

American Lutheran Church

June, 2017

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

There's a rhythm to life. That's a refrain that I still remember from a sermon I heard on the Sabbath. Besides setting aside one day per week to worship God, the Sabbath calls us to rest. Summer offers us that opportunity for new rhythms and for rest, for recreation and relaxation, those gifts God has given us to help handle the stresses of life. As I write this letter, we're on the cusp of Memorial Day weekend, that time that I have always thought of as the beginning of summer. It's also the time that our worship schedule shifts to our summer schedule of worship at 8:30 and 10:00 am.

As you read this newsletter, you'll notice a different rhythm to the life of the church. There is programming that takes a break for the summer, and there's also that's added, Group lunches Uncertainty and softball Mustangs' we know that ministry like Friends' and Age of gatherings and games. As many of you have planned summer road trips, we've provided Flat Marty and God-to-Go boxes to take with you. Your Flat Marty pictures will allow us to share our summer adventures and the God-to-Go boxes will help you worship wherever you are. My prayer for all of you is to find some of those restful rhythms during the coming summer.

Speaking of rhythm, a warm welcome to Jen Potts, our interim Praise Team Director and pianist for the late service. Her leadership ability, as well as her musical talents, are a great gift to our congregation as we enter into a transitional time with our music program. Many thanks to Jen for her willingness to share her gifts. In her work with the musicians of the second service, she will help remind us that *there's a rhythm to life.*

Serving Christ with you,
Pastor Tim



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Will meet for four Thursdays in June, the 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th, at 10:00 am in the Upper Room.

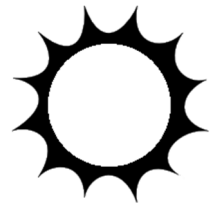
Friends' Group

Will meet for our annual drive into the country on Thursday, June 8 at 11:00 a.m. The group will take the bus to the Feedlot Steakhouse in Shepherd. We will be back at the church by 1:30 p.m. If you are interested, please sign up at the reception desk.

Summer Events at ALC:

We have a lot of exciting stuff happening at ALC this summer.

Below is a schedule of what is coming up. Please watch you email and church newsletter for more information on these events as they get closer. Feel free to contact Rochelle at rochelle@amluth.org if you have any questions.



June 9th, July 21st, August 11th

ALC's 4th – 7th graders (entering) have the opportunity to team up with kids from King of Glory for Mystery Bus VBS. Each session runs from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and the total cost for all three sessions is \$20. Please visit KOG's web site (www.kingofglorybillings.com) for registration.

June 12th, 19th, and 26th

ALC preschoolers (ages 2 – 4) have the opportunity to team up with preschoolers at King of Glory for Preschool VBS. Each session runs from 9:30 am – 11:30 am and these sessions are FREE. Please visit KOG's web site (www.kingofglorybillings.com) for registration.

June 14th, 21st, and 28th & July 12th, 19th, and 26th

I ♥ VBS

ALC will be trying something new this summer with Wednesday night 'Family VBS'. We will have three sessions in

June and three in July that will each run from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at ALC. Each session is FREE and will include a meal, a lesson, a craft, and games. Please email me at rochelle@amluth.org if your family is interested in attending.

July 2nd and August 6th

10:00 church services at Moss Mansion (No services held at ALC either Sunday, and NO nursery services available either day.)

July 30th – August 4th

High school mission trip – Giving in Glacier. Pray for our high school students and chaperones as they embark on another summer adventure.



Council Changes

A huge “thank you” to Rocky Barz, council president and property committee member, and Leesa Sundsted, council secretary and worship and music committee member. They have graciously served on your church council for many years, and their terms expire on May 31st, 2017. All council members are elected by you, the congregation of ALC and are volunteer positions. We welcome the following new council members:

- Sue Johnson- Evangelism
- Sue Devries- Congregational Life
- Marian Eichlin- Worship & Music

Age of Uncertainty

Will be meeting on Friday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Ken and Lynda Behling, 2729 Hoover. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. In you are interested, please sign up at the reception desk. This very fun group is for people aged 40 and up. If you’ve come before, we’d love to have you again, and if you haven’t, please join us!

Financial Update:

The line of credit borrowed from the bank remains at zero at the end of April. Year-to-date, net income is \$11,727 ahead of budget and \$20,877 ahead of last

year through April. ALC is in a good place financially at the end of April.

	Income	Expense	Net
Month of April 2017	\$54,484	\$44,521	\$9,963
2017 YTD actual	\$190,137	\$178,410	\$11,727
2017 YTD budget	\$183,333	\$183,333	\$ -
Variance YTD	\$6,804	\$4,923	\$11,727

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, or contact Amy Hawkins, Director, at ahawkins.prek@gmail.com.

Christikon Clips

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Information for our Congregations



It’s not too late to register for camp this summer! Space remains in most youth sessions and in those for families and adults. You can register online at www.christikon.org or use the forms distributed with the youth and family/adult brochures in your congregation. Or call us at the camp office for further information.

Christikon covers the full costs for each at-risk youth participating in Sojourners Camp. (We expect to have 24 this summer) We invite individuals, congregations and their auxiliaries to consider special

giving for this camp or for general **camp scholarships** this summer.

Special guest speakers become part of the Christikon life this summer during sessions for adults and families. During Mountain Weekend 1 (July 7-9) we feature **Pastor Steve Schmidt**, Senior Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman, MT. During the Continuing Education Retreat (July 31-Aug 3) and Mountain Weekend 2 (August 4-6), we are joined by **Rev. Dr. Karyn L. Wiseman** is the Associate Dean for First Theological Degrees and Associate Professor of Homiletics at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and singer-songwriter **John Hermanson** is a member of the acclaimed duo *Storyhill*, and a regular guest performer on NPR's *A Prairie Home Companion*. Come spend a few days of relaxation, learning, and faith growth with us. Register now!

Check out our Spring Trailblazer on our website. Use the link below:

Newsletter link: <http://christikon.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Spring-2017-Trailblazer-edited-4.pdf>

Remember to pray for your congregation's ministry through Christikon this summer, for the summer staff, and for all who join in the Christikon life.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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Christikon is Full of ALC!



Please pray for the following youth who will be attending Christikon bible camp this summer:

Campers

Anabelle Gunderson, Riley Buyse, Ava Boulet, Juli RedBoy, Jady Sunwall, Kendell Ellis, Mette Fears, Ruby Fears, Abby Holbrook, Cassadie Howe, KayCee Kern, Kyle McKee, William McPherson, Jacob Nottingham, Makayla O'Neill, Annika Rickbeil, Ryan Senitte, Julia Smith, Emilie Stubson, Maddie Stubson,

Lucas Valdez, Parker Boulet, Molly DeBusk, Laine Gilluly, Senja Lyngby-Cox, Isaiah O'Neill, Shawn Rasch, Marileight Lyngby-Cox

Counselors

Skyler Hilden, Leah Rapacz, Elsie Rehberg, Brendan Schmidt

Leaders

The Donald Family: Mark, Julie, Micah & Alec
Pastor Elizabeth, Rochelle Buyse, Pastor Tim

Softball Schedule:

June 5

6:30 pm Rocky Mt Community Field 3

June 12

6:30 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Field 2

June 20

7:45 pm Valley Christian Field 5

June 27

7:45 pm Elevation Field 4

All games are played at Stewart Park behind Rimrock Mall

From Kristin Rapacz

As in years past, I will be out of the office during the months of June and July. I know you will continue doing your usual terrific job as volunteers in our congregation. It's especially helpful if you make sure to arrange for a substitute or switch with someone if you are unable to fulfill your duties. I'll be back on duty as usual in August. Thank you for all you do!

Family Promise

American Lutheran will be hosting Family Promise families from Sunday, July 2nd, through Saturday, July 8th. Please consider signing up to be an Evening Host, help provide a meal, or serve as an Overnight Host. This ministry does a wonderful job of helping move families from homelessness to having their own place to call home.

May Pastoral Acts



Wedding: Morgan Redfield & Lyndee

Irish

Funeral: Sonia Clark