

August 2023



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Fellowship 7pm Worship/Communion	31 5pm Women's Bible Study	1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Fellowship 7pm Worship/Communion	7 Fellowship Carpeting to be replaced this week	8	9 7:30 Boards Meet 8pm ALC Council	10	11	12
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The Voice

August 2023

Baptismal

Owen Anderson 8/2
Landon Bambas 8/2
Brynn Hojer 8/4
Kaylee Hojer 8/4
Lillian Albrecht 8/7
Sophia Gigov 8/9
Terran Skyberg 8/10
Carter Wilkinson 8/10
Eleanor Anderson 8/21
Kendra Elkins 8/21
Britney Coleman 8/24
Kash Gruenhagen 8/28
Krew Gruenhagen 8/28
Allie Schaefer 8/29
Everleigh Doyle 8/30
Greta Palmlund 8/31

Melva Peterson - 1
Janet Davis - 1
Rod Palmlund - 1
Warren Rusche - 1
Merle Neu - 3
Jeanne Gruenhagen - 4
Arianna Larson - 4
Wes Clubb - 5
Jared Hoefert - 5
Michael Scofield - 5
Jeff Hed - 7
Tom Gehm - 7
Alan Smith - 7
Ron Blachford - 8
Hayden Larson - 8
Hunter Larson - 8
Merle Poppen - 8
Pat Salonen - 8
Roger Abrahamson - 9
Justin Smith - 11
Michael Dylla - 12
Norman Koehlmoos - 12
Bonita Albrecht - 13
Dana Sand - 14
Riley Feltman - 15
Sharon VanMoer - 16

Birthday's

Savanna Vincent - 16
Donna Wade - 17
Kara Aughenbaugh - 18
Jeff Nolte - 18
Clifford Poppen - 19
Terry Holland - 22
Marvin Thompson - 22
Daisy Wipf - 23
Beckett Bjorkman - 24
Brady Anderson - 25
Dan Bettin - 26
Ron Brown - 27
Mark Wilkinson - 27
Richard Knadle - 28
Hailey Lee - 28
Kash Gruenhagen - 28
Krew Gruenhagen - 28
Patrick Nolte - 29
Stephan Albrecht - 30
Miles Albrecht - 30
Amanda Gehm - 30
Dylan Gehm - 30
Beth Abrahamson - 30
Brooke Johnson - 30
Dianne Mollner - 30
Phyllis Poppen - 31

Wedding Anniversary

Larry & Joyce Jansen - 1
Jeff & Tammy Albrecht - 3
Brad & Carolyn Geyer - 3
Greg & Arlys Skyberg - 4
Darin & Amy Zell - 4
Wes & Devon Clubb - 7
Denver & Becky Albrecht - 8
Chad & Vicki Dylla - 12
Eric & Brenda Johnson - 13
Jacob & Jennifer Anderson - 14
Rod & Ann Feltman - 15
Terry & Tricia Holland - 17
Jared & Darcie Tolzin - 17
Richard & Barb Zeller - 22
LeRoy & Jeania Koehlmoos - 25
Justin & Traci Smith - 26
Herb & Marie Rusche - 27
Chris & Renae Palmlund - 27
Tyler & Mia Gehm - 28



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GROWING IN FAITH

GOD HAS GREAT PLANS FOR YOU!

*This should have
broken some type
of record?*

**TRUCK UNLOADED
IN 23 MINUTES!!**

So many (of all ages) came
to help the Bendorf's unload
the moving truck, we did it
in record time!

Thank You to everyone
who helped!



Grayson Larson and the Larson Family on his baptism,
with his sponsors and Pastor David Peterson.

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

**Welcome Grayson Larson
as a member of the
American Lutheran Church
through Holy Baptism.**

CONFIRMATION CAMP



OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED WERE "ALL SMILES" THIS WEEK DURING CAMP!

One of the Camp Leaders had reported "We had so much fun, I forgot to take pictures!" That is such a blessing to hear in an era of technology, that kids these days can still have good old fashioned FUN!



READY, SET, MOVE!
FOLLOW JESUS HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE



Sneak Peak:
VBS is off to a great start!
More pictures and news to come next month!

Thank you to all the volunteers and the board of education for all the work to put on this wonderful event for our children!

JUNE 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)

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

June 2023
 23-Families
 2-New Families
 40-All People
 9- Children (17 & under)
 19- Senior (60+)
 21 -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

****Please Remember: September is ALC's month to supply the pantry.**



IN COMFORT;
 We express our sincerest sympathies to the family of Naomi Janssen. 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 Julie Baszler. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers in the loss of their loved one.

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THANK YOU! Your support, generosity, and hospitality in welcoming us to the area has been overwhelmingly positive. We already feel and see God's presence in this place in so many ways, and are grateful for the opportunity to come and to be a part of this amazing congregation and community! Thank you for calling us, blessing us, and welcoming us to De Smet! (And for filling our pantry ☺!)



As you can tell, we are beyond excited to be called here to American Lutheran Church in beautiful, De Smet! We are excited to get to know you, to serve alongside you in this community, and to grow in faith and trust in the Lord together. We would love to share a cup of coffee or a meal together, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to hearing your life stories and experiences and to witnessing how and where God is working in your lives and in this community.

Thank you for being a blessing! May God continue to lead and guide us as we seek to do His will at ALC!

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16

Pastor Nate and the Bendorf Family

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Congratulations

*Grace & Kadyn
Nolz*

on your recent wedding.



May God Bless you Both and Guide
You Through a Lifetime of
Married Bliss.

THANK YOU!

A huge 'Thank you' to all the members and friends of ALC for such a warm and caring welcome! From unloading the U-haul, to filling our pantry, to stopping over and saying hi - we have felt the love and support of this community in so many ways!

We are so grateful and cannot say thank you enough, as so many of you have 'welcomed the stranger (us)' with open arms! We truly feel and see the presence of God in this place and are excited to serve with and alongside you in what God is up to in our community and world!

Praise be to God! *Pr. Nate, Sarah & Izy*



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Greetings,

Outreach is everyone's responsibility and outreach can come in many different forms. As your president, I have made outreach a top priority to reach out to current members, to past members and to new arrivals in our community to join American Lutheran. We want to send a message that everyone is welcome.

A couple Sundays ago, my twin granddaughters wanted me to go play with them in the toy room during fellowship after church. That was an invitation that I could not resist but I also wanted to bounce around and say hi at the different tables during fellowship. So we played for a little bit and then I said that we need to go out and say hi to some people. Of course one of them said no and the other one said yes. So we went. The first person that we said hi to was Jerry. Now Jerry didn't want to talk to me. He wanted to talk to my granddaughter.

I don't know what my granddaughter got out of the conversation with Jerry, what I do know is that the outreach of my granddaughter created a special moment for Jerry. A moment that made his day.

Outreach is simply caring for others, because they care for you.

May God Bless You!

Thanks,

Alan



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ALCW Service Groups

Service Group #1	Service Group #2	Service Group #3	Service Group #4
Randi Albrecht	Becky Albrecht	Bonita Albrecht	Beth Abrahamson
Dawn Bindert	Rhona Albrecht	Jennifer Albrecht	Tammy Albrecht
Monica Blachford	Gale Anderson	Jennifer Anderson	Sarah Anderson
Debra Combs	Rachel Anderson	Lynda Brodersen	Elaine Behm
Wendy Currier	DesaRae Cleveland	Jacqueline Brown	Sarah Bendorf
Brenda Gehm	Vicki Dylla	Devon Clubb	Janet Brag
Marilyn Gehm	Carol Gilbertson	Janet Davis**	Marsha Brown
Mia Gehm	Tristin Gruenhagen	Ann Feltman	Jessie Currier
Carol Geyer	Glenda Haines	Cynthia Finkbeiner	Clara Fox
Karen Holmlund	Lisa Hinkley	Janet Flood	Hannah Gillen
Melissa Ingalls	Amy Hoefert	Helen Gehm	Jackie Griffin
Michelle Hansen	Jill Hoek	Kim Gehm	Bobbi Hauck
Kay Koehlmoos	Jennifer Hojer	Connie Geyer	Caryn Hojer
Mary Krenz	Shirley Keller	Jeanne Gruenhaen	Mikenna Hojer
Marlys Larson	Jeania Koehlmoos	Kathy Heller	Pam Hojer
Audrey Lembke	Raychel McKeever	Brooke Johnson	Lindy Holland
Diane Mann	Lindsay Notle	Myrna Knadle	Tricia Holland
Jessica McCune	Luanne Osthus	Sharry Knock**	Joyce Jansen
Kelly McCune	Cheryl Palmlund**	Vicky Larson	Melva Peterson
Vicki McCune	Donna Palmlund	Linda Lee	Monica Roth
Cheryl Noem	Teresa Palmlund**	Lynne Lee	Pat Salonen
Austie Olsen	Caryn Pastian	Dianne Mollner	Marcene Smith
Bette Poppen**	Judy Poppen	Diane Munger	Darcie Tolzin
Judy Stubbe	April Rusche	Scott Myer	Donna Wade
Evelyn Twite	Amy Scofield	Lew Page	Ashley Warner
Chelsea Wipf	Debra Skyberg	Dianne Petersen	Cheryl Wilkinson
Judy Wolkow**	Heidi Smith	Phyllis Poppen	Mary Wilkinson**
Judy M Wolkow	Joyce Thompson	Marcia Richards	
	Kristi Timp	Samantha Schaefer	
	Jennifer Vincent	Arlys Skyberg	
	Sharon Wendel	Marilyn Skyberg	
	Amy Zell	Amy Wilkinson	

**-Denotes Chairperson

ALCW Service Groups help serve fellowship for special events such as funerals or other events when volunteers are needed to help serve a meal.

I would like to
thank the
Church Council and
the entire American
Lutheran Church
family for the very
thoughtful gift.
The bike store gift
certificate is much
appreciated and will
help keep my (two)
wheels on the road!
It was a blessing to be
able to share the
gospel with all of you
these past months and
I am excited to see
what the Lord has for
us in the time ahead!
Thank you again and
God bless and keep all,
Stuart Twite



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A Devotion: Spend Time with Jesus Instead of Your Phone

from Author Karen Ehman

She is also a contributing author in the current Women's Bible Study "Twelve More Women of the Bible"

July 3, 2023

*"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"
Psalm 42:2 (NIV)*

I lazily reached my arm across the nightstand beside me to silence the clanging alarm. A retro battery-operated clock, its classic bell tone coaxes me each morning out of a deep sleep and sends me on to my morning routine ...

Shower. Dress. Check to make sure my son hasn't overslept. Make the bed. Start the coffee maker and a load of laundry. Grab some java and head into my home office.

My hope is that, once I am comfortably seated at my desk, the next half-hour or so of my daybreak ritual will follow this progression: I'll flip open my Bible, grab an adorable journal and a smooth-writing pen and connect with my Creator, stopping only to sip coconut-mocha coffee from my whimsical pale pink mug.

I wish I could say this is how the morning scenario unfolds every day, but I'd be fibbing. More often than I'd care to admit, it looks a bit like this:

The alarm sounds. I shut it off, but then I spy my cell phone. It is then that the pull begins — not physically magnetic, but strong nonetheless. It tugs on my heart and swallows my time.

"Just a quick check to see if I have any text messages," I reason to myself. Then, the yank begins. Every tap. Each new swipe. They all lure me deeper into the black hole of social media, making empty promises. "You simply *must* read that intriguing news piece on Twitter ... the one with the captivating headline. Can't start the day off right without it." Or, my clicking catapults me down a trail of curiosity when I notice an old friend's family update on Instagram or a Facebook ad for a product that promises to make my life more organized, exciting, or Pinterest-y.

Glancing at the top of my phone, I notice the time. "Well, that's 23 minutes I'll never get back!" Now behind from the get-go, I must let go of any hopes I had for carving out a slice of my morning to meet with God.

Psalm 42:2 states, *"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"*

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My soul thirsts for God. We might read that as a wish — we *wish* we had that kind of longing for the Lord. However, if read in a straightforward manner, we can take it as fact: The soul of a believer thirsts for God. Sadly, we often try to quench that dryness with trivial pursuits like phone tapping. Yet we still experience a parched soul.

The last phrase of the verse tosses a question into the mix: *When can I go meet with God?* Well? Let's take this as our cue to answer that inquiry. When *can* you go meet with God?

Meeting with the Lord doesn't have to be in a legalistic manner, surmising there is something magical about a pre-dawn meeting. Perhaps the best time for a mom of littles is during naptime. Maybe another working woman's lunch break affords the best chunk of time when she can shut off the phone and flip open the Bible. You might even be a "curl up in my fuzzy jammies before turning in for the night" kind of girl who is most attentive at bedtime.

No matter what works best for you, make time today to go meet with God. Ghost your phone. Turn it back on only when it is truly needed. Your relationship with Jesus will grow stronger because of it, and your gadget won't even notice you're gone.

Lord, please grant me the determination to put my phone on "do not disturb" so I can focus on learning more about You through reading Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TRUTHS FOR TODAY

Psalm 27:8, "My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, Lord, I will seek." (NIV)

Proverbs 3:1, "My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart." (NLT)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What grade would you give yourself when it comes to ignoring your phone and picking up the Bible instead? What's one doable action step you can take today that will help improve your grade?

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AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES

**Altar Guild— Heidi Smith
Ushers - Dave & Kathy Heller**

Date	Projection	Sound System	Lectors	Communion	Acolytes	Music
Aug 6	Cheryl Palmlund	Cheryl Palmlund	Cortney Smith	Justin Smith	Bristol McCune	Marie Rusche
Aug 13	Bonita Albrecht	Bonita Albrecht	Janet Davis	No Comm	Allie Schaefer	Devon Clubb
Aug 20	Amy Hoefert	Wade Hoefert	Sarah Bendorf	Devon Clubb	Bella Wilkinson	Mary Weerts
Aug 27	Sharry Knock	Janet Brag	Logan Griffin Megan Dylla	No Comm	Rogan Albrecht	Mary Weerts

American Lutheran Church
Regular Council Meeting – July 12, 2023

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

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**, **Jackie Griffith**, **Darcie Tolzin**

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

Visitors – Janet Brag

Devotion – Led by Pastor Nate

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

Secretary's Report The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. **Des made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by Kay. – The motion passed**

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report for the month of April 2023 was presented. **Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report by Norm K. and was seconded by Norm W. - Motion passed**

Pastor's Report – Pastor Nate conveyed the gratefulness that he and Sarah have felt since their arrival to DeSmet. They were very appreciative of the pantry shower and the help moving in.

1. Nate has spent his first weeks reaching out to The Village, Silver Plains and community businesses, as well as other area clergy.
2. Pastor reported that he has been preparing for the Albrecht wedding, a baptism and Bishop Hagmaier's visit for his installation
3. He is also counseling the Baszler family in this difficult time

Old Business

1. Trustees Report

- a. Norm K. reported that work in the parsonage is largely completed with the exception of a couple of doors that need fixing as well as updated fire extinguishers and smoke detectors that need installation
- b. There was discussion about the surplus old tables being stored or to keep them, nothing was decided.
- c. Replacement of the basement carpeting is scheduled for August 6. Painting has been completed
- d. Trustees continue to work with Wade Hoefert and Huron Paving for the parking lot maintenance
- e. Nothing to report on the Disaster Plan
- f. Loose carpet near the altar will be glued back down

g. Pastor Nate has turned in receipts for moving expenses

2. Deacon and Deaconesses

- a. Devon reported that they would provide fellowship on July 30
- b. Communion will be in two lines on July 16
- c. New member induction is scheduled for September 24
- d. Communion assistants for August 6th and 20th have been secured

3. Board of Education

- a. Des reported that the Board of Ed are making preparations for VBS which will be held on the evenings of July 24-26 from 6:00-8:00 pm
- b. After VBS the board will begin preparing for Sunday School and obtaining teachers

4. Other Business Items

- a. Vicki and Jackie began a discussion about planting new trees on the grounds
- b. Janet B read 2 thank you cards from HS graduates Emma Albrecht and Griffin Clubb. We also received one from Matt Ruche.

5. President

- c. Still looking for a Deacon
- d. Waiting on Todd W. to look over proposed changes to the by-laws of ALC
- e. Alan expressed that reaching out to non-members and non-actives of ALC is the responsibility of everyone!
- f. April Rusche has resigned as Secretary of the Council and the search for an interim secretary has been initiated.

Jake Anderson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Des Cleveland

April Rusche, Secretary

Approved as read/corrected on

American Lutheran Church
Regular Council Meeting – June 14, 2023

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

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Visitors – Janet Brag and Dennis Holmlund

Devotion – Led by Alan Hojer

Approval of Agenda- Glen made a motion to approve the agenda. Rich seconded. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. **Amy made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by Norm W. – The motion passed**

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report for the month of April 2023 was presented. **Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report by Norm W. and was seconded by Glen - Motion passed**

Pastor's Report – Janet read a letter to the Council from Pastor Petersen thanking the congregation and wishing us well.

Old Business

1. Trustees Report

- a. Norm K. updated the council on the progress in the parsonage. Painting was done by the Levijoki Crew for \$6,300.
- b. Carpet cleaning is going to be completed on June 22
- c. There was discussion about possibly replacing some blinds and a bathroom door.
- d. A bid from Blackburn to tile the basement and install a pump was received. The costs would be approximately \$10,000 for repair one wall and \$18,000 for 2 walls. This was followed by a discussion of feasibility.
- e. A dead pine tree needs removal. Wade Hoefert agreed to paint indicator lines.
- f. Trustees proposed covering any moving expenses incurred by the Bendorfs, which was followed by discussion.
- g. **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Robin and Sophia Gigov, Kathy and Norm Whitaker, and Greg and Arlys Skyberg for the care and beautification of the parsonage yard and flowers

2. Deacon and Deaconesses

- a. Devon reported that they would provide fellowship on July 30
- b. Communion will be on July 2, 16, and 30

- c. New member induction will possibly be in September
- d. There was discussion about sending off Pastor Petersen and compensation for Stuart Twite for helping with services
- e. **A motion was made by Jackie G. to provide compensation and was seconded by Devon. Motion passed.**
- f. Pastor Nathan Bendorf's first church service will be July 9 and his installation is scheduled for July 16th

3. Board of Education

- a. 3 students will be attending Confirmation Camp on June 25-30. Jake Anderson volunteered to drive them to NeSoDak and Austie will bring them home
- b. VBS is scheduled for the evenings of July 24-26. Volunteers are needed

4. President

- a. Call Committee will continue on for 6 months to help with Pastor's transition into our congregational family
- b. Council discussed ways/events to welcome the Bendorf family to the community
- c. There is still an opening for a Deacon on the Board
- d. First draft of a procedure for presenting submissions of by-laws changes is still being considered by Todd Wilkinson

Rich Abrahamson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Des Cleveland

April Rusche, Secretary

Approved as read/corrected on
