



Grapevine

September

American Lutheran



2011

Worship Schedule

ALC Staff

Henry Thorberg - Pastor
Jane Plettner-Nielson -
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Clarice Riege Secretary

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Executive Committee

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Worship-Mavis Seelmeyer
Youth- Doug Dexter/
Brenda Spilker



September 4

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Special Music



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

September 11

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Joyful Noise



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

September 18

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School Kids



8:15 am Traditional Worship/Communion
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Praise Worship/Communion/St. Paul
12:30 pm 3rd Sunday Lunch Bunch

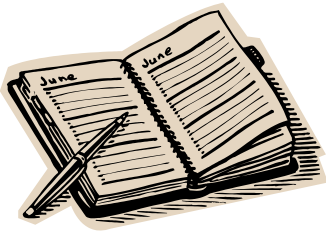
September 25

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Gospel Rings



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

Now We Can



I know calendars were made for our convenience to help us keep track of things and organize our work-loads; so it should not be surprising when someone takes advantage of the process of scheduling to get things done on their schedule. At least that is how I feel on this date when I am working on a September newsletter.

Sunday School is underway in August. Lincoln schools are in swing today; but I haven't been ready to give up on summer yet. I had to admit defeat as I drove by the swimming pool and saw that they were emptying it of its water! It is time to get fall events underway, and actually, I am glad because two fall events are worthy of anticipation! First, Confirmation Classes will resume when we flip the calendar! Then, second, we will be starting a "Crossways" course, again. Although the materials have gone up in price from what was already pretty high, the course has such faith value that it will be very difficult to spend any money more wisely than for this! Someone has generously underwritten the materials costs; so that the \$70.00 cost will likely be about \$55 when shipping is included.

We had nine people register for the class, which will start on Sept. 15 and meet on Thursdays each week except when there is church council or Lent.

Then we will meet on Monday night. We would be able to include three (3) more students of the Bible; so talk to me if you would like to be one of them. I have participated in some wonderful Bible Studies, including – Bethel, Search, Seminary courses, and many individual classes; but not even the best of those others come anywhere near the value of this one.

Since it takes so long to get through the whole Bible, and since the whole Bible does get read through the course, this will most likely be the next to the last time, I will be able to offer this study. That makes me sad as I begin to plan for retirement in 2016. (Ooh, that's the first time, I actually wrote a date for retiring. Kinda scary!)


The calendar will proclaim that it is September soon; so I cannot escape the conclusion that it is time; because it is time! Let the fall festivities begin – even for me! As our schedules crank up to more hectic paces, let us walk in the paths where Jesus leads us, do the mission on which he sends us, and rejoice in our participation in the cause and work of our Lord and Savior!

Keep in mind the things of Christ, and do all that you can to further the cause of salvation. AMEN

Love in Christ, Pastor *Henry*

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!

ALL REHEARSALS ARE ON TUESDAY

	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? Singers – Confirmed youth to adult and Instrumentalists - Youth in grade 6 to adult – lead the contemporary worship service

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

The schedule (tentative) for sharing our musical gifts during worship is as follows:

Date	Group for Special Music	Praise Team singers
Sept. 4	Special Music	(St. James) Bruce, Kim, Morgan, Claire, Marcia
Sept. 11	Joyful Noise	(St. Thomas) Keith, Jana, Michelle, Arlene
Sept. 18	Sunday School Kids	(St. Paul) Jim, Mavis, Angie, Pastor
Sept. 25	Gospel Rings	(St. Peter) Travis, Brenda, Laura, Kelli, Natalie, Sherri
Oct. 2	Sanctuary Choir	(St. James) Bruce, Kim, Morgan, Claire, Marcia
Oct. 9	Joyful Noise	(St. Thomas) Keith, Jana, Michelle, Arlene
Oct. 16	Gospel Rings	No praise team (Combined service for Mission Sun.)
Oct. 23	Sunday School Kids	(St. Paul) Jim, Mavis, Angie, Pastor
Oct. 30	Sanctuary Choir and Gospel Rings	(St. Peter) Travis, Brenda, Laura, Kelli, Natalie, Sherri
Nov. 6	Sanctuary Choir	(St. James) Bruce, Kim, Morgan, Claire, Marcia
Nov. 13	Joyful Noise	(St. Thomas) Keith, Jana, Michelle
Nov. 20	Sunday School Kids	(St. Paul) Jim, Mavis, Angie, Pastor
Nov. 23	Sanctuary Choir	No praise team (Thanksgiving Eve)
Nov. 27	Gospel Rings	(St. Peter) Travis, Brenda, Laura, Kelli, Natalie, Sherri
Dec. 4	Sunday School Kids	(St. James) Bruce, Kim, Morgan, Claire, Marcia
Dec. 11	Sanctuary Choir (cantata)	(St. Thomas) Keith, Jana, Michelle
Dec. 18	Joyful Noise	(St. Paul) Jim, Mavis, Angie, Pastor
Dec. 24	4:00 – Joyful Noise 7:00 – Gospel Rings and Sanc. Choir	No praise team (Christmas Eve services)
Dec. 25	Special Music	(St. Peter) Travis, Brenda, Laura, Kelli, Natalie, Sherri

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 Offering	Phase III Offering	Other Offering
	8:15 am	10:30 am			
July 24	65	83	\$2845.00	\$220.00	\$138.00
July 31	63	110	\$1548.00	\$40.00	\$179.00
August 7	51	90	\$4349.03	\$1525.00	\$212.00
August 14	52	117	\$5235.10	\$310.00	\$518.20

Financial Statement

Financial Results through 7/31/2011

	July	YTD
Budget Income		
Pro-rata needs	\$ 17,387.00	\$107,801.00
Offerings	\$ 15,573.00	\$106,497.00
Difference	(\$1,814.00)	(\$1,304.00)
Budget Expenses	\$ 15,166.00	\$107,396.00
Phase III:		
Debt Obligation	\$ 2,976.00	\$20,832.00
Budgeted (mortgage)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 8,750.00
Building Fund	\$ 726.00	\$ 4,152.00
Phase III Offerings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,930.00
Total Paid	\$ 2,976.00	\$20,832.00
Additional Principal	\$ 626.00	\$ 3,674.00
Cause of the Month [People's City Mission]	\$303	
Lincoln Cluster Food		

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ALC NEWS

August 2011



Pantry

In September, the food pantry needs: Juice, Hamburger Helpers, Fruit, Soup and canned Veggies.

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

Mark Your Calendars: On **Sunday, Sept. 11**, a special surprise will be coming to both services and also for the Sunday School children. This will be a delightful treat for all. Please plan on being in attendance!

Wood Auction

Join us for the 8th Annual Campus Ministry Wood Auction with a twist.

Sunday, September 25, at the Landing

3500 Faulkner Dr., Lincoln, NE

5:30 - Refreshments & conversation with featured artist, Cliff Hollestelle

6:00 - Dinner prepared & served by The Landing Staff

7:00 The Auction with professional auctioneer, Lance Larson

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

*Contact [Amanda@TheLutheranCenter](mailto:Amanda@TheLutheranCenter.com)
402.435.3697

Or

Am.white@nelcm.com for your tickets

Executive Committee and Church Council

will meet Thursday evening, September 8th, at 6:15 pm and 7:00 pm respectively.

It's Coming: MISSION SUNDAY

Our annual **Mission Sunday** will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 16** with a **combined (one) service beginning at 10 a.m.**

We are fortunate to have Pastor John Eggen speaking to us on that Sunday. Pastor John and his wife Michelle served in Bolivia for 3 years working with children of the streets through Kaya Children International (www.kayachildren.org)

Pastor John will be talking about their experiences in Bolivia with first-hand accounts of what life is like on the streets for children, what work is being done and what we learn from these experiences. Pastor John and his wife Michelle lived in Bolivia from 2004-2007. Pastor John continues to serve on the Board of Directors for Kaya Children. This should be a very interesting presentation. We hope that everyone will be able to make the necessary adjustments to your schedules so that you can join us for this special service!

Also, a potluck will follow in the fellowship hall after the service. Watch for more details in the church bulletin. Thank you, the Worship Committee.

Southwood Serving Summit

Your Field Guide

Whether you are a single volunteer or part of a large congregation, join people from all across the Midwest to learn practical way that you can serve and change lives for The Kingdom, by serving people around the world! **Learn more or register TODAY**

SERVINGSUMMIT.ORG

August Statistics:

Change of address:

Harley & Rosalie Shortridge - To: 9520 N 143rd Street—Waverly, NE 68462 - 402.786.5541

Transfer Out:

Ed & Kathy Gaither to Rejoice Lutheran - Omaha, NE

Ramon & Caleb Marcano to Pacific Hills Lutheran - Omaha, NE

Members Received:

Corey & Tory Harrington - 3022 S. 17th St. Apt. 1 - Lincoln, NE 68502 - 402-219-4833

Lydia M. Tuhey - 729 Folsom Lane - Lincoln, NE 68522 - 402-435-1255

Juanita Guerra - 7001 Helen Witt Dr. Apt. 706 - Lincoln, NE 68512 - 402-523-1302
children: Yasmin Washington Guerra
Jesus Washington Guerra

Donna Johnson - 5304 R Street #4 - Lincoln, NE 68504 -

Baptism:

Yasmin Washington Guerra born: 03/21/2003 baptized: 7/24/2011

Jesus Washington Guerra born: 07/04/2004 baptized: 7/24/2011

Aden Joshua Wikoff born: 10/17/2010 baptized: 7/31/2011

Wedding:

Pamela Sue Anderson and Shawn Curtis Fellers - August 13, 2011

This and That . . .

Thank You!

A big thank you to the entire congregation for helping make Vacation Bible School a success. We had 34 children attend and many youth and adult helpers working to make the activities flow smoothly. We appreciate all your support including the donations of money, food, supplies, and materials for the Lutheran World Relief school kits. A special thank you to all the helpers. You had an impact on many little lives in three nights!

It is a wonderful thing to be so blessed that we are able to share blessings with others. We successfully reached our goal of filling 66 school kits to add to the 34 we had filled during Sunday School. We will help 100 (plus) children around the world attend school with our kits.

With much appreciation,
The Parish Education Committee

Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Omaha, Ne	Oct. 14-16, 2011	Dayle & Terri Mautz (402.540.8508) 3449 Wildbriar Lane Lincoln, NE 68516 dtmautz@yahoo.com
Lincoln, NE	Feb. 10-12, 2012	Dayle & Terri Mautz (402.540.8508) 3449 Wildbriar Lane Lincoln, NE 68516 dtmautz@yahoo.com
Sioux Falls, SD	March 9-11, 2012	Vern & Karen Harrington (712.533.6221) 26705 170th St. LeMars, IA 51031 giblem@frontiernet.net

For further information: www.GodLovesMarriage.org or
Dave & Elsa Larson at 402.483.5404 delarson@windstream.net

Lincoln Lutheran Choir welcomes new and return-
Rehearsals begin with a retreat on Sunday, August
This season will include 2 concerts: Omaha
@ Grace Lutheran. Music selected for these con-
from the time of the English Reformation to the
Artistic Director Josh Norris. Interested singers
member, at 489-3948 to arrange an audition interview.



ing members to the Fall Concert Season.
21st, 2-6 pm at Southwood Lutheran Church.
Nov. 19th @ Pacific Lutheran and Lincoln Nov. 20th
certs will be representative of the English tradition
present day. The concert will be conducted by LLC
please contact Sandie Anderson, choir board

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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



September

09/02 Jim Seelmeyer
09/02 Melissa Bernadt
09/03 Shawn Fellers
09/04 Elmer Ahlman
09/04 Gary Albers
09/04 Beth Voss
09/05 Kelly McGill
09/05 Santana Fritz
09/06 Matt Anderson
09/08 Esther Newman
09/08 Tarissa Westerholt
09/09 Joyce Kangero
09/09 Pamela Fellers
09/09 Allison Huesers

09/11 Kristen Clark Turk
09/12 Lydia Tuhay
09/12 Kathy Lundquist
09/12 Kevin Meyer
09/13 Lila Hinline
09/13 Janet Clark
09/13 Cynthia Wallman
09/13 Heather Kinnison
09/13 Creighton Allen
09/14 Helen Foreman
09/15 Jeanine Janssen
09/16 Avery Stelmach
09/17 Arlene Lowery

09/18 Ed Bryson
09/20 Winona Walbridge
09/20 Gregg Larsen
09/22 Delcia Itzen
09/23 Rachel Lade
09/24 Eli Keller
09/27 Nadyne Bryson
09/27 Paul Welsh
09/27 Jason Graff
09/27 Evan Sackett
09/28 Dr. Dale Rathe
09/28 Sharon Johns
09/29 Jessica Brestel
09/30 Wilbur Bechtolt