



**Sunday, July 30, 2023**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Today: Sermon Series: #FOR | “taking risks**  
**Next Sunday: Sermon Series #FOR | “gray”**

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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!”*

**July/August 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!*

30) Rosie Nerem, Jacob Smith

1) Lola Lindquist

2) Cindy Anderson, Toni Brouillet

3) Sandy Demuth, Clay Getting, David Jurgensen, Mark Shepherd

4) Amanda Martinez

5) Jill Vote

6) Tyler Obermoller

**Today’s Flower arrangement is given by:**

*Dave Nerem for his mom’s 95th Birthday, Rosie Nerem*

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

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

Matthew 14:22-36

## 8 AM | First Word Worship Order

FM Ministry for this service is 88.3

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song:

*Here I Am to Worship*

Greeting

### WORD

Sermon Series #FORTheme Song: *Ask the Complicated Questions*

**ACS 1005**

Prayer of the Day

Gospel Acclamation: *Jesus Loves Me* (vs. 1)

**ELW 595**

Sermon

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn:

*Gratitude*

Creed and Confession

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering Invitation

Community News

Offering

*VBS Video*

Offering Prayer

The Prayers of God's Church

### MEAL

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Communion Instructions

Communion:

*Mission Trip Video*

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

### SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn:

*Go, Make Disciples*

Postlude

## 8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders

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

**Pastors:** Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

**Musicians:** Sherri Isder, Dan Horn, Jocelyn Horn

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

**Greeters:** Lyle & Connie Voss

## 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
- MaryJo Duerksen

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

- *Family & friends of Betty Herreid who was buried on Friday, July 28 at 2pm.*
- *Family & friends of Josh Noerenberg grandson of Roxann & Alfie Polzine and great-nephew to Ronnie & Ruth Noerenberg.*
- *Family & friends of Jane Scotting, sister to Judy Fischer who died this past week.*

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.

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

- The trust between work colleagues
- For the strength of our congregation

### *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
- Buddy and Sylvia Richter- Parents of Laura Bourquin
- Patrick Weiland- Son of Dee Weiland
- Mary Hamlin-Palmer- Aunt of Jeremy Hallquist

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## 10 AM | Journey Worship Leaders

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**Pastors:** Anne Hokenstad & Jeremy Hallquist

**Musicians:** Sherri Isder Jocelyn Horn

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

**Greeter:** Shirley Rempel

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### **This Sunday 7/30**

**Fill:** Connie Voss

**Refill:** Harlan & Pam Handevitd

**Clean up:** Megan Prins

**Communion Servers: 8:00-** Grant Sorensen,  
Gordy & Lori Heitkamp **10:00-** Nancy Marco,  
Melissa Jensen, Laura Hoffman

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### **Next Sunday 8/6**

Sharon Johansen

Marlyn & Corrine Mammen

Paul & Marlys Busse

**8:00-** Connie Voss, Mark Shepherd, Rod  
Obermoller **10:00-** Mary Turner, Linden  
Olson, Nancy Marco

**Coffee Servers:** Karen Pfeifer

**Church Lock-up:** Erlin Weness

## **Announcements | July 30-August 6, 2023**

### **Staff Summer Travel**

Please note that between the middle of July – end of August, all of the staff will be exploring God’s world with friends and family at various times or traveling for ministry. One of the pastors will always be in town and the office hours will be staffed.

### **Looking Ahead:**

August 6, Sermon Topic: #FOR | “for gray”

August 27, “At the Barn” Celebration Worship and Meal

August 28, Labor Day, “Office Closed

September 10, God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday

### **LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN-**

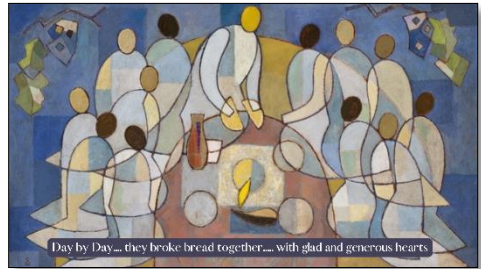
The American Lutheran Men’s Group would like to invite any interested men to join us as we start a new study series August 1<sup>st</sup>. The new 9 study series is called GROWING OLDER AND WISER. It is a Life Guide Bible Study written by Dale Larsen & Sandy Larsen. We don’t know what we don’t know. Should be fun, we always have fun. We meet every Tuesday morning at 7:45 for one hour in the conference room.



You are encouraged to take your bulletin home for the week, but if you have not added any information to the Communication insert, please recycle it, either in the offering plate, or in the small blue recycle bins at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you!

### **Leadership Forms**

In the July Messenger, your household received a Leadership Form. You are encouraged to read and complete this with the ways you and your gifts and talents can build up God's Church. There are all sorts of roles available to enrich our life together. There are teaching opportunities, ministry teams to participate in, leadership options, and all sorts of ways to build up the gift of our congregation and how we can reach into our congregation and reach out to our community. Look for the form that has the image of the people breaking bread together. If you need another copy, please connect with Kelly in the Church Office.



### **Ways to Financially Support God's Work Through Our Hands**

Read about ways you can financially support ministry at ALC. Find a pathway that fits you.

#### **Pathway to Support: Gift Cards**

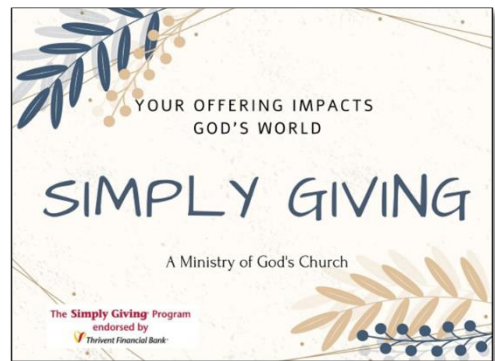
- **Grocery Cards:** Please consider contributing to that debt reduction! Purchase your Hy-Vee and Fareway Gift Cards on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, before services, or on weekdays in the church office. Checks are preferred, made out to American Lutheran Building Fund, with "Gift Cards" on the memo line. Contact Harlan or Pam Handevidt at 507-376-5682.
- **Various Gift Cards:** Make an intentional stop in downtown Worthington to Main Steet Kids and ask to purchase available gift cards for American Lutheran Church. A percentage of your purchase supports the middle school and high school youth program.

**Pathway to Sacrificial Giving: Building Debt Retirement:** As a congregation, we are focused on a specific ministry of reducing our building debt. If you are able to give sacrificially to this ministry, contact Sandy Demuth in the Church Office.

**Pathway to Support: Sustaining Offerings:** God’s mission relies on all types of givers. What kind of giver are you? Below is a description of types of Americans Givers (donors) to non-profit organizations. *Consider which description best fits your giving.* As a congregation, ALC’s ability to serve God and speak about Jesus’ love is dependent on each of these types of givers. Connect with Marv Isder, Sandy Demuth, or even one of ALC’s pastors as you discover the intersection of financial stewardship and your faith. (This article comes from the Lake Institute of Faith & Giving. This section is reprinted with permission).

- **Planned Givers:** Follow systems or routines of giving and make conscious decisions to give more money away. About 16% of donors are Planned Givers.
- **Habitual Givers:** Follow systems or routines of giving, yet also just happen to give. About 6% of donors are Habitual Givers.
- **Selective Givers:** Make a conscious decision to give, yet also give spontaneously. About 17% of donors are Selective Givers.
- **Impulsive Givers:** Are spontaneous or situational in their giving, which just happens. About 42% of donors are Impulsive Givers.
- **Atypical Givers:** Identified as a non-giver for one question but selected a giver approach for the second. About 19% of donors are Atypical Givers.

Ways to Give		
 <b>Online Giving</b> Make a safe, secure, online gift by scanning the QR Code with your phone.	 <b>Text to Give</b> Simply text "Give" to (507) 330-7007 and follow the prompts to donate.	 <b>Mail in or Offering Plates</b> Offerings can be dropped in the offering plate during worship or mailed to 915 Winifred St., Worthington, MN 56187
		



YOUR OFFERING IMPACTS  
GOD'S WORLD

# SIMPLY GIVING

A Ministry of God's Church

The Simply Giving Program  
endorsed by  
Thrivent Financial Bank

**Art & Craft Fair Date for Next Year-** November 4, 2023, is the date for our 2nd Art and Craft Fair. This is a time to celebrate arts and crafts, as well as baked goods. This year we will also have BarBQ Sandwiches available. Connie Voss is the leader for this event. Please connect with by phone 507-360-8362 or email her at [cmvoss10@gmail.com](mailto:cmvoss10@gmail.com)

**Help fill Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes THIS SUMMER!** *Stop at the red wagons in the entryways to pick up a list of ideas for items or pick up a shoebox to fill on your own or use the envelope provided at the wagon to give a cash donation. Thank You!!*

# July 30-August 6 Calendar

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## July 30

8:00am First Word  
9:00am Coffee & Kinship  
10:00am Journey Worship

## August 3

10:00am Text Study

Confirmation Camp  
July 30<sup>th</sup>- August 4<sup>th</sup>

## July 31

9:00am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm Mission & Ministry

## August 4

## August 1

7:45am Men's Fellowship  
11:00am Worship Planning

## August 5

## August 6

8:00am First Word  
9:00am Coffee/Kinship  
10:00am Journey

## August 2

9:00am Quilt Tying

## **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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Thank you to all helped with the refurbing of the Fellowship Hall floor. The Property Ministry Team asks that as the “floor cures” that all of us be very careful when moving chairs. Please **pick them up** rather than sliding them on the floor.  
*Thank you.*