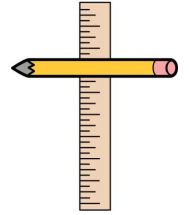




Grapevine

August 2011

American Lutheran



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Worship Schedule

August 7



8th Sunday after Pentecost

Jane vacation

8:15 am Traditional Worship/Communion

9:15 am Adult Forum

10:30 am Praise Worship/Communion/St. Thomas

August 14



9th Sunday after Pentecost

VBS Celebration/Rally Sunday

8:15 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am VBS Celebration/Rally Sunday

10:30 am Praise Worship/St. James

August 21



10th Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music or Sanctuary Choir

8:15 am Traditional Worship/Communion

9:15 am Adult Forum

10:30 am Praise Worship/Communion/St. Paul

12:30 pm 3rd Sunday Lunch Bunch

August 28



11th Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music or Gospel Rings

8:15 am Traditional Worship

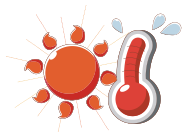
9:15 am Adult Forum

10:30 am Praise Worship/ St. Peter

“SHORT. Hot Summer”

Aka: Back to School

It may not be fair for me to make many comments on how school schedules go – at least with regard to setting the schedules; but doesn't it seem like summer breaks are getting shorter and shorter and the time we allow ourselves for recreation and renewal is constantly being curtailed? Granted the idea of escaping a long period of oppressive heat and humidity is attractive; but I don't think that will go away just because school starts! Yet, we are so concerned with so many things; we do not permit ourselves the time we need for renewal. That will cause us problems in the long run, even if it doesn't seem too important right now.



We are back for from the first extended vacation we have had for a while – more than 7 days. We tried to cram as much stuff in the time as possible (guess that is normal), but pretty much defeats the purpose of getting a break in business although it is/was a big break from what is normal. It was great to be a sermon listener –not a sermon preacher, again. Long periods of doing leadership are well interrupted by watching someone else feed GOD's flock in another place. It almost seemed like another time, too, since they still had the green books. They did however print a full bulletin; so we never even opened the book. That time of refreshment and input was a good investment of our span, and makes me thankful that our agreement provides for taking this important time. Thank you! I do hope and pray that you have/take the time to be renewed yourself this break time. I also hope and pray that as you get

your break time this short summer, you also take advantage of worshipping where you are, and then share with me anything that you feel might enhance the worship we share here at ALC. The very fact that I have led worship for many years might mean that I have fallen into too much of a routine – even though I have always tried to be open to other effective ways of sharing our love and dependence on GOD! New ideas that you might be able to bring back might add something that we would find to be a further blessing.

The one thing I really do not like about summer is what happens to our attendance as we try to get our family time in before schools starts up again. I do not begrudge you your well-earned and much needed break time; but I do miss you. On the other hand, when you worship elsewhere you bring encouragement from ALC to the churches which also experience a decrease in summer fellowship.

Stay cool in this predicted, protracted heat wave. Stay safe in your travels. Renew, refresh and recharge yourselves as you go about your summer activities in what I pray will be a successful time of blessed retreat for you and your loved ones!

GOD bless you really well while you seek refreshment & bring you safely back when we resume an early fall start!

Pastor Henry

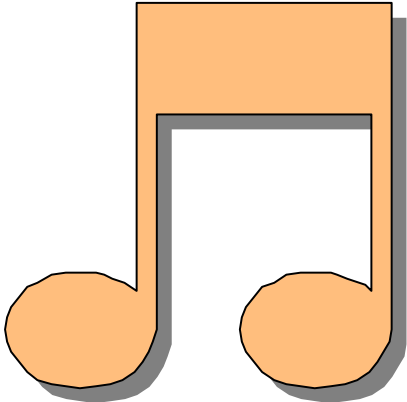
From the Music Director:

REHEARSALS BEGIN

Where did the summer go? I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. **Choir rehearsals will begin on August 16.** I have decided to change the rehearsal times so please see the information below. Thank you to all of you who provided feedback regarding rehearsal times. I am hoping a later start time will allow more parents to bring their children to Joyful Noise. Several adults also indicated a later rehearsal time would work better for their schedules. The later start time will also benefit my schedule, as I work until 5:00 and it takes me a little longer to get here than I realized when I started here last year. This additional time will be especially helpful in the winter when I need to clear snow off of my vehicle or scrape the windshield.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!

ALL REHEARSALS ARE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

	Joyful Noise – 5:45 to 6:25 Children in grades 1 to 5 – Sing and play chimes
	Gospel Rings – 6:30 to 7:10 Youth in grade 6 to adult – Play handbells
	Sanctuary Choir – 7:15 to 7:55 Youth in grade 6 to adult - Sing
	Praise Team – 8:00 to 8:45? Youth in grade 6 to adult – Sing and play instruments – lead the contemporary worship service

ALL GROUPS SHARE THEIR MUSICAL GIFTS IN WORSHIP SERVICES ABOUT ONCE A MONTH

The schedule for sharing our musical gifts during worship (for the next two months) is as follows:

NEW MEMBERS FOR PRAISE TEAMS

If you are interested in serving on a praise team, please talk to Jane. We can use more singers and instrumentalists.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER

Thank you to everyone who provided special music for the summer months.

Thank you for your continued support of the music ministry.

Jane Plettner-Nielson

Attendance and Stewardship

	Worship		General	Phase III	Other
	8:15 am	10:30 am	Offering	Offering	Offering
June 26	47	70	\$1680.00	\$140.00	\$555.00
July 3	41	64	\$4764.00	\$550.00	\$100.00
July 10	50	67	\$1887.10	\$160.00	\$ 35.00
July 17	50	77	\$4038.62	\$220.00	\$690.00

Financial Statement

Financial Results through 6/30/2011

	June	YTD
Budget Income		
Pro-rata needs	\$ 13,910.00	\$90,414.00
Offerings	\$ 13,993.00	\$90,924.00
Difference	\$ 83.00	\$ 510.00
Budget Expenses	\$ 13,946.00	\$92,239.00
Phase III:		
Debt Obligation	\$ 2,976.00	\$17,856.00
Budgeted (mortgage)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 7,500.00
Building Fund	\$ 726.00	\$ 3,426.00
Phase III Offerings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,930.00
Total Paid	\$ 2,976.00	\$17,856.00
Additional Principal	\$ 380.00	\$ 3,048.00
Cause of the Month [Prison Ministries]	\$150	
 Lincoln Cluster Food		

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ALC NEWS

August 2011



Pantry

In August, the food pantry needs: Macaroni & Cheese, juice, hamburger/tuna helper, crackers and cereal.

Cash donations are used for immediate needs. To donate cash, place it in the collection plate, clearly marked "Food Pantry"

Dear Endowment Committee:

Thank you for underwriting the matching funds scholarship to Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas. It will really help me with my tuition. I am really excited to go to college there this fall but will miss my church family. Thank you for your continued support all of these Years.

Jacob Spilker

Dear Women of the ELCA:

Thank you very much for the beautiful quilt, it looks really cool. It is also something that I will take with me and have for the rest of my life. Thank you.

Jacob Spilker

July Statistics:

Change of address:

Sheri Svehla To: PO Box 53;
Cordova, NE 68330-0053

Executive Committee and Church Council will meet Thursday evening, August 11th , at 6:15 pm and 7:00 pm respectively.

THANK YOU!

Dear Pastor Thorberg :

Thank you so much for letting Bridges to Hope share with your congregation about the mission we are on to reenter the formerly incarcerated. We look forward to future conversation. We are always in need of wonderful volunteers!!

Julia Stroebel, Exe. Director

Dear Pastor Henry:

Thank you very much for inviting me and Julia to come and talk about Prison Ministry at American Lutheran Church. I enjoyed meeting your congregation and look forward to seeing them again.

Please remind your worship team that they are invited to come worship and play music at the prison. They just need to get the background check completed. Please have your leader contact me. Thank you!

Pastor Bob Bryan
Followers of Christ

Dear American Lutheran,

Thank you for helping me go to Carol Joy Holling Camp. I stayed at TIPI Village. I had lots of fun. The horses were awesome. My horse was Rascal. The high ropes were my favorite thing. I met lots of new friends.

Ellen Dexter

Dear American Lutheran Church,

Thank you for sending me to church camp. I went to Ranch Camp. I enjoyed the High ropes and the horses. I was brave up on the high ropes and had lots of fun. My horses' name was Reno. He was nice. I love camp. Thanks again!

Lydia Dexter

Thank you for sending me to ranch camp. I had a great time with all the fun activities and still had fun learning more about God. Some of my favorite activities were high ropes, swimming, boating, and hiking. Thanks again!

Adam Neemann

To Pastor Henry, the council, and members of American Lutheran Church.

Thank you for the scholarship to attend Camp Carol Joy Holling. I went to Trail Head and it was spectacular. My favorite part was hiking because we got close to nature and swimming because we got sno-cones after. I learned more about God when I went hiking because I was so close to nature. Other things I liked were boating, Sandy land, and the roasting marshmallow skit. I hope to go again next. Year. Your friend, Sophie Holihan

American Lutheran Church Members:

Thank you for the money you gave me so that I could attend Carol Joy Holling Church Camp. I had a great week and the counselor made it fun. My favorite thing was riding the horses.

Thank you,
Trevor Westerholt



Parish Education Committee will need your help for

Vacation Bible School,

August 9, 10, & 11, 2011.

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

We will need food donations for our nightly picnics, supplies,
and volunteers to walk with our children as we

Go Bananas with the Trinity.

VBS celebration and Rally Sunday

will be Sunday, August 14 at 9:30 a.m.

If you are willing to volunteer, please see any member of our committee:

Wendy Hirsch, Vanessa Welsh, Mindy Donahoo, Angie Hansen, or Pastor.

More Thank You's!

Thank you to everyone for their cards, phone calls & prayers at the time of the death of my nephew. I really appreciate all the concern & expressions of sympathy at such a difficult time. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. God Bless all of you.

Claire Sharpe & family

Dear ALC,

Thank you for the quilt, support, and loving wishes. I have missed the ALC community, and will continue to. Thank you for keeping me in your hearts.

Best wishes to the church and Henry & Cheryl Thorberg.

Krysta Rose Sackett

Members of American Lutheran would like to thank Jackie Sapp and the property committee for all their work in planting and maintaining our beautiful flower gardens around the church this year. They are so beautiful and always more appearing. Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

Stewardship Say So . . .

Volunteers needed

Paint-A-Thon 2011

We will once again be painting a house for Lincoln Paint-A-Thon.

We are looking for Volunteers to help this year.

The dates are as follows:

August 6th- Prep Day- Scrape, Caulk and prime the house

August 13th: Paint Day- Paint the house

Sign up sheets are available and posted. If you marked "Paint-A-Thon" on your 2011 Time and Talent sheet, your name will be already be added to the sign up sheet. You can cross it off if you are unable to attend.

For any questions, please contact Trevor Hanson (402) 429-2713

Thank you,

Stewardship Committee

Social Concerns . . .

Cause of the Month - August

NE Lutheran Campus Ministry/Lutheran Student Center.

The mission of this ministry is:

"Inviting people in academic settings more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community which bears His name, so that all may discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples."

Pastor Adam White was installed as the 8th Campus pastor of the Lutheran Center on February 16, 2011. Worship services are held on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Numerous groups/ministries are offered at the Center throughout the week.

Look for information coming up on the Annual Wood-Working Auction to be held in September to raise funds to support the important ministry at the Lutheran Center.

The Center can be contacted with any questions @ 435-3697 or Email : lincoln@nelcm.com

Website: www.nelcm.com/lincoln

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Henry Thorberg, Pastor
Sunday Worship 8:15 am
Praise Worship 10:30 am
Christian Education 9:15 am

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*I am the vine, you are the
branches.*

*He who abides in me, and I in
him, bears much fruit.*

John 15:5



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| 08/01 Sue Voss | 08/13 Ethan Welsh | 08/24 Bruce Spilker |
| 08/02 Elsie Stonestreet | 08/14 Kyle Stege | 08/24 Laynee Clay |
| 8/05 Brynlee Sharpe | 08/15 Sue Bartlett | 08/24 Tanner Stevens |
| 08/06 Jerilyn Evans | 08/16 Gladys Shafer | 08/25 Kim Coatman |
| 08/06 Aaron Engstrom | 08/16 Jared Stevens | 08/29 Nancy Clay |
| 08/08 Jaden Schachterle | 08/17 Helen M. Wohlers | 08/30 Don Kuszak |
| 08/09 Dennis Bell | 08/17 Bruce Worth | 08/30 Tracy Martin |
| 08/10 Kelsee Foote | 08/19 Frankie Curren | 08/31 Lois Stelmach |
| 08/11 Glen Stevens | 08/20 Carol Meedel | 08/31 Renee Foley |
| 08/11 Steve Brestel | 08/21 Jaden Hawkins | 08/31 Michael Burroughs |
| 08/13 Marceil Dreier | 08/24 Janis Schleiger | 08/31 Devon Franzen |
| 08/13 Harlan Mertes | | 08/31 Jennifer Linke |