


November 2023



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 7pm Worship/Communion 7:30 Youth Group/FCA	30 5pm Women's Bible Study	31	1 Coffee with the Bishop 8-9am in Sioux Falls 3:45 Confirmation Class 5:30 Girl Scouts	2	3	4
5 ALL Saints Day 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Harvest Festival 10:30 Sunday School No Evening Worship 7:30 Youth Group/FCA	6	7	8 Confirmation-Faith at Home 7:30 Boards Meet 8pm ALC Council	9	10 Veterans Day Observed ALC Office Closed	11
12 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 7pm Worship 7:30 Youth Group/FCA	13	14	15 3:45 Confirmation Class 5:30 Girl Scouts	16 11am Good Sam Service	17	18
19 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 12:00 Confirmation Event 7pm Worship/Communion 7:30 Youth Group/FCA	20	21	22 Confirmation Class TBD	23 Thanksgiving ALC Office Closed	24 ALC Office Closed	25
26 Christ the King 9:30am Worship/Baptism 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 7pm Worship 7:30 Youth Group/FCA	27 1pm Operation Love 5pm Women's Bible Study	28	29 1st Advent 3:45 Confirmation Class 6pm Advent Supper 7pm Advent Service	30	1	2
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The Voice

November 2023

Baptismal

Delta Siver 11/5
Callan Alderman 11/6
Riley Feltman 11/16
Ainslee Schaefer 11/18
Jacob Davis 11/21
Neva Clubb 11/24
Adam Dylla 11/27

Birthday's

Lew Page—2
Rhonda Siver — 2
Becky Geyer—3
Jennifer Albrecht—6
Tory Holland—6
Aria Gruenhagen—7
Kyle Lee—10
Caleb Nolte — 10
Cheryl Noem—11
Linda Geyer - 12
Olivia Roth—12
Josiah Roth—12
Sam Geyer—13
Nadine TeBeest—13
Jaden Hojer —15
Mesa Nolte — 15

Glen Davis—18
Brenda Brown—20
Sophia Gigov — 21
Tammy Albrecht—24
Tyler Anderson—25
Lincoln Albrecht — 26
Matthew Hojer—26
Trevin Holland—26
Vaughn Siver —26
Evelyn Twite—26
Joyce Jansen—27
Diane Mann—27
Marian (Diddy) Mundhenke—29
Ben Widman - 29
Bette Poppen—29
Sullivyn Siver — 29
Jessica McCune—30


HAPPY
Anniversary!

Wedding Anniversary

Steve & Teresa Palmlund—8
Andy & Betty Vincent—11
Loryn & Brenda Gehm—17
Dan & Linda Bettin - 24
Tad & Janet Flood—26

happy
BIRTHDAY

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SEPTEMBER KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Non-Perishable Foods

In Need of:

Soups (all kinds)
 Jelly
 Cereal (Both sugary & Non)
 Canned Chicken & Tuna
 Cookies & Snacks
 Baked Goods
 Pasta (All Kinds)
 Granola Bars
 Cake, Cookie, Bar mixes
 Pasta (All Kinds)
 Instant Mashed Potatoes
 Mac n Cheese
 Tuna Helpers
 Crackers (Saltines & Snack)
 Pickles
 Ketchup
 Baked Beans



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

September 2023

23-Families
 2-New Families
 42-All People
 9- Children (17 & under)
 18- Senior (60+)
 20-Senior Boxes
 178-Backpacks
 30/Week-DeSmet
 12-15/week-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

ATTENTION: FOR ANY CHURCH, BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION, CLUB, YOUTH GROUP, OR INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A LITTLE MORE TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES OVER THE HOLIDAYS ...

The Pantry is going to help families by providing thanksgiving meals to our clients. (Christmas will be mentioned in the next End of The Month Report). We have several Turkeys donated by a family who has done this for several years (Thank you so much my friends).

But, we could use help getting the rest of the meal including but certainly not limited to...

potatoes (or boxed mashed scalloped au gratin etc potatoes), yams/sweet potatoes, veggies, cranberries, fruit, rolls, stuffing, pickles, olives, sugar, brown sugar, cake mixes, brownie mixes, cookie mixes, pudding, jello, or any other dessert, really any item, ingredient, baking, or cooking supplies ...

If you can help we need these thanksgiving items asap ... by the end of Oct, as many of our clients, come the 1st week of the month (they can only come once a month) though we will take items up to and past the Holidays.

We can also take monetary donations if you would rather not shop.

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November 5th, 2023
We will be remembering the lives of those we lost and also celebrating the baptisms of this past year.

In Memorial:

Keith Larson
Ralph Brodersen
Evelyn Wolkow
Elsa "Ruth" Zeller
Ronald Lembke
Della Wendel
Mary Brown
William Carlson
Donald Bohn
Alan "Butch" Poppen
Craig Bjordahl
John "Jack" Albrecht
Glen "Tex" Anderson
Naomi Janssen

Julie Baszler
Dennis Brown
Sandra "Sandy" Steen
Larry Janssen
Richard E Johnson

Baptisms:

Grayson Paul Larson
McCall Allen Heidebrink

We Remember
them in our
prayers and
we gives
thanks for
their lives!



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



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GROWING IN FAITH

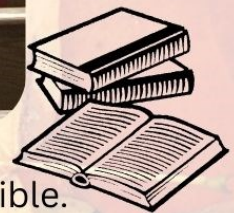
God Has Great Plans for You !

3rd Grade
BIBLES



Congratulations

Riley
Tyler
Michael
Elizabeth
Jaden
Brinley
Kadence
Colt



On September 24, 2023

Eight-3rd graders with their families were presented with a new bible.

New Member



RECOGNITION

On September 24, 2023

25 Members were recognized as new members.

Michael Daryl Warner, The Gigov Family, Christina Bjorkman, The Anderson Family, The Brag-Coleman Family, Linda Geyer, Mr & Mrs Bettin, Rev & Mrs Peterson, The Bendorf Family, The Buckmiller Family.

Let the music of your *heart*
 create a *joyful* noise
 unto the *Lord.*



Children's Sermon
 led by Pastor Nate and
 Sam Gigov

LORD

"here is my
 entire life &
 I want to give it to you"
 said Pastor Nate
 during a Children's Sermon

Confirmation class

Children's
 Sermons



Confirmation class
 held a
 Special Event



THANK YOU
for your dedication
to American Lutheran



Pastor Appreciation Day
October 8, 2023
Pastor Nate & Sarah,
we are grateful for your
service to ALC



CONFIRMATION

MENTORSHIP

LIKE TO HELP OUR YOUTH?

What is the true meaning of mentor?
It is a person who gives a younger or less
experienced person help and advice
over a period of time.

**Pastor Nate is working to begin a
Mentor Program with the
confirmation students. More
information to come. Start
thinking of how you can shape our
youth for a better tomorrow!**





A note from the pastor

A few months ago at a council meeting, we did an activity where we asked, ‘how is God leading and guiding ALC in this time and place’? Everyone had a chance to write down their thoughts. Afterwards, I compiled and organized the results and came up with three major areas of focus where we feel God is moving in and through ALC.

1. God is calling us to Outreach Ministry: Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and neighbors across the street and across the world in word and actions.

a. Matthew 28:18-20

i. How do we equip people to see God at work in our daily lives? How are we sharing the Good News with our words and actions each day? Are we inviting others to worship and ministries at ALC where they can experience God’s presence?

2. God is calling us to Children, Youth and Family Ministry: Teaching the Biblical narrative to our children, youth, and families in order to make disciples who make disciples.

a. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

i. How do we prioritize the Good News of Jesus Christ being the center of all of our programming and ministries at ALC? How are we educating and serving our children, youth, and families - equipping them with the tools they need to know and follow Jesus?

3. God is calling us to Fellowship Ministry: Creating a culture of joy and thanksgiving where people are excited to gather together and experience a sense of ownership and belonging.

a. Acts 2:42-47

i. What opportunities do we provide for family, friends and new friends to gather together and share stories and life? How do we create a culture of gratitude, which in turn leads to joy and thanksgiving? How do we serve in the love of Christ?

As you read through this list and read the included Biblical passages, what are your thoughts? Where do you see God at work in and through ALC? How do you feel called and equipped to partake in these ministries and what God is up to?! We are church together, and I give thanks to God for calling each and all of us to this place.

If you have any questions or feedback, I would love to hear it. We can sit down over a cup of coffee or send me an email: pastor@americanlutherandesmet.org.

In Christ, Pr. Nate

Message



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT American Lutheran Church

Greetings from American Lutheran,

I continue to be fascinated with the excitement of our youth as they walked up to the children's sermon today. As I watched them go up on the long journey from the back of the church, with the smiles on their faces, I thought this long journey must really be for the parents to burn off some energy so they will sit still when they get back. I am not picking on the youth because I love watching their journey but it did make me think why Lutherans don't sit in the front of the church. So I was going to ask August Mundhenke and I knew he would just tell me to Google it, so I did. To my surprise there were actually 9 reasons why. And they go as follows:

- 1-Jesus said the first will be last and the last will be first. A posture of humility.
- 2-If Jesus is the Gate, he could use a few gatekeepers. The ushers may need some help.
- 3-Church services are messy.
- 4-The closer you sit to the preacher, the more likely you are to get "The Look."
- 5-When you sit up front, they will know you aren't singing along.
- 6-You can leave without being noticed.
- 7-Everyone else sits in the back.
- 8-You can catch up on much needed sleep.
- 9-There will already be money in the offering plate when it gets to you.

At American Lutheran, our attendance continues to grow and our pews are filling from the back to the front. I just thought it would be a good question to ask before it is not a question any more. Come and experience the inspiration at American Lutheran.

God Bless,

Alan Hojer

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American Lutheran Church Council Meeting

October 11, 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 – None

Alan Hojer called the meeting to order at 8:02pm.

1. **Devotion** – Led by Pastor Nate with Amy H reading Matthew 28:18-20, Jake A reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9, & Vicky D reading Acts 2:42-27.

2. **Approval of Agenda- Glen D 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- **Norm W made a motion to approve the minutes.**

Dan B seconded. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Amy H read the treasurer's report.

a. Approval of Treasurer's report **Rich A made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report.**

Norm W seconded. Motion passed.

5. Pastor's Report

a. Pastor Nate asked the question, "How can we partner with God in continuing to grow his kingdom in and around De Smet?" He encouraged all to reach out to others and invite them to ALC.

b. Confirmation & Youth group had been going well. 13 Confirmands and average of over 20 students each week at youth group. We discussed options for couches, seating for the youth room.

c. He continues to connect with the community in various ways; sporting events, food pantry & other local events.

d. Discussion of what services to do on Christmas Eve, since it is on a Sunday this year. It was decided to do the 4th Advent service at 9:30am, and 2 Christmas Eve candle light services at 4 & 6pm.

NO service on Christmas Day.

e. Recent activities; Rally Sunday, Four Score & More, St John's Church discussion, 3rd Grade Bible, New Member Recognition, R Johnson's funeral, & Music Committee.

f. Upcoming Activities; Continue Confirmation Classes and Youth Group, Blessing of the Quilts Oct 22, Education Conference on Oct 25-27 that he plans to attend, Reformation Sunday Oct 29, Harvest Festival Nov 5, and a baptism in Dec.

6. Trustees

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

Will plan on including repairs in next year's budget.

b. Church

1. Parking stripes-thanks to Wade Hoefert for painting them.

2. Wilkinson Memorial- Janet D explained what the committee has done. They felt that we will wait until spring to replace carpet, wait on planters & signage till warmer weather. Norm K to continue to communicate with the Wilkinson Family.

3. Land Lease-Has not been signed yet for 2024 year, but it is in the process of getting completed.

4. The bee situation- Glen D talked with a bee keeper from Bruce SD. Appears that the bees have abandoned the hives. Other bees may be stealing the honey.

5. 2024 Budget-please get any budget request to the trustees before November council meeting, which will be November 8, 2023.

7. Deacons and Deaconesses

a. Communion asst- Nov Communion will be Nov 5 & 19

b. Meal for Rally Sunday and 4 score and more-They served 140 meals

c. Oct 29, the Deacons & Deaconesses will cover fellowship

8. Board of Education

a. SS - still need music teacher(s) Amy Zell has been covering music so far.

b. Christmas Program-They are in the process of making plans.

c. The Sunday School Students plan to sing on Harvest Festival/All Saints Day

9. Other Business Items

a. Church Directory Update-we are sorting through active/in-active members addresses to include in the directory. We will get a few volunteers to assist.

b. Pastor Nate has provided information (that he used at a previous church) about individual ear pieces for the sound system options for people with hearing issues.

10. President

a. Continue discussion for 2024 Budget. Deadline to submit ideas to the trustees is the Nov Council Meeting.

b. Lutheran Outdoors Benevolence Gift Request-Alan H described information he received regarding scholarship information through the SD Synod/ELCA.

11. Adjournment- **Glen D. made a motion to adjourn. Vicky D. seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adjourned at 8:50 pm**

12. Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be November 8, 2023 at 8pm.

Janet Brag
Secretary

Approved as read/corrected on

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

**Altar Guild— Janet Brag (with Evelyn Twite)
Ushers - Glen & Janet Davis, Randy & Lindy Holland**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Music</u>
Nov 5	Amy Hoefert	Wade Hoefert	Lindy Holland	Kay Koehlmoos Janet Davis Justin Smith	Allie Schaefer Amanda Dylla	Devon Clubb
Nov 12	Bonita Albrecht	Bonita Albrecht	Rhona Albrecht	No Comm.	Bella Wilkinson	Marie Rusche
Nov 19	Cheryl Palmlund	Cheryl Palmlund	Neva Clubb	Devon Clubb Dan Bettin Sam Gigov	Rogan Albrecht Grant Griffin	Mary Weerts
Nov 26	Sharry Knock	Janet Brag	Greg Skyberg	No Comm.	Izy Bendorf	
Wednesday/Advent						
Nov 29	Sharry Knock	Janet Brag	Confirmation Students	No Comm.	Kenna Currier	Lindsay Nolte
Wednesday Advent Supper by; Rogan Albrecht Family, Izy Bendorf Family, & Kenna Currier Family						