



Grapevine

May 2011



American Lutheran

Worship Schedule

ALC Staff

Henry Thorberg - Pastor
 Jane Plettner-Nielson -
 Director of Music
 Clarice Riege Secretary

ALC Council

Executive Committee

President - Keith Spilker
 Vice-President - Michael Welsh
 Secretary - Joel Bacon
 Treasurer - Char Rohl

Committee Chairs

Finance-Dustin Lottman
 Outreach-Dave Dermann
 Parish Education- Wendy Hirsch
 Property-Mike Wheeler
 Social Concerns-Liz Cooper
 Stewardship-Trevor Hanson
 Worship-Mavis Seelmeyer
 Youth- Doug Dexter/
 Brenda Spilker



May 1



Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday School Sings

8:15 am Traditional Worship/Communion
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Praise Worship/Communion/St. Paul

May 8



Third Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day - Joyful Noise
Carolyn Hellerich/pulpit Supply

8:15 am Traditional Worship
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Praise Worship/St. Peter

May 15



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Gospel Rings

8:15 am Traditional Worship/Communion
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Praise Worship/Communion/St. Thomas

May 22



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Music Appreciation Sunday

8:15 am Traditional Worship
 9:15 am Sunday school—Last Day
 10:30 am Praise Worship/ St. James

May 29



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Special Music
Jane Vacation

8:15 am Traditional Worship/Communion
 9:15 am Adult Forum
 10:30 am Praise Worship/Communion/St. Paul

Out From The Mi(d)st

Wow! As I write this we are in the midst of Holy week activities; and I'm thinking this is nuts; because there are too many other things going on to be doing this! Yet, it seems altogether right to stop for a bit and look; because it is precisely because of this time in Christ's life that we have our calling!



There are some tasks that we just cannot ignore because life will just get more and more confusing if we do not tend to the business at hand. I am not going to try to identify which tasks that absorb your time; but it would profit you to identify those things in your life!

First, I want you feel important in what you do because it almost certainly has something to do with that for which GOD made you. One exception I can see to this is the part-time jobs we take to stabilize our financial situation rather than as our identity.

Though we may take a job flipping burgers at times, there will be very few of us who will say that is who we are. It is only something we will admit to doing; but at the same time insist that it is at best only a way of making some extra money. I was a ditch digger a couple of summers while I worked my way through school. Actually, I worked for a plumber who had contracted to plumb some low income housing projects. As low man on the totem pole, it meant that I had to dig the trenches to bury the pipes under each of the units.

Even so, I never became a ditch digger. I remained a pre-sem student who was just supporting a school habit! When I was done, I would be what GOD called me to be; but in the midst of paying for tuition, there was a job that had to be done.

As we come to the end of Holy Week and things just get incredibly complex, it is advisable for us to keep focused on our calling not on our intermediate necessities. Even though we are caught up in this hectic world, as long as we know what GOD wants from us, we will be out of the mist and out of the midst, too.

Okay, Easter has now come and gone, and I am still working on the newsletter article.

The mist in this instance is simply the fog we endure when we are faced with such an incredible number of short-term tasks to do! And the midst refers in one way to the crazy-busy pace to get everything done in time to celebrate. (Obviously, we can put off some things in order to get other things done. This newsletter article is a case in point.) In another way, the midst should be seen as a valuable locale for us to fulfill our calling.

So what I want to say to you this month is both/and with regard to midst. In the midst of the hectic circumstances of this life; we need to discover how we can be in the midst of those who need to learn about the blessings we have received from GOD without giving into the temptation to wield our blessings as a weapon with which to bash those whose blessings are yet to come.

We are coming out of a very difficult economic time. Thankfully, it has not hit too many of us very hard; but it has hit some of us quite hard. Even though we may not be able to help them much economically; as brothers and sisters in Jesus, we certainly have the spiritual blessings to pass onto them from the great store of spiritual blessings we have been given.

Blessed and beloved of GOD, be a blessing and a lover of your brothers and sisters in the resurrected Lord.

Pastor Henry

From the Music Director:

The rehearsal schedule for the month of May will be (every Tuesday):



- Joyful Noise – 5:30 to 6:15 (grades 1-5) (last day of rehearsal is May 17th)
Gospel Rings – 6:15 to 7:00 (grades 6 through adult) (May 10th & 17th, from 6:00 – 7:00)
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 to 8:00 (grades 6 through adult) (last day of rehearsals is May 17th)
Praise Team – 8:00- 9:00 (grades 6 through adult) (on May 24th, plan to rehearse beginning at 7:00; on May 31st, plan to rehearse beginning at 6:30)

HALLELUJAH!!! What a wonderful Easter Sunday! Thank you all for your various contributions to the music for that day, as well as all throughout the Lenten season.

Music Appreciation Sunday is May 22nd, which will be the last day choirs will participate in worship this spring. There will be some overlapping times with rehearsals in order to practice with groups together. Gospel Rings will begin rehearsals early two weeks in order to practice with Joyful Noise.

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

- May 1 – Sunday School and St. Paul Praise Team (singers Jim, Mavis, Angie, Vanessa, Pastor)
May 8 – Joyful Noise and St. Peter Praise Team (singers Travis, Brenda, Laura, Kelli, Natalie, Sherri)
May 15 – Gospel Rings and St. Thomas Praise Team (singers Keith, Jana, Michelle, Beth)
May 22 – Music Appreciation Sunday (all music groups) and St. James Praise Team (singers Bruce, Kim, Morgan, Claire, Marcia)
May 29 – Special Music and St. Paul Praise Team (singers Jim, Mavis, Angie, Vanessa, Pastor)

- June 5 – Special Music and St. Thomas Praise Team (singers Keith, Jana, Michelle, Beth)
June 12 – PRAISE IN THE PARK! (combined service at Bethany Park starting at 10:00 a.m.) Special Music and St. Peter Praise Team (singers Travis, Brenda, Laura, Kelli, Natalie, Sherri)
June 19 – Special Music and St. James Praise Team (singers Bruce, Kim, Morgan, Claire, Marcia)
June 26 – Special Music and St. Paul Praise Team (singers Jim, Mavis, Angie, Vanessa, Pastor)

OFFICE HOURS of the Music Director (Note, the Church Office hours will remain the same.)

As the Legislature begins the final month of this session, there are three Mondays in May (the 2nd, 9th, and 23rd) when I may not be available for my usual office hours (6:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER

Summer provides a time for individuals and groups to share their musical gifts through special music. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table for people to indicate which Sunday(s) they would like to share their gifts. If you need help finding music, please let me know.

Thank you for your continued support of the music ministry.

Jane Plettner-Nielson

Attendance and Stewardship

	Worship		General Offering	Phase III Offering	Other Offering
	8:15 am	10:30 am			
March 23	Lent 3	45	\$145.00[Lent}		\$115.00 [Supper}
March 27	60	92	\$2413.47	\$610.00	\$194.63
March 30	Lent 4		\$97.00 [Lent]		\$100.00[Supper]
April 3	64	99	\$5206.27	\$560.00	\$60,119.75
April 6	Lent 5	53	\$223.00	\$167.00[Lent}	\$410.00
April 10	62	130	\$2630.71	\$260.00	\$80.83
April 17	65	108	\$4468.50	\$40.00	\$1429.20
April 24	111	144	\$2459.00	\$60.00	\$355.00

Financial Statement

Financial Results through 3/31/2011

	March	YTD
Budget Income		
Pro-rata needs	\$ 13,910.00	\$45,207.00
Offerings	\$ 14,840.00	\$45,680.00
Difference	\$ 930.00	\$ 473.00
Budget Expenses	\$ 15,092.00	\$50,336.00
Phase III:		
Debt Obligation	\$ 2,976.00	\$8,928.00
Budgeted (mortgage)	\$ 1,356.00	\$4,998.00
Phase III Offerings	\$ 1,620.00	\$3,930.00
Total Paid	\$ 2,976.00	\$8,928.00
Cause of the Month:	\$183.00	

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Lincoln Cluster Food Pantry

In May the pantry needs: personal care items - bath tissue, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, soap, etc. Of course, any food items would also be appreciated.

The pantry also needs volunteers Saturday - Thursday. We really could use some help. Call 402-488-2132 and leave a message letting us know you'd like to volunteer. We'll get back to you.

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

Carol Joy Holling Camp Work Day Saturday, May 21, 2011 - 8 am - 1:30 pm

Come enjoy the beauty of Spring and help get CJH ready for summer camp. There will be a variety of projects for all skill levels. Groups and individuals are welcome!

Please let us know if you are coming, so we can have enough lunch for all workers:
1-888-656-6254 or habbott@nlom.org

ALC April Statistics:

Change of Address:

Robert Schiller to: 620 SE 5th St
Eagle Grove IA 50533-2477

Baptism:

Brandon Edward Stege - Born 11/27/2010
Parents: Eldon & Natalie Stege

Executive Committee and Church Council

will meet Thursday evening, May 12th, at 6:15 pm and 7:00 pm respectively.

United Lutheran Church
Salad Supper - Guest Night
Thursday, May 26, 6:00 pm

Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex if you plan to attend as our guest.—deadline by Monday, May 16.

Cause of the Month ---- May - Baobab Home Tanzania.

Baobab is an orphanage based in Bagamoyo Tanzania, East Africa. It is non-governmental organization Its goals is to improve the health and future of orphaned children in Tanzania and to ensure that every child regardless of HIV status is provided a healthy stimulating environment with proper food, clothing, medical care, love and education.

The social concerns committee will be providing more information at our services.

Lincoln Lutheran Choir Presents:

Lincoln Lutheran Choir spring concert will be held Sunday, May 8th at 7 pm at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 6001 A St., Lincoln. The spring concert is entitled "Eternal Light" and features the choir, chamber orchestra, organ and guest soloists Rebecca Shane and Dr. William Shomos.

Works performed will include the Faure *Requiem* and *Media Vita*, a newly commissioned piece by local Lincoln composer & Lincoln Lutheran Choir Assistant Director/Organist Kurt Knecht.

There is no charge for admission but a free-will offering will be taken at intermission. The choir has once again partnered with a local charitable organization, **Fresh Start Home** to promote that Lincoln organization's mission. Representatives from Fresh Start Home will be on hand at the reception immediately following the concert.

Lincoln Lutheran Choir is led by Artistic Director and Conductor Josh Norris.

Council Minutes

Worship Assistants

Calendar

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

Address Service Requested

*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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| 05/01 Kelcy McGill | 05/10 Dirk Egger | 05/20 Tyson Wiggins |
| 05/02 BettyLou Lang | 05/11 Jacob Clark | 05/21 Myra Hawley |
| 05/02 Gwen Linke | 05/12 Nancy Gregory | 05/22 Tom Loveless |
| 05/03 Kristen Krause | 05/13 Laddie Buresh | 05/22 Vera Albers |
| 05/03 Ed Gaither | 05/13 Mackenzie Ray | 05/24 Gilbert Coatman |
| 05/04 Toni Walbridge | 05/14 Margaret Weers | 05/24 Linda Bartlett |
| 05/04 Marjorie Goings | 05/16 Hunter Smith | 05/25 Rodger Johnson |
| 05/05 Cory Goings | 05/18 Les Hine | 05/26 Rosalie Shortridge |
| 05/05 Matthew Walker | 05/18 Eric Neemann | 05/27 Trevor Do |
| 05/06 Joel Bacon | 05/19 Char Rohl | 05/28 JoAnn Janssen |
| 05/07 Elaine Groathouse | 05/19 Randi Emry | 05/28 Pamela Aden |
| 05/07 Kelli Bacon | 05/19 Avery Hanson | 05/30 Giles Hannan |
| 05/08 Julie Sullivan | 05/20 Emily Linke | 05/30 Kristina Vasquez |
| 05/09 Alex Kuszak | | 05/30 Cameron Kinnison |