



Sunday, October 8, 2023
Stop Going to Church: Be the Church
“Those People” Are Included?

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**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!

- 8) Ethan Anderson, Dwayne Wienrank
- 9) Lois Harberts, Nancy Marco, Scott Rose
- 10) Dave Baerenwald, Madison Johnson, Theron Miller
- 11) Lisa Peterson,
- 13) Gladys Haack, Jean Weness
- 14) Michael Gadda, Ricky Prins
- 15) Anthony Quintanilla

Today’s Flower arrangement is given by:

Myra Kluver

Celebrating her mother Lois Harberts’ Birthday on 10/9

Open dates are Nov. 19 - Dec. 17 - 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 \$30.00. 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: ‘It’s Just A Phase: FAITH through the phases’

Reading: Romans 12:3-6 and Psalm 118: 15-24

8 AM | First Word Worship Order
FM Ministry for this service is 88.3

GATHERING

Prelude		
Welcome		
Confession & Forgiveness		
Gathering Hymn:	<i>Rise Shine You People</i>	ELW 665
Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 147
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia</i>	ELW p. 151
Scripture Story: John 4: 1-20 (MSG)		
Gospel: John 4: 21-30 (MSG)		
Meditation		

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn:	<i>I heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i>	ELW 332
Greetings from Our Companion Synod Partner		
Litany for Partnership Sunday		
The Prayers of God's Church		
Sharing the Peace of Christ		
Offering Invitation		
Community News		
Offering Music (<i>Instrumental</i>)		
Offering Prayer		

MEAL

Invitation to the Table		
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		
Communion Instructions		
Communion Hymn:	<i>Lamb of God</i>	ELW p. 154
Hymn during Communion	<i>Just As I Am</i>	ELW 592
Communion Blessing		
Prayer After Communion		

SENDING

Blessing
Sending Hymn:
Dismissal
Postlude

Go to the World

ACS 991

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: Audrey Brake

Caring News | Prayer Ministry

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

- Ruth Rusche
- Maci Their
- Gabby Peterson
- Gerald Fuerstenberg
- Dorothy Koehn
- Cheryl Martinez

In Sympathy: (Grieving the death of family).

Jo Strube mother of Cathy Buxengard.

David Gehrke brother of Lois Harberts.

Praise the Lord: (Joys and Answered Prayers):

- Global Partnerships
- The changing of the seasons

For Support: (On-going life circumstances)

- 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 Song: *Now Is the Time to Worship*
Confession & Forgiveness
Song of Praise: *10,000 Reasons*

WORD

Milestone: Gift of the Word
Scripture Song: *Jesus Loves Me (vs.1)*
Scripture Story: John 4: 1-30
Meditation

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song: *Death Was Arrested*
Greetings from Our Companion Synod Partner *Akhona Kleinbooi*
Litany for Partnership Sunday
The Prayers of God's Church
Sharing the Peace of Christ
Offering Invitation
Community News
Offering Music (*Instrumental*)

MEAL

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
Communion Instructions
Communion Hymn: *You'll Never Thirst* *Aubrey & Cindy Anderson*
Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessing
Sending Song:: *Cornerstone*
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: Jerry & Mavis Sandstrom

This Sunday 10/8	Next Sunday 10/15
Fill: Lori Heitkamp	Connie Voss
Refill: Audrey Brake	Harlan & Pam Handevitd
Clean up: Pat Remme	Dennis & Dee Hale
Communion Servers: 8:00- Dave & Brenda Baerenwald, Dave Nerem 10:15- Nancy Marco, Karen Juber, Judi Hoevet	8:00- Mike & Lisa Petron, Russ Obermoller, Dee Hale 10:15- Roger & Clasine Lester, Jill Cuperus, Laura Hoffman
Coffee Servers: Jean Bastian, Pat Remme & Mary Turner	Church Lock-up: Dennis Hibma

Announcements | Oct. 8-15, 2023

Milestone: Gift of the Word at 10:15, Young people will receive their Bibles as we as a Church continue to fulfill our baptismal promises as water was poured over their heads.

Companion Synod Partner Guest: At 10:15, Akhona Kleinbooi will join us for a message from our Partner Church. We thank her for her presence among us today and for the time the whole delegation has experienced within our Synod.

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

SW MN Fall Theological Conference: Both pastors will attend the annual Fall Theological Conference in Sioux Falls October 8-10. Rostered leaders gather together to learn, worship, play, and engage in God's goodness. Pr. Anne and Pr. Jeremy are available for emergency pastoral care during this time of retreat.

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

Write an Entry in the ALC November Devotion Booklet – Calling writers to compose a short devotion similar to those in *Christ In Our Home*. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center and 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 5:30-6:30 pm 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.

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.

Coffee Servers ARE NEEDED: Consider engaging in the role of a “Coffee Server” between worship services in the Fellowship Hall and the Gathering Space. Both need a strong group of people to sustain this ministry. More hands make light work. This ministry is vital to our hospitality to others and sustaining relationships with each other.

Looking Ahead

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

Fall Festival

Food | Games | Crafts

Pumpkin Bowling

Cookie Painting



Scarecrow Contest

Gel Printing

Roasting
Marshmallows

Candy Corn Floats

Scarecrow Tag

Face Painting

Ring-a-Pumpkin



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October 2023

5:30-8pm

Meal, followed by
activities for ALL AGES!

Free

At The Barn - 1815 East Avenue



Fall Festival! Fun for all Ages. Sign up to help with the different station by going to the link below or scan the code with the camera on your phone.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA8AA2FA6FBCF8-fall2>

Oct. 8- 15 Calendar

October 8

Gift of the Word
8:00am First Word
9:00am Coffee & Kinship
/Contemporary CH
9:15am Sunday School/Faith
Formation
10:15am Journey Worship
-Bible Presentation
-Bible Orientation
-Smorgasbord Sale

October 9

October 10

7:45am Men's Fellowship
11:00am Worship Planning
1:00pm Bible Study
2:30pm Golden Horizons
3:30pm Meadows
5:00pm Stewardship
6:30pm Executive
7:00pm Bell Choir

October 11

9:00am Quilt Tying
11:30am WACMA
1:00pm Staff meeting
2:30pm Worship Planning
5:30pm Meal- Soup & Sliders
6:30pm Service
7:00pm Bible Study
Faith Formation

October 12

October 13

October 14

October 15

New Member Sunday

8:00am First Word
9:00am Coffee & Kinship
/Contemporary CH
9:15am SS, FF
10:15am Journey Worship
9:00am **Constitution Meeting**

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00am – 12:00pm

Monday – Thursday

12:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday

Pastors' Sabbath Day
