AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Place to Come Home To…

October 2026 Newsletter

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From the Pastor….

THANK YOU ALL!

October is National Church Worker Appreciation Month, and at American Lutheran Church, that means you deserve a huge "THANK YOU!" After all, when you are a member of ALC, you are a worker. You, in some way, serve God's heavenly Kingdom, and we wanted you to know that is appreciated. This year, especially, we wanted to thank God for the times you have participated in our Service Group projects. Every member of ALC gets assigned to one of these six groups, and these are the ways we have agreed to share God's love together:

- serve a meal for every seventh funeral
- serve for special events occurring during your group's two-month window
- call for ushers during your group's two-month service window

We especially want to thank those who have volunteered to organize these projects. Group Leaders, you are a true blessing!

As a final word of thanks, we also wanted to encourage you. It is not always convenient to serve, let alone easy, but God promises to bless those who are willing to share His love in such a way that they can be a blessing to others. We appreciate your willingness to love as you have been loved, to serve as you have been served, and so remember: "You will be enriched in every way so you can always be generous. And when we bring your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God! This is how two good things will result from our ministry of giving: the needs of Christian believers… will be met, and they will joyfully thank God." (2 Corinthians 9:11-12)

Thanks again and God bless!
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Pregnancy and Life Resource Center

& PREGNANCY LIFE Resource Center Medical Clinic

Take a Walk in Their Shoes

and

Help us Celebrate our 10th Birthday

Come see what a woman or man experience when they walk through our doors.

Suggested tour dates by last name

A-B Monday Oct 5
C-F Tuesday Oct 6
G-H Wed. Oct 7
I-L Thursday Oct 8
M-N Monday Oct 12
O-R Tuesday Oct 13
S Wed. Oct 14
T-Z Thursday Oct 15

4pm - 5pm each day

(But please feel free to come another day if your day doesn't work for you.)

22 2nd St N, Ste 2, Long Prairie
320 533 0976

Suggested Birthday Gifts
Coins, Cash or Checks
Diapers size 2-6
Wipes

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).

Shoebox Packing Night

Sunday School Singers

SAVE THE DATE

We love to sing at American Lutheran Church!

October 18th - 8:15am practice, 9am church

November 22nd - 8:15am practice, 9am church

December 6th - program practice in Sunday School

December 13th - program practice in Sunday School

December 20th - Christmas Program 11am

January 24th - 8:15am practice, 9am church

February 14th - 8:15am practice, 9am church

March 21st - 8:15am practice, 9am church

April 18th - 8:15am practice, 9am church

May 2nd - program practice in Sunday School

May 9th - program practice in Sunday School

May 16th - Spring Program 10:30am

Doris Peterson Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made my milestone birthday a special event. Your thoughtfulness is a gift that I will always treasure. *Doris Peterson*

Wednesday Family Suppers

2026-2027 Schedule

September
9th ALCW
16th Team 3 Potluck
23rd Team 4 Taco Temptations
30th Pizza Supper

October
7th Sarah Circle Spud Supper
14th Church Council
21st Team 5 Soupers
28th Team 1 Duke's Mixture

November
4th Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
11th Team 2 Spaghetti
18th Team 3 Potluck
25th No Supper-Thanksgiving Break

December
2nd Team 4 Taco Temptations
9th Team 5 Soupers
16th Team 1 Duke's Mixture
23rd **No Supper – Christmas Break**
30th **No Supper – New Year's Break**

January
6th Team 2 Spaghetti
13th Church Council
20th Team 3 Potluck
27th Team 4 Taco Temptations

February
3rd Team 5 Soupers
10th Team 1 Duke's Mixture
17th Team 2 Spaghetti
24th Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

March
3rd Team 3 Potluck
10th Team 4 Taco Temptations
17th Team 5 Soupers
24th **No Supper – Holy Week**

April
7th Team 1 Duke's Mixture
14th Team 2 Spaghetti
21st Team 3 Potluck
28th ALCW

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

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 Small children – small soft dolls, balls, slinky, yo-yo, cars, anything age appropriate for kids age 4 to 6.
    a. Medium children – soccer balls, jewelry or sewing kits, harmonicas, cars, dolls, anything age appropriate for kids age 8 to 10.
    b. 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

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

October

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5th Dave Atkinson
6th Russ Olson
7th Jan Miller
7th Abby Simon
7th Larry Hatton
8th Braxton Berscheit
8th Toni Drum
10th Tom Mead
12th Chuck Eldred
12th Bob Zinter
13th Teresa Pachan
13th Ronald Philippi
16th Evan Flan
16th Joanne Hillman
17th Ben Hatton
17th Addison Miller
18th Melinda Bruder
18th Nathaniel Flan
18th Brian Katterhagen
19th Brynlee Gebhardt
19th Beth Jacobsen
20th Brantley Eichens
22nd Grayson Hukriede
24th Nova Monti
25th Fred Berscheit
26th Janet Katterhagen
29th Bill Bakewicz
29th Hope Karjala
30th Jane Olson
31st Kevin Dahl
31st Ryan Marcyes

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

15th Houston & Jenna Berscheit
21st Stan & Joanne Hillman
27th Frank & Nancy Ademite
27th Ronald & Cheryl Philippi

ALC CALENDAR OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 **9:00am** Shoebox Workday with Potluck 	**2**	**3**
4 **9:00am Worship Service with Communion** **10:15am Sunday School** **10:15am** Bible Study "The Chosen" **5:00pm** Youth Grades 7-12 Shoebox Packing Night 	**5** **7:00pm** Trustee Meeting	**6**	**7** **5:00pm** Sarah Circle Spud Supper (Shoebox Fundraiser) **6:00pm** Confirmation Class's W@LC with Sierra **6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal **6:00pm** W@LC for Grades K-6 **7:00pm** Deacon Meeting	**8**	**9**	**10**
11 **9:00am Worship Service** **10:15am Sunday School** **10:15am** Bible Study "The Chosen" **11:30am** Missions Committee	**12**	**13**	**14** **9:30am** Esther Circle **5:00pm Family Night Supper** **6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal **6:00pm** W@LC for Grades K-6 **7:00pm** Full Church Council Meeting	**15**	**16** **9:00am** Baby Care Kit Setup	**17** **9:00am** Baby Care Kit Packing Day **12:00pm** ALCW Meeting with Potluck
18 **8:15am** Sunday School Singers Practice **9:00am Worship Service with Communion** **10:15am Sunday School** **10:15am** Bible Study "The Chosen"	**19** **6:15pm** Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place **7:00pm** Sarah Circle Bible Study	**20**	**21** **11:00am** Newsletter Articles Due **5:00pm Family Night Supper** **6:00pm** W@LC for Grades K-6 **6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal **6:00pm** Confirmation Class	**22**	**23**	**24**
25 **9:00am Confirmation Sunday Worship Service** **10:00am** Prayer in Library after Service **10:15am Sunday School** **10:15am** Bible Study "The Chosen" **10:30am Reception for Confirmation Students**	**26**	**27**	**28** **5:00pm Family Night Supper** **6:00pm** Confirmation Class **6:00pm** W@LC for Grades K-6 **6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal	**29**	**30**	**31**