



**Sunday, September 24, 2023**  
**Today: A Restless Welcome:**  
**Putting it into Practice**

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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!*

- 24) Susan Johnson
- 25) Fynlee Graff, Jedediah Jewett
- 26) Alexander Quintanilla
- 27) Rich Besel
- 28) Mike Hokeness
- 29) Donna Grant, Clea Rickert, LeeAnn Stenzel
- 30) Karen Skog
- 1) Aria Khounin, Kurtis Obermoller

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

*Karen & Paul Hanbury  
Celebrating their Anniversary*

***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: You want me to lead?*

*Reading: Luke 5:1-5*

## 8 AM | First Word Worship Order

FM Ministry for this service is 88.3

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn:

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**ELW 633**

Greeting

Kyrie

**ELW p. 147**

Canticle of Praise:

*Glory to God in the Highest*

**ELW p. 148**

Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Scripture Story: Matthew 19:13-14

Gospel Acclamation:

*Listen, God is Calling*

**ELW 513**

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn:

*Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

**ELW 523**

Apostle's Creed

The Prayers of God's Church

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering Invitation

Community News

Offering Hymn

Prayer for Hospitality & Gratitude

### MEAL

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion Instructions

Communion Hymn:

*Lamb of God*

**ELW p. 154**

Hymn during Communion

*Baptized and Set Free*

**ELW 453**

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

### SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn:

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

**ELW 547**

Dismissal  
Postlude

### 8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders

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

**Pastors:** Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

**Musicians:** Sherri Isder and Ellie Hallquist

**Ushers:** Shauna Carroll, Laura Hoffman, Russell Obermoller, Dave Nerem

**Greeters:** Lori Ailts

## 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
- Kieth Olson

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

Those whose sorrows go unspoken.

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

- For 45 Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Graders registered for Sunday School.
- Celebrate the Baptism of Lilly Pershing

### *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
- 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: *You are Welcome Here*  
We Bid You Welcome Litany  
Greeting  
Gathering Song: *Shout to the North*  
Baptism Liturgy  
Song of Praise *Child of the Water*  
Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

Scripture Story: Matthew 19:13-14  
Scripture Song: *Listen, Listen God is Calling* **ELW 513**  
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46  
Message

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Hymn: *Lord I Need You*  
The Prayers of God's Church  
Sharing the Peace of Christ  
Offering Invitation  
Community News  
Offering *Instrumental Music*  
Prayer for Hospitality & Gratitude

**MEAL**

Communion Liturgy (*intertwined with the song, Welcome Table*)  
Communion Instructions  
Communion: *God of the Poor/Beauty for Brokenness*  
Communion Blessing  
Communion Prayer

**SENDING**

Blessing  
Sending Hymn: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Postlude

## 10 AM | Journey Worship Leaders

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

**Pastors:** Anne Hokenstad & Jeremy Hallquist

**Musicians:** Sherri Isder, Ellie Hallquist

**Ushers:** Randy Thompson, Mark Prunty, Kay Prunty, Darren Ponto, Nicholas Raymo

**Greeter:** Paul & Karen Hanbury

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<b>This Sunday 9/24</b>	<b>Next Sunday 10/1</b>
<b>Fill:</b> Sue Rose	Jean Bastian
<b>Refill:</b> Bob & Shirley Wieme	Kieth & Marj Olson
<b>Clean up:</b> Karen Pfeifer	Aubrey Anderson
<b>Communion Servers:</b> <b>8:00-</b> Bob & Sandy Demuth, Lori Ailts <b>10:00-</b> Karen Pfeifer	<b>8:00-</b> Harlan & Pam Handevitd, Jean Bastian <b>10:00-</b> Mark & Kay Prunty, Karen Hanbury
<b>Coffee Servers:</b> Deb Anderson, Karen Pfeifer, Arvid Nielsen, Pr. Anne Hokenstad	
	<b>Church Lock-up:</b> Arvid Nielsen

## Announcements |Sept. 24- Oct. 1, 2023

**Fall-Spring Worship Schedule** First Word Worship is at 8:00 a.m. and the Journey Worship is at 10:15 a.m. now until Memorial Day weekend.

**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. Starting on September 24, 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.

**Kitchen Cleaning-** Friday Sept. 29 @ 9:00am (Mary’s Circle) Others are welcome to help.

**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.

**Shetek Conference of the Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering** will be held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. All women are invited to attend this morning event. Cost is \$12 payable at the door, and covers registration, coffee and treats, the conference and brunch at 11:00. For more information, contact Diana Kvilhaug at 360-0055.

**Fall Programming Start-ups** for all ages are unrolling as September ends and October begins. Staff and Ministry Team leaders are finalizing preparations to welcome you to ministry events throughout the week. Watch for upcoming details.

**Communication of Ministry opportunities-** happen in the following ways:

- Verbal Announcements during worship services on Sunday and Wednesday
- Written Announcements in the Sunday Bulletin
- Weekly Community E-News, usually sent on Tuesday each week.
- The Messenger, the church's monthly newsletter
- Text Messages sent occasionally.

If you are not receiving the communication through these methods, please let the staff know. The staff works diligently to communicate beyond verbal announcements in a worship service so that you have current information in order that you can engage in our common faith as active participants in God's loving and welcoming work in Jesus' name.

**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 Hoevet, Paul Langseth, Jay Jensen, Pam & Harlan Handevitd, Marchelle Jorgensen, Sharon Johansen, Erlin Weness, Dennis Hibma, Lori & Steve Dudley, Roger & Clasine Lester. You're such a blessing!

**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!*

### **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!***

## Sept. 24- Oct. 1 Calendar

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### September 24

- 8:00am First Word
- 9:00am Coffee &  
Kinship/Contemporary CH
- 9:15am Sunday School/Faith  
Formation starts.
- 10:15am Journey Worship  
-Baptism at 10:15 service

### September 25

- 9:30am Staff Meeting
- 6:45pm Worship & Music
- 7:00pm No-Mission & Ministry

### September 26

- 7:45am Men's Fellowship
- 11:00am Worship Planning
- 1:00pm Bible Study
- 5:00pm Stewardship
- 7:00pm Bell Choir

### September 27

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

### September 28

- 1:45pm Befrienders
- 3:00pm Caring Ministry

### September 29

- 9:00am Kitchen Cleaning-Mary  
Circle
- 6-9pm 345 Club

### September 30

- 11-4pm Rental

### October 1

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

### **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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