AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Place to Come Home To…

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From the Pastor….

COME & SEE

The Bible study returns September 6th, and you should check it out – especially if you haven't yet!

One day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip there and invited him to become His disciple, saying, "Come, follow Me."
Philip then went to look for his friend Nathanael. After finding him, he said, "He's here! The [Savior King, the Messiah, the] very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth."
"Nazareth!" Nathanael laughed. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"
"Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. (John 1:43, 45-46)

How do you see Jesus? How do you imagine Him when you read the Bible, when you see the details recorded about Him in God's Word? Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each offer a slightly different picture of Jesus, and even Paul throws his view into the mix. But as you read these perspectives, do the details – which are meant for you personally – jump off the page?

It can be a struggle to even catch a glimpse. We're 2,000 years removed from when God came in-person, from when He walked the earth as Jesus Christ. How can we see Him if He's not physically walking in front of us, if He's not here in the same way He was for His first followers? Then again, maybe they're the key. Maybe we should be trying to see Jesus through the eyes of His first followers, through the eyes of the chosen?

From the Pastor (Continued)

COME & SEE is our 2026-2027 Sunday morning Bible study. We will be continuing what we started last year: reading God's Word as we watch The Chosen, an episodic series focused on Jesus's first followers. If you haven't attended before, it's not a problem, because we'd love to help you catch up. After all, our prayer has been to see our struggles through the struggles of Jesus's followers, to understand our relationship with God better by watching their relationships with Him, and for us to know all the more where Jesus is leading us. God has chosen you to as a modern-day disciple, so come and see.

By grace, through faith, in Christ,
Pastor Ethan Fearing

From your ALC nominating committee, is currently reaching out to our fellow disciple/servant/members:
"God has given each one of us a gift (talent) from His variety of spiritual gifts.Use them well to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10 NLT
With this in mind, from God's Holy Word, please pray and carefully consider the role you may be called upon to fill in 2027 and sometimes beyond. Also, a timely response to that call/text will be greatly appreciated! This committee begins seeking now, early on, with the goal of wrapping up the process before the holidays arrive and we all get extra busy. Please consider "nomination" as a privilege to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus!

In His service with you dear ones of ALC,
Linda Hatton, Chuck Eldred, Deb Fearing

Pregnancy Resource Center

The Pregnancy & Life Resource Center is taking applications for a new director (at the request of retiring Director Peggy Stacey) . If you are looking for a wonderfully rewarding way to serve God, if you feel gifted working with people, have a basic understanding of finances, and are looking to be part of front-line Kingdom work, then would you join us asking God to see if this is a position for you? This position is a part time ministry opportunity, running around 20 hours most weeks.

If God is leading you to look into this position, please feel free to talk with Peggy (320-533-0976) or Board Chairman Matt (360-560-4043).

Touch a Truck Kick-Off Event

Board of Education

Sunday School Starting!

Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 13th at 10:15 a.m. and offers the following classes:

Little Lambs - birth to age 3 with parent or guardian
Listeners – age 3 to grade 1
Readers – grades 2 – 6
Middle and High School – grades 7 - 12

Daily Texts 2027

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You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should last.
John 15:16

The Daily Texts 2027 is a commemorative Year for the Moravians since in 1727, 300 years ago Count Von Zinzendortf was chosen by God to move from his estate to move in with the Moravian refugees living on his land since 1722. As a result, he established a community under the Word of God calling it Herrnhut. Each day in 2027 we invite you to live under the watch of the Lord in these two texts (OT and NT). You will live as a chosen child of God, going into the world to bear fruit for the gospel.
The 2027 book will have prayer pages to journal and with prompts to focus your reflections. The small catechism is included as well as a flap on the back of the book with an order of service for worship or devotions. The daily podcast is available to listen to and amplify the texts at www.groundupgrace.com.
Cost for each book: $12.00 payable to Karen Bakewicz
To order contact Karen at Kbakewicz@gmail or text 320-533-0378
Orders are due by <u>September13! In order to get pre-order price!</u>

Shoebox Update

SHOEBOX ITEMS TO BE SHOPPING FOR

1. SCHOOL SUPPLIES
    a. Crayons or colored pencils. We will accept markers but are not making them a request because they do not last and are plastic that is difficult to dispose of.
    b. Scissors
    c. Pencils and sharpeners
    d. Notebooks and coloring books
    e. All the above items are now ON SALE at Walmart!
2. CLOTHING
    a. Sizes 4 through 14. New only.
    b. Socks and underwear
    c. T-shirts, shorts, pjs, anything that can be rolled up and fit into shoebox. No military, camouflage, USA, etc.
    d. Baseball caps, stocking caps, etc.
    e. Flip-flops, slippers.
    f. Check clearance racks. Many items are marked down at this time.
3. PERSONAL HYGIENE
    a. Toothbrushes
    b. Combs and brushes
    c. Washcloths
    d. Hair clips, headbands, barrettes, etc.
4. THE FUN STUFF
    a. Small children – small soft dolls, balls, slinky, yo-yo, cars, anything age appropriate for kids age 4 to 6.
    b. Medium children – soccer balls, jewelry or sewing kits, harmonicas, cars, dolls, anything age appropriate for kids age 8 to 10.
    c. Older children – soccer balls, jewelry, craft kits, tools, fishing kits, anything age appropriate for kids age 12-14.

NOTES

1. Please avoid purchasing cheap looking plastic toys from dollar type stores. If it looks like the toy will not last more than 1 day without breaking – DON'T WASTE YOUR MONEY! These children will get one shoebox in their life – let's make sure they get something they will love and enjoy for as long as possible. Instead of buying 5-dollar items buy two better quality items instead or even one.
2. We have plenty of stuffed animals! 😊 We will not turn donations of stuffies away but are asking that we focus on school supplies, hygiene, clothing instead.
3. We are making jump ropes for every box from t-shirts. If you have old worn shirts that you no longer need or have a use for – please deposit them in the donation box under the coat rack.
4. If you cannot shop for shoebox items, we will accept monetary donations to purchase items that are needed. Please make donations to ALCW with OCC on the memo line.
5. WORK DAYS! Wednesdays, August 5th and September 2nd 9 AM until 2 PM. Potluck lunch.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!! American Lutheran Church Women

Baby Care Kits

<u>It's almost that GREAT TIME of the year again:</u>

<u>BABY CARE KITS !!!</u>

<u>JUST THINK of all the babies and Moms we can help just by putting together some clothes and stuff!</u> Doesn't it just make you glad to be alive?!! God is letting us help, through Lutheran World Relief!!

ALCW will be organizing for Baby Care Kits on Friday, October 16th, 9:00 AM, and assembling the kits on Saturday, October 17th, 9:00 AM. ALL women are welcome and NEEDED to help!

<u>NEW items still NEEDED (LOTS of them!):</u>
Bar soap (mild)

<u>GENTLY USED or new items still needed:</u>
Jackets or sweaters – size 6 months to 24 months – (NO FLEECE ALLOWED, per LWR)
Receiving blankets, 36"-52" square - (or flannel sheets we can make into receiving blankets) - (new or gently used)

Any questions, please ask Marlyne Klinder (320) 852-7478, Sue Kaneski (956) 272-3456, or Jane Olson 732-6895. Please bring your contributions to church ASAP and put them in the box near the parking lot door. Thank you!

P.S. – There will be an <u>ALCW business meeting</u> when we are done with assembly on Saturday, October 17th – please come!

Mission Focus

Prayer League

LET'S GO TOGETHER

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.
— Luke 10:2 (NIV)

Not everyone is called in the same way, but everyone can participate in some way. We may not all go to the field, but we can all pray, participate, serve, and respond faithfully. Together we explore practical next steps in calling, partnership, and service.

https://prayerleague.org/

Service Group 5 – September- October

Service Group Responsibilities:

- Serve for funerals on a rotating basis every 7th Funeral.
- Serve for special events occurring during the two-month period**.**
- Call for Ushers during the two-month period.

Group 5 Leaders: **Janie Thole**
Gloria Larsen

Group 5 Members:

Adamek, Larry
Berscheit, Mark & Jessie
Evenson, Brad & Sherri
Fearing, Deb
Flan, Jamie & Andrea
Flan, Jim & Sandy
Flaten, Dianne
Goblirsch, Sheila
Hasse, Mark & Mary
Hatton, Ben
Hatton, LaMoine & Linda
Hatton, Lanny
Kaneski, Dennis & Sue
Larsen, Gary
Merritt, Glenn & Joan
Philippi, Ronald & Cheryl
Roering, Dennis & Carrie
Simon, Matt & Coyer, Allison
St. Germain, Glen & Karen
Wehrenberg, Steph

September

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st Blain Hall
1st Roberta Rach
1st Doris Peterson
4th Gunner Newall
5th Andrew Gebhardt
5th Jane Hasse
5th Dianne Leagjeld
6th Hardin Fearing
6th Becky Hillig
6th Gail Ragan
7th Laurie Barthel
8th Jessie Berscheit
8th Easton Hukriede
9th Betty Meyer
10th Gabe Gruendemann
12th Carole Thompson
13th Kim Crosby
14th Payton Drum
14th Brad Hinrichs
14th Ben Katterhagen
15th Luke Baker
15th Larry Eckel
15th Chris Holmquist
15th Zander Katterhagen
16th Kyle Winge
17th Tracy Schultz
18th Taylor Sorenson
21st Brandon Cline
21st Addie Ellingson
21st Kirk Olson
23rd Ben Sorenson
25th Ron Conley
25th Pam Schneekloth
26th Brady Cline
26th Remington Meagher
26th Calvin Westerberg
27th Maya Berscheit
27th Everett Fearing
28th Kale Hedlund
28th Barb Orr
28th Caden Schultz
29th Mary Hasse
29th Isabella Maschler
29th Dean Schultes
30th Jammie Hedlund

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12th Al & Tami Priebe
15th John & Sue Prill
18th Marcyes, Cody & Maddie
21st Pastor Ethan & Alyssa Fearing
21st Dan & Jan Miller
25th Brad & Brenda Hinrichs
28th Gary & Betty Martin

ALC CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 **9:00am** Shoebox Workday **7:00pm** Deacon Meeting	3	4	5
6 **9:00am Worship Service with Communion**	7 **6:00pm** Staff Meeting **7:00pm** Trustee Meeting	8	9 **9:30am** Esther Circle **5:00pm Family Night Supper** **5:00pm** Touch a Truck Kickoff for W@LC & Sunday School **6:00pm** Confirmation Class **7:00pm** Church Council Meeting	10	11	12
13 **9:00am Worship Service** **10:15am Sunday School** **11:30am** Board of Education Meeting	14 **8:15am** Staff Meeting	15	16 **11:00am** Newsletter Articles Due **5:00pm Potluck Family Night Supper** **6:00pm** Confirmation Class	17	18	19
20 **9:00am Worship Service with Communion** **10:15am Sunday School**	21 **8:15am** Staff Meeting **6:15pm** Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place **7:00pm** Sarah Circle Bible Study	22	23 **5:00pm Family Night Supper** **6:00pm** Confirmation Class	24	25	26
27 **8:30am** Youth & Family Committee Meeting **9:00am New Bible Sunday Worship Service** **10:00am** Prayer at Altar after Service **10:15am Sunday School** **10:15am Reception for New Bible Recipients**	28 **8:15am** Staff Meeting	29	30 **5:00pm Family Night Supper** **6:00pm** Confirmation Class			