

October 2022



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November '22						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30 Pastor's Day Off	1
2 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Fellowship 7pm Worship/Communion	3	4	5 Pastor's Text Study 10:30-1 3:45 Confirmation Class	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	8
9 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 7pm Worship	10 Native American Day	11 Medary Conference 3pm ULC @ SDSU Listen, Learn & Care 6:30pm Brookings First Lutheran	12 3:45 Confirmation Class 7:30 Boards Meet 8:00 Church Council	13 Pastor on Vacation	14 Pastor's Day Off Pastor on Vacation	15 Pastor on Vacation
16 Stuart Twite Lead Worship 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 7pm Worship Pastor on Vacation	17	18 Pastor's Text Study 10:30-1 1st Call Cohort 12-4 Trinity in Tea	19 3:45 Confirmation Class	20 11am Good Sam Service /Communion	21 Pastor's Day Off	22
23 9:30am Worship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 7pm Worship	24 Operation Love 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30pm	25 Pastor's Text Study 10:30-1	26 3:45 Confirmation Class	27 10am Village Service /Communion	28 Pastor's Day Off	29
30 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 7pm Worship/Communion	31 Halloween	Notes				

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The Voice

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Baptismal

Michael Dylla 10/5/2014
Lyla Lembke 10/14/2018
Gabriel Aughenbaugh 10/14/2008
Oliver Steffensen 10/16/2011
Logan Griffith 10/19/2008
Tianna Noem 10/21/2009
Etta Dolan 10/24/2021
Miles Albrecht 10/25/2015
Alyssa Block 10/28/2007

Birthday's

Amy Zell—1
Becky Currier—2
Kevin Brodersen—3
Gordie Skyberg—3
Ed Hoek—4
Teresa Palmund—4
Pam Hojer—5
Keith Poppen—5
Lindsey Nolte—7
Nancy Anderson—7
Denver Albrecht—8
Mary Brown—8
Naomi Janssen—8
Jordan Rusche—9
Loren Nolte—10
Heidi Petersen—11
Taylin Anderson—12
Audi Currier—12
Susan Jacobsen—12
Eric Johnson—12
Blake Koehlmoos—12
Don Bohn—14
Jamison Hauck—14
Taylor Larson—15
Cylie Pastian—15

Todd Skyberg—15
Tyler Gehm—16
Clayten Miller—18
Greg Petersen—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
Aiden Petersen—25
Alyson Hauck—26
Colleen Van Meter—26
Tatum Anderson—27
Darwin Fox—27
Christopher Haines—28
Olivia Johnson—28
Cheryl Palmund—29
Terry Brown—31

Wedding Anniversary

Jeremy & Amy Kearns—1
Evan & Julie Lund—6
Rod & Cheryl Palmund—6
Mark & Kara Aughenbaugh—7
Tom & Kim Gehm—7
Jason & Amy Palmund—8
Derek & Lynne Lee—10
Norman & Kathy Whitaker—10
Rob & Desa Rae Cleveland—11
Dan & Michelle Orton—9
Jason & Angie Baszler—14
Dave & Kathy Heller—14
Michael & Amy Scofield—22
Gary & Judy Wolkow—23
Jon & Rhona Albrecht—24
Wendy & Perry Sand—24



HAPPY
Anniversary!

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GROWING IN FAITH



Elijah Roth, Sullivyn Siver and Lynora Albrecht receive their Third Grade Bibles



Backpack Blessings!

Kaylee and Brynn Hojer receive their Spark Bibles



KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY End of Month Report August 2022

October 2022 is ALC Month to supply the pantry

25=Families
6=New Families
47=Individuals
10=Children(17 & Under)
12=Seniors (60+)
6 of 17=Senior Box
22=Backpacks

0=DeSmet
22=Lake Preston

Non-Perishable Foods

In Need of:

Pasta (All Kinds)
Mac N Cheese
Ramen Noodle
Soup & Crackers
Cereal
Sugar / Salt / Pepper
Ketchup/Mustard
Juice / Coffee / Tea
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Canned Fruit
Canned Meat
Cookies & Snacks

Non-Foods In Need of:

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Kleenex
Laundry Soap
Dryer Sheets
Dish Soap

Personal In Need of:

Shampoo / Conditioner
Deodorant
Body Wash
Toothpaste / Toothbrush
Liquid Soap

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:

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Thank You Dave Heller!

If you stop by the office you will notice new doors added to the cabinets.

They are beautiful and Dave did a wonderful job on them.



Dave had extra help from his lovely wife Kathy and their grandson, Jordan Schwan.

Grandpa had a great time teaching his grandson and passing his skills to the next generation!



ALCW News:

ALCW is looking forward to hosting **Harvest Festival** and Bazaar with a Silent Auction on:

Sunday, November 6th with many, many women working together to make this a time of fellowship and

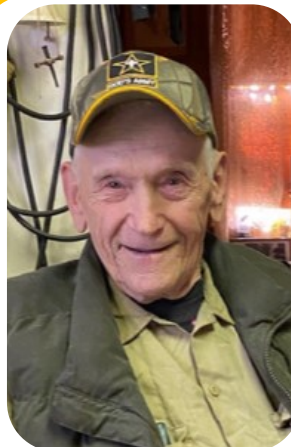
giving thanks for our many blessings.

The festival raises money to support projects like Operation Love, the prayer shawl ministry, church library, school kits for children in Africa, and other acts of Christian love and service.



IN COMFORT;

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



IN COMFORT;

Our sincerest sympathies to the family of Lloyd Gehm. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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Asking Better Questions

In our contemporary world, the loudest voices like to tell us how to think, feel, be or do. The loudest voices like to paint a picture about a situation that, from their perspective leads only to black or white answers. Yet, as people of faith, we know that sometimes an answer can be black or white, and sometimes it can also be gray. Let's look at two different examples within the Bible, one gray and one black or white. Yes, the two examples are not similar, but over time, both positions were defended by using the words of the Bible.

What do I mean by this? Let's look at the first example. There are multiple passages from the Old and New Testaments that share how we are to treat slaves. Societally it was a known fact of Ancient Times that conquered people, generally the men of the society, would be enslaved. Especially if that particular kingdom was rebelling against a much larger empire. Biblically there are more passages that deal with proper treatment of owned slaves than passages that are opposed to the use of slavery in general. Since more Biblical passages accepted slavery, many people who would have called their selves faithful Christians defended the use of slavery. Though the way that those folks used the Biblical sources, in this instance, were not twisted out of a larger narrative context, the institution of slavery is counter to the message of love found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As Christians it is easy for us to fall back on the words, "Well, it's in the Bible, it must be [insert words...]." Sadly, some of those times have led to entire groups of people being disregarded or unworthy of God's love. To be sure, there are times where falling back on those words are wholly appropriate. For example, Jesus himself declares to the Disciples in the Last Supper, "This is my body...this is my blood." Jesus doesn't say that the bread represents his body. Or that the bread is symbolically his body. Jesus clearly states that the bread is his body. Therefore, we as Lutherans confess that Holy Communion is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ in the form of bread and wine.

This leads us back to the "asking better questions" idea. What differentiates the example about slavery and the example of Holy Communion is extremely important. Slavery is an example of sin alive and present in the world because one person believes they are able to possess and/or buy another person. An example that shows how human beings are susceptible to fall under the influence of power, wealth, money, land, status, etc. It is counter to the love Jesus proclaims. It is counter to the way in which Jesus calls us to interact with our neighbor. Truthfully, we don't even need a Biblical source to tell us slavery is wrong. We feel that in our being.

Therefore, I would argue that slavery is viewed as gray. Not gray in that its practice is acceptable. This time gray because slavery is found in the Bible. In some places, the practice of it is defended in the Bible. But Jesus came to make people equal. To call us to love everyone. Thus, by asking better questions we can conclude that God does not want human society to interact in a way where some people subjugate other people for their gain.

On the other hand, Holy Communion offers us a tangible experience of the grace of a God who forgives us of our sins and offers us eternal life. In the reception of Communion, everyone is placed on equal ground. No one person is higher or better than another because all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. It is a perfect embodiment of the love Jesus proclaims. Jesus' words allow us to interpret Communion as black or white.

Now as we try to ask better questions, we may fall into the temptation of asking questions to support our own ideas. It is an easy trap to fall into and not realize that you are there. What I am trying to say is that if a passage is difficult to understand, Luther would tell us to find another passage in Scripture that is more clear that sheds more light on the larger narrative of the Bible which helps make an unclear passage more clear.

Notice how in the example of slavery, I used God's love in Christ Jesus sent to save us from our sins as the Biblical reason to say that slavery, while in the Bible, is not a practice supported by God. If a person truly loved another person, they would be abhorred at the idea that they could own another person. Because owning someone does not exemplify God's love. Similarly, God's love in Christ Jesus is also one of the reasons that Communion is interpreted and defended as Jesus' body and blood. The other being that Jesus himself states what Communion becomes when using the Words of Institution.

All of this to say, God wants us to learn about our faith within the words of Holy Scripture. God wants us to ingest them and remember them. God wants us to hear the larger narrative of the Biblical story and how the Father's Only Son, Jesus Christ, changes everything. However, God doesn't want us to use the words of the Bible at the expense of other people or to tear them down.

Finally, brothers and sisters, remember the words of John 3:16-17. "For God so loved the world that the Father gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in the Son may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through the Son." God gifts us the holy and sacred words of Scripture so that we may build one another up in faith until the day that we all gather around the heavenly throne of God.

In humble service of the Triune God,

Pastor Jonathan David Dolan

American Lutheran Church
Regular Council Meeting – September 21 2022

Pastor: **Jonathan Dolan**

Officers of the Congregation: President **Todd Wilkinson**, Vice-President Robin Gigov,
Treasurer **Amy Hoefert**, Secretary **April Rusche**

Board of Trustees: Chair **Greg Noem**, Norm Koehlmoos, **Bonita Albrecht**, **Rich Abrahamson**, 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 **Devon Clubb**, Secretary **Glenda Haines**, Jake Anderson, **Justin Smith**, Kathy Heller, **Kay Koehlmoos**, Matt Rusche, Gordie Skyberg, **Greg Skyberg**, **Rhona Albrecht**

Devotion - lead by Pastor Jonathan

Agenda – Des added a confirmation item and Bonita added an item to “Other Business”

Secretary’s Report - **Bonita Albrecht** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. **Seconded** by **Amy Hoefert**. - Motion passed

Treasurer’s Report The treasurer’s report for the month of August 2022 was presented. **Todd Wilkinson** approved the Treasurer’s Report

Pastor’s Report

- The Confirmand-Mentor program will not proceed due to lack of volunteers
- The Evan Buckmiller family will be joining the congregation
- Compiled the survey results
- Austie Albrecht agreed to co-teach confirmation

1.Trustees Report

- a. Reported that the system would be flushed within the week
- b. The new sign is ready to be put up
- c. New cabinet doors were installed in the secretary’s office. Thanks to Dave Heller
- d. The land rent contract has been signed

2.Deacons and Deaconesses

- a. Rally Sunday meal went well serving around 95 meals
- b. Offering plates will continue being passed
- c. Communion around the altar will begin again Oct. 2
- d. Four Score and More fellowship on Sept. 25
- e. Search for special music, organists and pianists continues

3.Board of Parish Education

- a. Rally Sunday was well attended with children playing lawn games and enjoying the meal afterward.
- b. The search continues for a third superintendent

- c. Discussion about keeping students and parents updated about individual point totals

4. Other Business

- a. Janet Brag reported that there were around 50 families who took directory photos on Sept. 18 and 19
- b. Bonita reported meeting with staff from the church in our companion city in Nicaragua. Council discussed donating funds in the near future.
- c. Congregation received a “thank you” for our donation to Beaver Valley Church to help defray repair costs from storm damage.

5. President

- a. Todd Wilkinson reported that the Fact-Finding Committee is making progress and will be ready to report soon

The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2022, at 8:00 PM. Boards will meet at 7:30 prior to the meeting.

Todd Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

April Rusche, Secretary

Approved as read/corrected on

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OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES

Altar Guild— Amy Zell

**Ushers - Charles & Brooke Johnson
Rod & Cheryl Palmlund**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Communion Assist</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
Oct 2	Amy Hoefert	Warren Rusche	Gale Anderson	Glenda Haines Devon Clubb Kay Koehlmoos	Cody Zell Regan Albrecht
Oct 9	Wade Hoefert	Wade Hoefert	Shane Roth	No Communion	Owen Anderson
Oct 16	Bonita Albrecht	Bonita Albrecht	Cheryl Noem	No Communion	Jennifer Davis Jacob Davis
Oct 23	Cheryl Palmlund	Cheryl Palmlund	Brian Bindert	No Communion	Kenna Currier
Oct 30	Sharry Knock	Bonita Albrecht	Lindy Holland	Greg Skyberg Justin Smith Rhona Albrecht	Charli McCune Bristol McCune

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