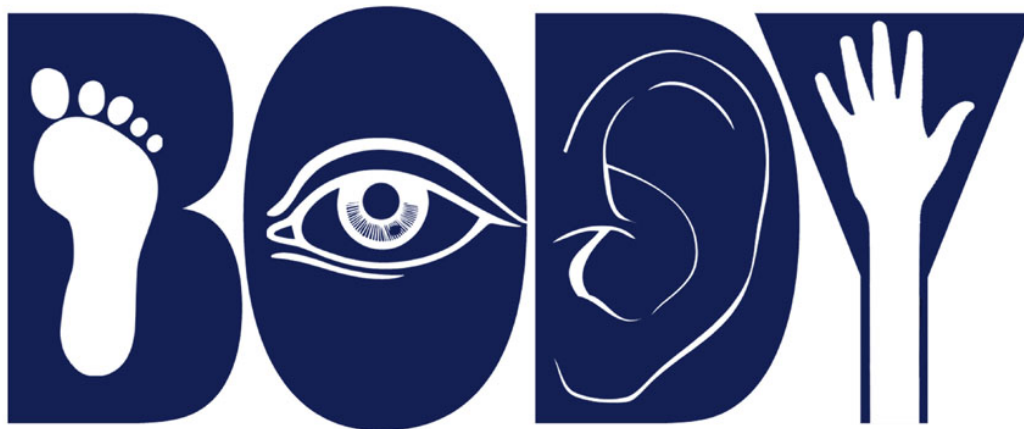


AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR:

Now you are the



of Christ and
individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV

Many of you have joined ALC in the 18+ years since we arrived, and when we ask why you chose to stay, we have often heard -- "I felt like I came home." Many have mentioned Hazel Bauer or Ruth Chamberlain by name -- as a person who sought them out, learned their names and welcomed them back warmly each time they returned. But over all...people felt like they belonged. People felt that they were safe.

This church has done a good job over the years of welcoming people....of making people feel like they belong. And, I've got to be honest, that is not something that churches always do naturally. It is easy for church folks to be so glad to see one another on Sunday mornings that they overlook the new faces. It is easy to seek out our old friends for hugs and conversation and leave newcomers standing awkwardly at the door...or sitting alone at a table. It is easy to just focus on ourselves during worship and not notice the folks fumbling to find their place in hymnals or bulletins during a service. I was reading an article in "The Living Lutheran" written by a woman who was searching for a new church. She was talking about her experiences visiting various churches and what made some feel more welcoming than others. Her take-away was that hospitality at church is about the "spotters" and the 'scooters'.

It's about the "spotters" - the folks who look for new folks...who chat with them and introduce them to others. The folks who notice the people who didn't get a bulletin or can't find a hymn...and help them out. And it's about the "scooters" - who move over in the pew or at the table and invite newcomers to join themwho take time to get to know them and are genuinely interested. I thank God for the "spotters" and the "scooters" among you. You have made this a church where so many folks feel welcomed. And I also encourage us all to continue to embrace those roles. We may not all be extroverts...but we can still notice people. We can invite people into conversation. We can simply say "Hi, my name is.....I don't think I've had a chance to meet you." We can all make room at the table for new folks in the family.

Every Sunday, the folks who are present are members of the Body of Christ gathered. Whether we are "officially" members or not is irrelevant. Whoever is present is part of God's family and part of our family. And we want everyone to know they belong and we are glad they are here. This is your home, if you are looking for one. And we hope that once you've been welcomed home... you will freely welcome others as well. Our church is always being made new. Every person who comes through our doors brings their light, their story, their heart into our community of faith...and together, we become the hands and feet of Jesus. And we are grateful...because every person makes us a more beautiful reflection of God's fullness and love. We are a mosaic, of sorts...and each of you is a piece that makes the picture of Jesus more complete. And it is SO good you are here.

Pastor Janine



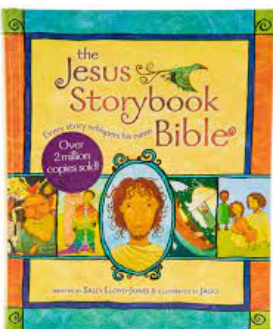
New Member Class
September 10 following worship

Interested in joining the church or maybe just learning more about who we are? You are invited to our New Member class on Sunday September 10th after church. We will be welcoming new members this fall! If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Janine or Pastor Matt

**Gracious thanks for all contributors to and helpers with
Mark Bender's Memorial.**

**Many hearts were touched and lots of tummies filled! !
We are blessed!**

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART



Bible stories for all of us

This summer our worship will be centered around Children's bible stories from the "Jesus Storybook Bible". We will be reading the stories with our kids and talking about how they speak to them...but then we will also explore how they continue to speak to us as we grow older and our lives become more complicated.

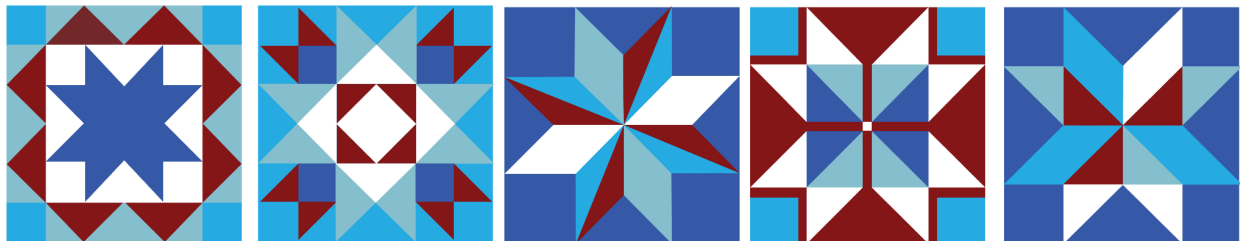


The ALC quilters would like to thank people who bought quilts while they were displayed.

We would also like to remind people quilts can be purchased any time during the year.

The quilts are stored upstairs. In December every year, the money which purchased the quilts is split evenly among the Newport, Cusick and Priest River food banks.

We are asking \$200 for any quilt. If you are interested, please contact one of the quilters. Thank you!!



Join "Moo-Moo's Prayer Club"

A YouTube video series by and ELCA children's minister and former puppeteer from Sesame Street. It features Moo-Moo the cow having conversations with all sorts of church folks of all ages about how they serve God and how they pray. You can watch "Moo-Moo's Prayer Club" at youtube.com/@moomooprays



**Help us keep the lawn neat and tidy
Please sign up on the sheet in the church lobby
For information/help with the mower please contact:**

**Jason Jones: 509-671-0449
Toby Johnson: 916-718-9399
Dennis Alliger: 602-625-4163**





Reminder:

Please sign up for Coffee Hour on the sheet in the narthex.

Keep it simple. (Check the fridge/freezer for leftovers)

August 6th: Congregational Meeting after Worship to discuss replacement of the upstairs furnace



Volunteers needed for Second Harvest distribution.
9am Thursday August 10th.



Birthdays

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Eloise Opp	08-01	Lauretta Heaney	09-05
Sandra Meade	08-01	Deegan Jones	09-09
Marva Heckathorn	08-07	Jon Hinchliff	09-11
Dick Bockemuehl	08-08	Russell Balow	09-11
Janine Goodrich	08-10	Peggy Smith	09-22
Hazel Bauer	08-14	Hedy Mitchell	09-22
Linda Blore	08-18	Kelly Alliger	09-26
Ken Brown	08-19	Glen Smith	09-28
Joy Peralta	08-20	Vicki Richter	09-29
Monty Provence	08-22		
Dee Gumenberg	08-22		
Jason Jones	08-22		
Millie Brumbaugh	08-28		

If your birthday is not listed and you would like it to be, please email:
alc.churchoffice@gmail.com

Ushers & Greeters



<p><i>July 2023</i></p> <p>6 <i>Pat Alexander</i> 13 <i>Les and Blanche Wall</i> 20 <i>Hedy Mitchell</i> 27 <i>Brian and Carol Hood</i></p>	<p><i>August 2023</i></p> <p>3 <i>Theresa Watson</i> 10 <i>Trish Akre</i> 17 <i>Randy and Vicki Richter</i> 24 <i>Marlene Faraca</i></p>
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Save the Dates:

August 10

November 9

Calendar

2023 . AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10 am Quilting	2	3	4	5
6 10 am Worship Meeting to discuss furnace replacement after service	7 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon	8 10 am Anna Circle	9 7pm Wine, Women & Wisdom	10 10am to Noon Second Harvest Mobile Market	11	12
13 10 am Worship	14 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon	15 10 am Quilting	16	17	18	19
20 10 am Worship	21 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon	22 10 am Quilting	23	24	25	26
27 10 am Worship	28 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon	29 10 am Quilting	30 5:30pm Beer, Brats & Bible At Randy's Shop	31		

2023 . SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 10 am Worship	4 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon	5 10 am Quilting	6	7	8	9
10 10 am Worship New Member Class after Worship	11 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon	12 10 am Anna Circle 7pm Council Meeting	13 7pm Choir	14 7pm Wine, Women & Wisdom	15	16
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 Jason Jones
 Dennis Alliger

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 Ken Brown
 David Grice
 Nancy Sauer
 Hedy Mitchell
 Millie Brumbaugh

Worship & Music:

*Marked with the cross of Christ forever,
 we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*