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Newsletter



Welcome back to school! (maybe some of you are more excited than others?)!

But I am hoping to use the start of school to add a few things to what is going on around the church and maybe even in the community this Fall. To that end, I am hoping you will join us after church on **September 13th** for some good ole brainstorming. Are you interested in reviving something you enjoyed in the past? Have you heard about something elsewhere that you think would be exciting to initiate here at American Lutheran. This is your church. How can we build community and relationships with each other?

Of course, wonderful things are already taking place at American Lutheran Church with a weekly Bible Study, quilting groups and support groups, and monthly fellowship opportunities. We even added a beginners Mahjong group in August for those interested.

If you have not been by the church for a while, you might be surprised to find a new banner celebrating the 100th anniversary, new landscaping, new blinds, new lights, and a fresh coat of interior paint! And if you have not been online for a while, our church services are now available on YouTube! - People interested in our church services no longer have to have Facebook accounts AND we are able to save services and sermon recordings into perpetuity (which might make a pastor somewhat nervous).

Finally, rumor is (I am starting this rumor) that American Lutheran is kicking off a 100th Anniversary pictorial! Our last pictorial appears to be 25 years old and (while none of you have aged a bit) it would be wonderful to have current pictures of everyone! Also, technology has advanced a bit (yes, there's an app for that) and both flexibility and security have improved! The body of Christ is ever-changing and growing, and this new pictorial will help us keep up with everyone. Stay tuned.

I have greatly enjoyed the hum of 100th Anniversary planning around the church and our weekly "100th Anniversary Minutes" – sharing the episodes and events in our history. And now we are singing through the decades! Thank you to everyone who has participated in the research and planning for our anniversary celebration on October 18th and know that we still have a long way to go to make it the best event, well …, in the last 100 years!

I am so happy to be a part of the American Lutheran Church community and help celebrate OUR 100th anniversary! 😊

Brendan+



WE HAVE MOVED OUR SUNDAY ONLINE STREAM TO YOUTUBE!!

https://youtube.com/@americanlutheranchurchnewport

You do not need an account, you don't need to sign in. Just click the QR code or the link and join us remotely.

Beginner Mahjong

Mondays 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

All are welcome!





Beer, Brats and Bible

Fellowship is resuming on the third Tuesday of the month.

We plan to explore the "Narrative Lectionary".

The first meeting of the year will be Tuesday September 15th, 6pm at Randy's Shop - 2332 Green Rd.

All are welcome.

The ALC Legacy Endowment:
A Gift Rooted in Generosity to Sustain and Grow

the Mission and Ministries of American Lutheran Church for the next 100 years.

As previously announced our church has been blessed in a remarkable way this year. Through two larger than usual gifts—one a bequest (a gift left for the church in a will or estate plan, often designated for specific purposes) from Steve Cawelti, and another from the Jean Oxreider Memorial Fund—we are able to take an important step toward strengthening our ministry for the next 100 years through the creation of a new church endowment.

An endowment is a special kind of financial gift designed to last. Instead of spending the funds immediately, the church invests them. The original gifts remain in place, and only the earnings are used to support our ministry year after year. It's a way for generosity today to become sustained blessings tomorrow. The funds will be prudently invested for growth with a bias towards lower rather than higher risk to ensure a continuous flow of earnings and future growth.

You can think of an endowment like planting a tree. You don't cut down the tree; you nurture it. Over time, it produces fruit season after season. In the same way, the endowment's "fruit"—its annual earnings—will help support the church's mission long into the future: Strengthening our ministries, caring for our facilities, enhancing and supporting the spiritual life of our congregation and community, investing in new programs/staff, providing church camp scholarships and building a sustainable future for all who come after us.

This new endowment is a reminder that God's blessings often arrive through the hands of those who came before us. And when we steward those blessings well, they become a foundation for the future of our church family.

If you are interested in helping to sustain and grow our endowment, an endowment committee is forming to develop tools and resources. For the time being, please contact Pastor Brendan or Katie Kersting with any questions or concerns.



Reaching Into the Future: Our Next 100 Years

Celebrating 100 years isn't just about looking back at the incredible legacy we've inherited; it's about looking forward to where God is leading us next. Our anniversary theme, Rooted and Reaching, perfectly captures who we are as American Lutheran Church.

Because we are deeply rooted in Christ's love and a century of faithful ministry, we have the firm foundation we need to boldly reach into the future.

How are we reaching forward?

We are extending our hands and hearts to meet the changing needs of our local community, ensuring our church remains a sanctuary of hope, grace, and tangible support.

We are committing to pass on the torch of faith, creating spaces where young people and new families can encounter the gospel in fresh, meaningful ways.

Armed with the same courage as the generations before us, we embrace new ideas, new technologies, and new ministries to share God's unchanging love in an ever-changing world.

As we step into our second century, our arms are wide open. We reach forward with hope, anticipation, and the unwavering confidence that the same God who sustained us for the last 100 years is already waiting for us in the future.

Save the Date: Sunday October 18th
8:30am - Coffee and More
10:00am - Celebration Service and Program
11:30am - Century Celebration Potluck



Please Note:

The Pastor will never email anyone and request money. He would, also, never call to request a donation.

Please report these emails as spam and disregard. Thank you.



Recent events have disclosed a gap in communications, especially when emergencies occur.
An idea for keeping in touch was shared with several in our congregation and thought it worthwhile to share.
Please send any feedback to the office: alc.churchoffice@gmail.com

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WHO's on WATCH

A thought starter for dealing with emergencies

My name:_____(Nicknames)_____
Birthdate:_____
Phone numbers:_____, _____
Physical Address:_____
Spouse/companion:_____Phone #_____

Children, first and last names, order of contact preference, area and phone numbers.

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People who have agreed to be available to check on my well being. Helpful to have a key or code.

_____Phone #_____
_____Phone #_____
_____Phone #_____
_____Phone #_____

Consider adding critical health info and directions for pet care.
Phone numbers and birthdate are necessary for prescription pickup.



Spokane Symphony Plays Newport

Plans are underway to bring the Spokane Symphony to Newport for a spring 2027 full concert. Organizers include passionate music lovers as well as Newport school superintendent, Pend Oreille county librarians, PEO and community organizations, CREATE, music educators, the Orchestra itself, and others.

Contact Newport Creative District for information on how to pledge your financial support as an individual, family, business, or group. A private local family fund will match all pledges made between July 10 and August 31 dollar-for-dollar up to $5000. All pledges due by December 15 to schedule spring symphony. Cash not due until spring 2027.

Contact Linda or Elly at newportcreativedistrict@gmail.com for info about classroom visits and follow-up full concert. It has been many long years since the Symphony played Newport !

If anyone has any queen size top sheets they would like to get rid of, please consider donating them to the quilt group.



RECYCLE

Your everyday printing supplies can help fund our youth activities at ALC. Recycle your used ink cartridges and buy your replacements through www.planetgreenrecycle.com Be sure to use Program ID 32635 to support us with every order. Used cartridges can also be brought to the church and added to a box in the entryway. They will be mailed in and funds sent to the church.
No cell phones at this time.



Giving Update: With our treasurer on vacation we do not have actual numbers to give you. We can only say that we are still behind in giving revenue and the church is operating at a loss for the year. If you have fallen behind on what you had hoped to contribute to the ministry this year, please consider bringing your giving current. And if you have not yet had a chance to make or increase your commitment to support the ministry at American Lutheran, please take some time to prayerfully consider a contribution. Thank you!



We're committed to hosting more Name Tag Sundays.
If you'd like to help out contact: Sue Scobby: 509-590-9921

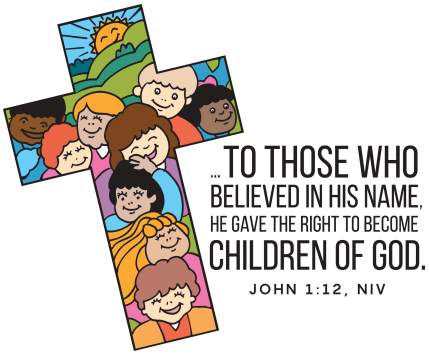


WWW will meet at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.
Our September meeting will be on Tuesday, the 15th.

All are welcome.These gatherings are a great opportunity to get better acquainted with the women in our church. We hope you will join us to share conversation, appetizers, and a choice of beverages from cider to coffee to wine!

Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be every Wednesday evening, 7:00-8:00pm.
Beginning September 2.
Come, join us in our offering of music.



Sunday school: Starting on 9/13 Lauretta has volunteered to lead Sunday school during Worship. We would encourage people to come with their kids and grandkids (and any other youth they can wrangle).

There will be an All Church Meeting on 9/13 following service to brainstorm activating the membership to build community and relationships with each other



Housekeeping Suggestion Book: a small spiral notebook is now outside the Pastor's office door. If you see something that needs cleaning or repair, please enter it into the book.
A clean and uncluttered building is a happy building.

Community Resources: Many people contact the church for assistance, usually financial. If you know of resources available in the area (besides Rural Resources, The Family Crisis Center and YES) could you please email the information to the office: alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.
Thank you!!





September
BIRTHDAYS

Lauretta Heaney	09-05
Deegan Jones	09-09
Jon Hinchliff	09-11
Russell Balow	09-11
Peggy Smith	09-22
Hedy Mitchell	09-22
Kelly Alliger	09-26
Rev(Ret) Chris Hill	09-28
Glen Smith	09-28
Vicki Richter	09-29
Jayce Waterman	09-30

USHERS GREETERS

September 2026

6 - Hedy Mitchell
13 - Liessa Thorson
20 - Don and Dee Gumenberg
27 - George Weisbarth & Eloise Opp

Lay Readers

September 2026

6 - Marva Heckathorn
13 - Sandee Meade
20 - Kristi Bell
27 - Val Samson

Second Harvest Mobile Market

Dates for 2026:
September 10
November 12
Please contact Debbie Buckley for more information: 509-671-1922
Thank you!







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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 QUILTING 10AM	2 CHOIR 7PM	3	4	5 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 3PM
6 WORSHIP 10AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM	7 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 1:30PM	8 ANNA CIRCLE 10AM	9 CHOIR 7PM	10 10AM SECOND HARVEST MOBILE MARKET	11 	12 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 3PM
13 WORSHIP 10AM ALL CHURCH MEETING 11AM	14 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 1:30PM	15 QUILTING 10AM WWW WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 5PM B.B.B * FELLOWSHIP 6PM	16 CHOIR 7PM	17	18	19 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 3PM
20 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	21 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 1:30PM	22 QUILTING 10AM	23 CHOIR 7PM	24	25	26 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 3PM
27 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	28 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 1:30PM	29 QUILTING 10AM	30 CHOIR 7PM			

*RANDY'S SHOP: 2332 GREEN ROAD

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