

# American Lutheran Church

May, 2017

## From Your Pastor...

Behold, I make all things new! As our God is ever reforming, our church is ever reforming, and this summer a few items on our summer schedule are reforming. Change is hard but also exciting! (Did you know that this year we switched the youth breakfast from Easter Sunday to Palm Sunday? We had our highest turn out ever!)



One of the exciting new opportunities this summer is to join with King of Glory Lutheran church in offering a special Pre-K VBS for our youngest members. This joint project will take place at KOG three

Mondays in June.

The second joint offering with King of Glory will be a Mystery Bus activity for our 3rd-6th graders. The second Friday of the summer months, our older kids will get on a bus in the morning not knowing where they will go for the day. The morning will consist of a service activity around Billings followed by lunch and chance to hang out with new kids.

The next big announcement for the summer is that we'll have Family VBS on Wednesday nights in June and July. We'll gather at ALC from 5:30-7:30pm with your whole family. Dinner will be provided. Each evening will involve a Bible story, crafts, games, and a chance to grow as a community of faith. This weekly gathering will replace our traditional weeklong VBS that has taken place in August.

And for our older youth, we're sticking close to home this summer; our annual service trip is titled Giving In Glacier. We'll spend the week in Columbia Falls, Montana doing service throughout that region and then enjoying the park each evening.

Look for more info in our bulletins, weekly e-mail, and special e-mails from Rochelle. Registrations open soon!

If you're not looking for summer kid activities in your life, your prayers and support are always welcome! And when you see kids in worship ask them how these new things are going. They'll have lots of fun stories to share.

Blessings on all your summer plans,

*Pastor Elizabeth*

## Mom's Night Out

MNO Patio Edition! Let's give it a shot and meet on the best patio in town- Bistecca at the Granary. Tuesday May 2nd 7pm. All moms are welcome to join. Let Pastor Elizabeth know if you are interested and she'll put you on the update list.

## Youth Group Lock-In

We will be rounding out another great year of Youth Group with our annual overnight lock-in at the church. This lock-in is for current ALC youth group kids and it will be held at the church on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm. This is a fun event that the kids always look forward to. We will play some games (KGB??), watch some movies, and will have plenty of snacks to munch on throughout the night. On Saturday, we will let the kids sleep in a bit and ask that they be picked up (or depart) by 10:00 am. I hope that a majority of our youth group can attend this fun event - I look forward to spending my evening with them! Please let me know if your child will be attending, so that I can get an idea on numbers for food, etc. Feel free to get a hold of me via email ([rochelle@amluth.org](mailto:rochelle@amluth.org)) if you have any questions.



## Spring Yard Clean-Up Day

**Saturday, May 6th, 9-11 a.m.**

- Help tidy up ALC's yard
- Bring garden gloves, hedge trimmers, wheel barrow
- Adults and kids are welcome!



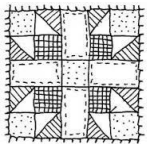
## May Special Offering

A scholarship fund was established in 1988 to encourage and support students from our congregation to attend ELCA colleges and seminaries, and this fund is in the name of and to honor Marc Priest who was very active in his congregational life at ALC. He was stricken with encephalitis in August prior to his senior year at St. Olaf College, and died August 31, 1980. Use the envelope marked "Special Offering" to make a donation.

## Bi-Annual Meeting

This meeting of the congregation will be on Sunday, May 7 between services at 9:45 a.m. This spring meeting is the one in which we elect Church Council members, delegates to Christikon Bible Camp and St. John's Lutheran Ministries, trustees for the Mission Endowment Trust, and Pre-Kindergarten Board members. The meeting will also include an update on the church budget, skylight installation, strategic planning process and the summer youth schedule.

## Senior Class of 2017 Quilt Selection and Ice Cream Social



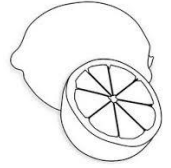
We will be holding our annual senior quilt selection and ice cream social on Wednesday night, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Our quilters have been working hard all year to provide our graduating seniors with a beautiful reminder of their ALC family to take with them on their next life adventure. We are asking all graduating seniors, their families and our quilters to join us at the church on Wednesday (5/10) evening for quilt selection, fellowship and ICE CREAM!! We hope you all can make it. Each quilt selected by our seniors will be formally presented to them during our Senior Quilt Blessing on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 service.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Communion

Thank you to the following group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders who attended a class to learn more about communion and served on Maundy Thursday. **Molly DeBusk, Laine Gilluly, Kyle Lienemann, Jesse Nottingham, David Ramshaw, and Reece Valdez.**

## When life gives you lemons....make a lemonade stand!!

Thanks so much to Jerry & Dianne Shumaker for constructing American Lutheran's own lemonade stand. This project was an idea of the Congregational Life Committee, and the Shumakers made the dream a reality. You may have already seen it during the month of April as it was used as a ticket booth for the All Daughter Luncheon. This summer it will be featured outdoors on our patio during Sunday coffee hour. Perhaps in the future it can serve as the stage for a puppet show? The possibilities are endless!



## Viva la Volunteers!

One of the many things I love about American Lutheran's members is their willingness to serve as volunteers. You make my job a pleasure! Special thanks to everyone who filled out an orange Time & Talent sheet during the month of April. New volunteer schedules are soon being published, and will be distributed. Continue to watch the newsletter, website and Sunday bulletin for more ways to get involved. --Kristin

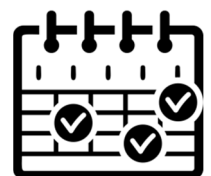
## Thanks to Our Sunday School Teachers



We had another great year of Sunday school, and none of it would have been possible without the help of our AWESOME Sunday school teachers! As always, they did an excellent job, and I couldn't have asked for a better group of teachers! **Thank you Joe and Clarissa Olson, Jennifer Michael, and Katie Rehberg.** Our teachers are volunteers, and they give up a year of their Sundays so that our kids can have Sunday school classes. Please make sure to thank them when you see them.

## Youth Schedule

It's been another fun and eventful year for the kids at ALC, but unfortunately, it's coming to an end. Below is our schedule for the month



of May. Please feel free to contact Rochelle if you have any questions.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Kid's Club, 5:00 – 6:00

Meal, 6:00 – 7:00

NO Confirmation

LAST Youth Group, 7:00 – 8:30

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday school, 9:45 – 10:45 (Opening in the chapel)

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

LAST Kid's Club, 5:00 – 6:00

NO Meal / NO Confirmation / NO Youth Group

Senior Quilt Selection and Ice Cream Social, 7:00 – 8:00

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday school, 9:45 – 10:45 (Opening in the chapel)

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

LAST Sunday school, 9:45 – 10:45 (Opening in the chapel)

**Adult Forums in May**

**May 7**

**Bi-Annual Meeting**

**May 14**

**New Member Brunch and Reception for the High School Graduates of 2017:** Come and meet our new members and hear from our graduates about their future plans.

**May 21**

**Marc Priest Scholarship:**

During this forum, we will hear more about the Marc Priest Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 1989 in honor of Marc Priest, son of Arlene Priest, who was active in all areas of his congregational life at American Lutheran. He was a senior at St. Olaf College when stricken with a life-threatening illness which resulted in his death in 1980. The scholarship supports those American Lutheran young people attending Lutheran colleges or seminaries. This scholarship is the Special Offering for May.



**Pre-Kindergarten**



ALC Pre-Kindergarten is now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school years. Spaces are available in both the M-W-F program (\$140/mo.) for four and five year olds, and the T-TH program (\$110/mo.) for three and

four year olds. Need based scholarships are available.

For more information, visit [www.alcprek.org](http://www.alcprek.org), or

contact Amy Hawkins, Director, at

[ahawkins.prek@gmail.com](mailto:ahawkins.prek@gmail.com).

**Staff Planning Day**

The staff will be gathering to plan activities and ministry for the year ahead on **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please keep us in your prayers as we evaluate the year that is past and envision the coming year and beyond.

**Summer Schedule  
Begins Sunday,  
May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship at 8:30 a.m. and  
10:00 a.m.  
with coffee fellowship  
between services.**

**Any Changes?**

Have you updated your address? Maybe you have dropped your land line, and just use a cell phone. Using a new email address? Please let the church office know about any updates to your contact information: [info@amluth.org](mailto:info@amluth.org) or call 252-4171.

**April Pastoral Acts**



Baptisms: Jacob Olson, Makenna Klasna,

Ray Studebaker

Wedding: Arthur Christ & Dotty Schmidt