now you [all] are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13a, 27

In Christ,

Pr. Nate

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Message



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT American Lutheran Church

Greetings to All,

At a time that many church's find themselves challenged to get their membership back to a desired level of the past, American Lutheran is surging with both current members and new members. We are also blessed with the number of young couples and children that are in attendance that can make every children sermon an adventure. The messages from Pastor Nate are an inspiration both to the children and adults alike.

As your council begins budget preparation for 2024, feel free to give your input to a council member. As your President, I am encouraging the council to be bold in their thought process to make sure they have the resources that they need to reach out to our community to spread the word of God through both word and action. Your actions can and will speak volumes of words.

God Bless!
Alan

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OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES

Altar Guild— Amy Zell

Ushers - Chuck & Brooke Johnson, Rod & Cheryl Palmlund

Date	Projection	Sound System	Lectors	Communion	Acolytes	Music
Oct 1	Amy Hoefert	Wade Hoefert	Joyce Jansen	Janet Davis Kay Koehlmoos Justin Smith	Rogan Albrecht Megan Albrecht	Devon Clubb
Oct 8	Sharry Knock	Janet Brag	Lindsey Nolte	No Comm	Izy Bendorf	Mary Weerts
Oct 15	Cheryl Palmlund	Cheryl Palmlund	Tristin Gruenhagen	Janet Davis Dan Bettin Devon Clubb	Kenna Currier Vada Albrecht	Mary Weerts
Oct 22	Bonita Albrecht	Bonita Albrecht	Shane Roth	No Comm	Jacob Davis	Lindsay Nolte
Oct 29	Wade Hoefert	Wade Hoefert	Tammy Albrecht	Devon Clubb Kay Koehlmoos Justin Smith	Bristol McCune Callan Alderman	Marie Rusche

GROWING IN FAITH

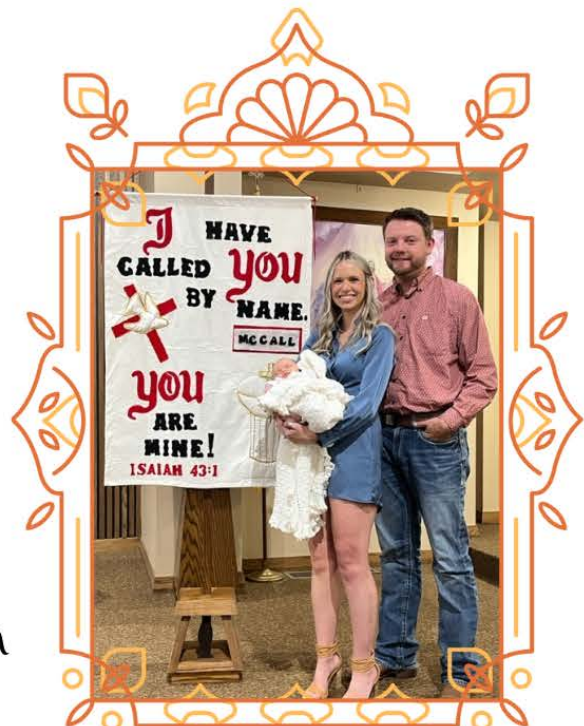
God Has Great Plans for You !



A huge thank you to our Sunday School superintendents, Amy and Jen, and all of the Sunday School teachers and also our deacons/deaconesses for making Rally Sunday a faith-filled, fun and family event! The games, food and fellowship were wonderful! We praise God for the many hands. We are church. We are better together!

*You are a child of God,
You are Wonderfully made,
Clearly loved and
Precious in His sight!*

Welcome
McCall Allen Heidebrink
to the American Lutheran Church
family through Holy Baptism.





Youth Group/FCA Has been a HUGE hit!

Fun, Food And Faith

7:30pm every Sunday

Our high school students are welcome to join us at the De Smet High School gym for fun and games. Then they travel to ALC for more fun, food & faith.

How faith and life work together!

Youth Group/FCA
is for ALL kids grades 9-12.
You do not need to be in sports to join us!



More pictures from Rally Sunday!

American Lutheran Church
Regular Council Meeting – August 9, 2023

Officers of the Congregation: President **Alan Hojer** Vice-President **Robin Gigov**,
Treasurer Amy Hoefert, Secretary

Board of Trustees: Chair **Norm Koehlmoos, Glen Davis, Rich Abrahamson, Norm Whitaker,**
Rustin Albrecht

Board of Parish Education: Co-Chair **Desa Rae Cleveland**, Co-Chair **Vicki Dylla, Tammy Albrecht,**
Darcie Tolzin, Jackie Griffith

Board of Deacons and Deaconesses: Chair **Devon Clubb, Janet Davis, Jake**
Anderson, Justin Smith, Kay Koehlmoos, Beth Abrahamson, Rhona Albrecht, Sam Gigov,
Daniel Bettin

Visitors – Janet Coleman

President Hojer called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm.

Devotion – Led by Pastor Nate

Approval of the Agenda Alan added an item to the President's Business. **Rich A. made a motion to approve the agenda. Norm K. seconded. The motion passed.**

Secretary's Report The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. **Norm K. made a motion to approve the agenda. Rhona seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report for the month of July 2023 was presented. **Rich A. made a motion to accept the report. Dan B. seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Pastor's Report Pastor Nate presented a written report to council members. Some highlights included: building relationships, meeting with members, pastoral care, VBS, attending events, getting to know the community, Larson Wedding, and Skyberg Anniversary.

Upcoming Events: Heidebrink Baptism • Rally Sunday • 3rd Grade Bibles • Four Score n More • ELCA Fall Theological Conference • New Member Welcome Sunday • Acolyte Training

Old Business

Trustee Report

1. Surplus old tables and chairs – free will donation for members, call front office
2. Carpet and painting – carpet is done
3. Tree removal – Thompson out of Willow Lake will do the project – garage and street
4. Parking strips and bid – will work on drainage and waterflow before resurfacing
5. Door codes – Combinations have been changed. Looking into creating a list of individuals who know the code and a contact list, a formal agreement for those who have the door codes is located in the office.

Deacon and Deaconess

1. Invitations will be sent out for New Member Induction on September 24
2. Communion assistants and lectors will have two serving lines.
3. Four score and more will be on September 17th, will serve cake and send out invitations
4. Doing a Meal on Rally Sunday – September 17th
5. Pastor (and his family) will be out on September 3 (after morning worship) til Sept 17th to meet his adoptive children in Bulgaria and beginning to begin the legal adopting procedures.

Board of Education

1. VBS was July 24-26 – 33 kids; 5th through 7th grade with 8th grade helpers
2. Continue to work on lining up Sunday School Teachers & a music teacher
3. Rally Sunday will be September 17th, blessing backpacks, installation, and blessing of Sunday School Teachers
4. 3rd Grade Bibles – on September 24th during service – equipping families with the Word

Other Business Items

1. Newsletter – The Post Office has changed to an online process. The deadline for the newsletter will be approximately 1 week prior to the 1st of the month. It will be announced in the bulletins and be enforced.
2. Photo Directory – Looked at 3 examples for the cover, agreed on one and the layout. The goal is to have the project completed by the end of the year.

President

1. Update on First draft presentation of procedure for submitting to the Church Council proposed changes to the By-Laws of American Lutheran Church – No response from Todd at this time, will update next month.
2. Begin discussion for 2024 Budget – Alan encouraged chairs to look forward to the upcoming year and the budget needs.
3. Church Council Secretary – April Rusche stepped down as secretary. After some discussion. **Desa Rae C. made a motion to appoint Janet Coleman as Church Council Secretary. Vicki D. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
4. Hearing Devices – there was discussion about purchasing hearing devices for members to use during the church service. Alan will bring idea to the sound committee.

Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

Glen D. made a motion to adjourn. Rich A. seconded the motion. Motion passed. 8:55 pm

Robin Gigov
Vice-President/ Secretary Pro Tem

Approved as read/corrected on
Approved Sept 13, 2023

American Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 13th, 2023

Officers of the Congregation: President **Alan Hojer** Vice-President **Robin Gigov**, Treasurer **Amy Hoefert**, Secretary **Janet Brag**. **Board of Trustees:** Chair **Norm Koehlmoos**, **Glen Davis**, **Rich Abrahamson**, **Norm Whitaker**, Rustin Albrecht **Board of Parish Education:** Co-Chair **Desa Rae Cleveland**, Co-Chair **Vicki Dylla**, **Tammy Albrecht**, **Darcie Tolzin**, **Jackie Griffith** **Board of Deacons and Deaconesses:** Chair **Devon Clubb**, **Janet Davis**, Jake Anderson, Justin Smith, **Kay Koehlmoos**, **Beth Abrahamson**, Rhona Albrecht, **Sam Gigov**, **Daniel Bettin**
Visitors – **Todd Wilkinson**

1. **Devotion** –Led by Todd Wilkinson “Prayers go up and Blessings come Down” a memorial for Jean Wilkinson is being planned by the family. Todd W asked for input from the council. Idea of 2 large planters for the outside by the steps and 2 planters by the narthex doors. Along with replacing the outdoor carpeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda** Deacons & Deaconesses added an item, and trustees added to the trustee report. **Dan B made a motion to approve the agenda. Beth A seconded. Motion passed.**

3. Secretary’s Report

a. Any changes or corrections? None

b. Approval of last month’s minutes- **Glen D made a motion to approve the minutes.**

Norm K seconded. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Amy H read the treasurers report, noting nothing new has changed.

a. Approval of Treasurer’s report **Rich A made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Des C seconded. Motion passed.**

5. Pastor’s Report

a. Robin G read the pastors report that Pastor Nate had provided.

Pastor Nate is currently in Bulgaria, working on plans to adopt 2 girls into their family. Updates on a baptism, the church directory, confirmation and HS youth group were read. Pastor has visited many members in the community and has volunteered with the local food pantry.

b. Upcoming events; Rally Sunday, Four Score & More, Youth Group/FCA, Confirmation Classes, 3rd Grade Bibles, New Member Presentation & a baptism in December.

6. Trustees

a. Parsonage - The steel roof has developed issues and has caused water damage.

Currently working with the insurance company to get resolved.

b. Church

1. Surplus old tables and chairs-90 Chairs and 10 tables. Since they went so fast, in the future when we surplus items post in the bulletin.

2. Stump removal-Rod Palmlund came and shredded the trees that were cut. Dirt was filled and grass seed will be planted.

3. Parking strips-Wade Hoefert is planning on painting the stripes on the parking lot soon, pending weather.

4. Caulking Windows-plan on doing this soon before winter.
5. The bee situation is being monitored. Some discussion it was decided to contact a bee keeper from Bruce SD. Glen D will make contact.
6. Tuesday a bat was found and a trustee promptly evicted him. Situation will be monitored.

7. Deacon and Deaconess

- a. New member induction- September 24-There are 10 families/25 people being recognized as a new member.
- b. Communion assts and lectors-Oct Communion will be Oct 1, 15, 29
- c. Meal for Kick off Sunday and 4 score and more-Meal planned, Pulled pork sandwiches, beans, chips, juice with cake.
- d. 5th Sunday in Oct deacons covering fellowship
- e. Oct 8 is Pastor Appreciation/Oct 10 is Pastor Nate's birthday
- f. Discussion of conducting a deep cleaning of the church
- g. Balcony piano- the tuner was here last Monday, his recommendation is to replace the piano. Options were discussed, will come back next month with ideas.
- h. Sound System options for people with hearing issues.

8. Board of Education

- a. SS - still need music teacher(s) Notice is in the bulletin and newsletter.
- b. Rally Sunday planning-Sunday, Sept 17, Rally Sunday will have Blessing of the Backpacks, Teacher Installation & Four Score & More.
- c. Youth Group - Items requested/updates to room, time 7:30pm each Sunday they plan to meet at the High School and then come to the church. Updates-their asking for couches, seating, shelves, etc for the youth room. Also looking at painting part of the room.
- d. Girl Scouts- There was a request if they can use the church for meetings again. They meet twice a month. **Glen D Made a motion to approve, Rich A seconded. Motion Passed.**

9. Other Business Items

- a. Church Directory Update-the directory layout is complete, the committee is currently double checking addresses of active members.

10. President

- a. Continue discussion for 2024 Budget-Deadline to submit ideas to the trustees is the Nov Council Meeting.
- b. Todd Wilkinson earlier in the meeting explained that his family would like to build a memorial for Jean W, with flower planters and carpeting. A committee was created to oversee this project. **The committee members are; Janet D, Dan B, Norm K, Devon C & Robin G.**

11. Lord's Prayer

12. Adjournment- **Glen D. made a motion to adjourn. Des C. seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adjourned at 9:07 pm**

Janet Brag
Secretary

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