



**Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
**Stop Going to Church: Be the Church**  
**You Want Me to Lead?**

**8:00am Worship order is on page 2 | 10:15am Worship order is on page 4**

**American Lutheran Church walks in the faith of Jesus  
as we walk with others.**

*All are welcome to be a part of God's Church. There is a place for you here at American Lutheran Church. Our mission is to "share the good news of what God has done for us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!"*

**September Birthday Greetings this week . . .**

*- If your birthday is missing or wrong, please let Kelly in the office know or write it on the slips inserted in the Bulletin. Thanks!*

- 1) Aria Khounin, Kurtis Obermoller
- 2) Dee Weiland,
- 3) Karen Pfeifer, Kevin Spieker
- 4) Brooklyn Klosterman
- 5) Shirley Barkuloo, Lucas Hohenstein, Bailey Ponto
- 6) Bennett Ahlers
- 7) Bryan Namanny, Stuart Evensen
- 8) Ethan Anderson, Dwayne Wienrank

**Today's Flower arrangement is given by: *Jean Bastian***

***Open dates are Nov. 19 - Dec. 3, 17, 31 - Jan. 7, 14, 28 - Feb. 4, 11***

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers for 2023-24, contact Kelly Henkels in the office or Dee Hale at (507) 372-2786. The cost of a bouquet of flowers is \$27.00. You can keep them or donate them. Please remember to pay for your flowers in the office.

**Scripture Readings for next Sunday's worship services:**

*Hymns, prayers, and preaching will be drawn from the themes in these stories.*

*Theme: Stop Going to Church: 'Those People' Are Included?*  
*The translation used for the sermon will be from the Message*  
*Reading: John 4: 1-30*

## 8 AM | First Word Worship Order

FM Ministry for this service is 88.3

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn:

*Gather Us In*

**ELW 532**

Greeting

Kyrie

**ELW p. 147**

Canticle of Praise:

*Glory to God in the Highest*

**ELW p. 148**

Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Scripture Story: 2 Corinthians 5: 1-9

Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia*

**ELW p. 151**

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-5

Sermon

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn:

*The Church of Christ in Every Age (vs 1, 2, 3 &5)*

**ELW 523**

Affirmation of Being Church

The Prayers of God's Church

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering Invitation

Community News

Offering Music (*Instrumental*)

Offering Prayer

### MEAL

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion Instructions

Communion Hymn:

*Lamb of God*

**ELW p. 154**

Hymn during Communion

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

**ELW 802**

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

### SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn:  
Dismissal  
Postlude

*You Give the Great Commission* (vs. 1, 2, & 5)

**ELW 579**

### **8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders**

**Ministers:** All people of the American Lutheran Church

**Pastors:** Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

**Musicians:** Cindy Anderson & Aubrey Anderson

**Ushers:** Paul Landberg, Diane Levine, Lori Ailts, Justin Graff

**Greeters:** Vern & Val Correll

## **Caring News | Prayer Ministry**

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### ***Health Concerns: (Short and long-term sickness and illness)***

- Ruth Rusche
- Maci Their
- Gabby Peterson
- Gerald Fuerstenberg

### ***In Sympathy: (Grieving the death of family).***

Those who mourn the illness and dying of their pets.

Those whose memories are dimming and awareness of today is fleeting.

### ***Praise the Lord: (Joys and Answered Prayers):***

- The renewal of the Praise Band.
- The kindness of others.

### ***For Support: (On-going life circumstances)***

- Jo Strube- Mother of Cathy Buxengard
- Mitchell Wagner- Grandson of Keith and Kathy Harberts
- Marvella- Mother of Sherrie and Kevin Adolph
- Montana Scholten- Granddaughter of Sherrie and Kevin Adolph
- Ruth Weiland- Granddaughter of Dee Weiland
- Patrick Weiland- Son of Dee Weiland
- Buddy and Sylvia Richter- Parents of Laura Bourquin
- Mary Hamlin-Palmer- Aunt of Jeremy Hallquist
- MaryJo Duerksen- Aunt of Shirley Rempel
- Myron Grams- Brother-in-law to Herman & Rose Bakker, Ronnie & Ruth Norenberg

Our prayer list will be updated every two weeks. Please notify the office or pastors if you wish to have someone remain on the list.

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn:

*Gather Us In*

**ELW 532**

Confession & Forgiveness

Song of Praise:

*Salvation Song*

Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

Scripture Story: 2 Corinthians 5: 1-9

Scripture Song

*Build Up (chorus sung twice)*

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-5

Message

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Hymn:

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

Affirmation of Being Church

The Prayers of God's Church

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering Invitation

Community News

Offering Music (*Instrumental*)

Offering Prayer

**MEAL**

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion Instructions

Communion Hymn:

*Come People of the Risen King*

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

**SENDING**

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *We Are the Church (The Church Song)*  
Dismissal  
Postlude

**10:15 AM | Journey Worship Leaders**

**Ministers:** All people of American Lutheran Church

**Pastors:** Anne Hokenstad & Jeremy Hallquist

**Musicians:** Cindy Anderson & Aubrey Anderson

**Ushers:** Lyle Oberloh, Gary Brandt, Megan Prins

**Greeter:** Marchelle Jorgensen

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<b>This Sunday 10/1</b>	<b>Next Sunday 10/8</b>
<b>Fill:</b> Jean Bastian	Lori Heitkamp
<b>Refill:</b> Kieth & Marj Olson	Audrey Brake
<b>Clean up:</b> Aubrey Anderson	Pat Remme
<b>Communion Servers:</b> <b>8:00-</b> Harlan & Pam Handevidt, Jean Bastian <b>10:15-</b> Mark & Kay	<b>8:00-</b> Dave & Brenda Baerenwald, Dave Nerem <b>10:15-</b> Nancy Marco, Karen Juber, Judi Hoebet

**Coffee Servers:** Bob & Shirly Wieme, Donna Cargin      **Church Lock-up:** Dennis Hibma

**Announcements | Oct. 1-8, 2023**

**Thankoffering Sunday:** Today we give God thanks for the ministry of the Lutheran Women’s Ministry at American Lutheran. Every year, this group of faithful disciples live out their faith in Jesus and walk with others. Please note there are special offering envelopes available for you to give a support or sacrificial financial gift to this vital ministry.

**Adult Faith Forum on Sundays-** Between worship services, join the conversation as we take a deeper dive into the scripture and sermon. 9:15-10:00am in the Conference Room. Materials provided. Get coffee and morning snack before you come to the table.

**Two options for Coffee & Kinship** happen on a Sunday morning. In the Fellowship hall, join with others for a time of coffee, kinship, and donuts. There will be coffee, treats, and kinship in the Gathering Space in a ‘coffee house’ atmosphere. There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome center if you would like to help with Contemporary Coffee.

**Help Refill Care Items for Love Inc.-** The care items needed are Deodorant, Lotion, & Conditioner. You can drop them off in the office.

**Write an Entry of the ALC November Devotion Booklet –** Calling writers to compose a short devotion similar to those in *Christ In Our Home*. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center as well as near the bulletin board in the Kitchen Hallway. There is information and an example available, too. See Pr. Anne for details and questions.

**Sourdough Bread Baking Class-** One of the activities during Stewardship months (November) will be a sourdough bread making class led by Pr. Anne. Save these dates: Friday, November 17 from 5:30-6:30pm and Saturday, November 19 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Class size is limited to 10-12 students. The cost is \$10 dollars. Sign-up is at the Welcome Center. If you have a cast iron or enamel Dutch oven that can be used in this class, please connect with Pr. Anne.

**Pastors on the Road!** October 5-7, Pr. Jeremy will be at First Call Theological Education class. This is part of a three-year learning cohort for all first call pastors throughout the ELCA. Pr. Jeremy meets with other First Call pastors within our synod. On October 8-10, the pastors will be at the SW MN Synod Fall Theological Conference in Sioux Falls. They are available for emergency pastoral calls.

**Operation Christmas Child-** Shipping each box for a child through this ministry costs \$10 to ship. Please consider donating a gift of \$10, \$20, or even \$30 to aid the Lutheran Women and others who have purchased and packaged nearly 140 boxes. Checks can be written to ALC with Operation Christmas Child written in the memo line.

**A BIG THANK YOU!**- to the wonderful Mobile Meals volunteer drivers: Larry & Jan Petersen, Vern & Val Correll, Donna Cargin, Shirly Wieme, Dee Hale, Marcia Basche, Grant & Mureen Sorensen, Judi & Bill Hoebet, Paul Langseth, Jay Jensen, Pam & Harlan Handevit, Marchelle Jorgensen, Sharon Johansen, Erlin Weness, Dennis Hibma, Lori & Steve Dudley, Roger & Clasine Lester. You're such a blessing!

### **Looking Ahead**

**October 8,** Gift of the Word Milestone, and Companion Synod Guest

**October 10,** Worship services – 2:30pm at Golden Horizons, 3:30pm at the Meadows.

**October 15,** 9:00am, Special Congregational Meeting for Constitutional Updates

**October 15,** New Member Sunday @ 10:15 Journey Worship

**October 29,** Reformation Sunday

**October 29,** Affirmation of Baptism Rite at the at the 10:15am Journey Worship

## Scandinavian\*Smorgasbord\*Specialties\*Sale



During the entire month of October, Lutheran Women will be celebrating its annual Scandinavian Smorgasbord fundraiser. The goal is to reach \$6,000 in donations to continue the important ministries of our Lutheran Women organization. **FOUR** activities will be taking place during the month: **cash donations, silent auction, bake sales and the meatball and lefse food sale.**

### MEATBALL, LEFSE SALE and Pastry SALE

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Two Scandinavian Smorgasbord favorites will be sold in the Fellowship Hall:

**Meatballs** - \$8.00/quart

**Lefse** - \$8.00/18 pieces

**Pastries** - \$5.00/container of 6

The sale will take place after each morning worship service until sold out. We are doubling the quantity of meatballs and lefse this year! Plan ahead for your next family gathering or for the holidays!

*Mange tusen takk!*

**Help Make Rosettes-** Rosettes for the Smorgasbord Sunday will be made on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the church kitchen beginning at 8:30AM. Please call Jean at 480-414-4297 if you would be willing to help or if you have a deep fryer we could use for frying.

**SIGN UP to help with the SMORGASBORD** – Lutheran Women's *Scandinavian Smorgasbord Specialties Sale* is coming up on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> when delicious meatballs, lefse and pastries will be sold. Your help is needed in a few ways to ensure a successful fundraiser. **SIGN UP SHEETS** are in the narthex today for:

- Making the meatballs on Thursday, October 5
- Making gravy and cooking meatballs on October 6
- Packaging up meatballs on October 7
- Helping at the sales table on October 8
- Making pastries – rosettes, sandbakkels, krumkakke

You will have plenty of good instruction! It will be fun to work together on this important fundraiser for the ministries of our Lutheran Women's organization. *Thank you!*

# Oct. 1-8 Calendar

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## October 1

**Thankoffering**  
8:00am First Word  
9:00am Coffee & Kinship  
/Contemporary CH  
9:15mm Sunday School/Faith  
Formation  
10:15am Journey Worship

## October 5

9:00am Martha Circle

## October 2

9:30am Staff Meeting  
3:00pm Esther Circle

## October 6

## October 3

7:45am Men's Fellowship  
9:30am Mary Circle @ Judi  
Hoebet's House  
11:00am Worship Planning  
1:00pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Bell Choir

## October 7

## October 8

### **Gift of the Word**

8:00am First Word  
9:00am Coffee & Kinship  
/Contemporary CH  
9:15am SS, FF  
10:15am Journey Worship  
-Bible Presentation  
-Bible Orientation  
-Smorgasbord Sale

## October 4

9:00am Quilt Tying  
5:30pm Meal  
6:30pm Service  
7:00pm Bible Study  
Faith Formation

### **Church Office Hours**

#### **Monday – Friday**

8:00am – 12:00pm

#### **Monday – Thursday**

12:30pm – 2:30pm

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### **Friday**

Pastors' Sabbath Day

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