

Newsletter



It is finally here! Happy 100th Anniversary! What a gift to me to be able to be here and share it with all of you! And thank you to EVERYONE who has worked so hard to make it all come to fruition (and for all the work yet to do!)! It has been a fun six months of activity in and around the church in preparation.

We have had some fun this last month with a new Confirmation class, firing up Sunday School (thank you, Lauretta!), re-starting a men's fellowship group, and meeting as a church to brainstorm ideas to further activate the church. Mahjong has also continued on Mondays and currently has four tables playing! Lauretta has compiled all of our thoughts from brainstorming and we will assign those to our established committees to further process and develop. Note that work will likely be on hold until after the anniversary, but it is not forgotten!

One other thing going on is our "100 th Anniversary Pictorial" project. Lauretta has everyone entered into the new directory, but we need to add pictures. The new directory is at instantchurchdirectory.com and you just need your email to access. I got in and made my edits in about ten minutes. My only warning is to use a square picture, or you will get something like this: If we need to schedule a picture day, we will make that happen, too!



We are officially into Fall, which means we will lose some of our congregation to warmer climates for the winter, but we still have Kansas City Chiefs football and the last few chapters of the Gospel of Matthew to keep us entertained! Planning for the 100-year celebration will turn to discerning our next 100 years celebrating and sharing the gift of God's grace in our lives! I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you!

Pastor 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 subscribe, you don't need to sign in.
Just click the QR code or the link and join us remotely.

Beginner Mahjong

Mondays 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall
All are welcome!





The Directory has gone online:
instantchurchdirectory.com
Your sign-in is your email.
Please check your entry and edit if needed.
Also, we would really like pictures of everyone.
If you have a picture, please upload it. If you need a picture, let Pastor Brendan or Lauretta know.

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.

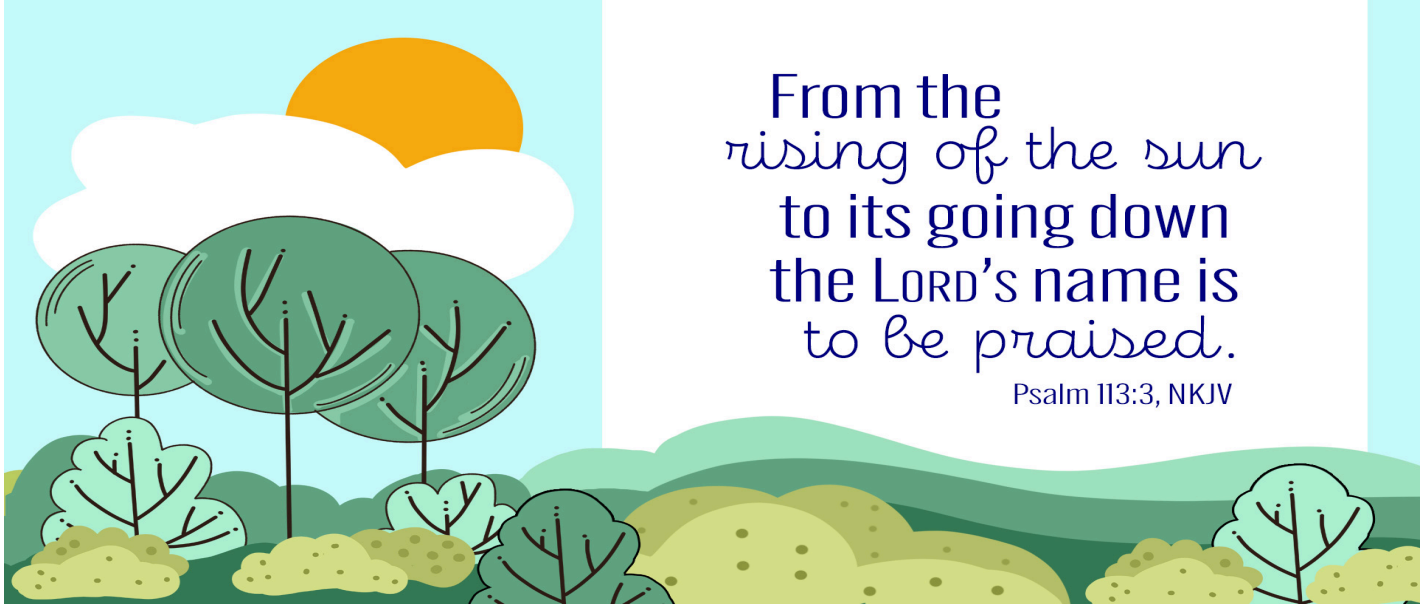
As previously announced our church has been blessed in a remarkable way this year. Through two larger than usual gifts—one a bequest (a gift left for the church in a will or estate plan, often designated for specific purposes) from Steve Cawelti, and another from the Jean Oxreider Memorial Fund—we are 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.

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Congratulations ,
Your organization is part of the Planet Green Recycle Fundraising Program! We've made the program easy to help you raise funds for your organization throughout the entire year.

Important! This is your Fundraising Program ID code: 32635.
This unique ID Number is used to track recycling and purchases made on Planet Green Recycle website and used to credit your organization.
There are two easy ways for your organization to continually raise funds.

1. Recycling - Every time your community of supporters use your program I.D. number 32635 to request a free shipping label to recycle their used ink cartridges at www.PlanetGreenRecycle.com it guarantees that your fundraiser is credited for those submissions.

2. Buying Recycled - Planet Green Recycle offers the largest selection of U.S. remanufactured and name branded OEM surplus printer cartridges on the market. Each time someone makes a purchase of ink or toner at www.PlanetGreenRecycle.com and adds your Program ID 32635 next to their first name when checking out, Planet Green contributes 10% of the total purchase back to your organization.

Remember, we are here to help. If you have any questions, need assistance, or did not receive your separate launch email, please feel free to contact us at info@planetgreenrecycle.com or 800-377-1093.
We look forward to helping you raise funds!

Planet Green Recycle

Your GIVING matters

Giving Update: 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 Women's Fellowship

WWW Women's Fellowship group schedule change

Starting in October, WWW will move to our winter schedule so we don't have to drive in the dark!

Our meetings will be on the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. These gatherings give us the opportunity to share wisdom and laughter while developing friendships with the wonderful women in our congregation. We hope you will join us to share something to eat and beverages of coffee, tea, or wine.

Beer, Brats and Bible Men's Fellowship
Third Tuesday of the month:
October 20th - 5pm.
At Randy's Shop:
2332 Green Rd.
All are welcome!

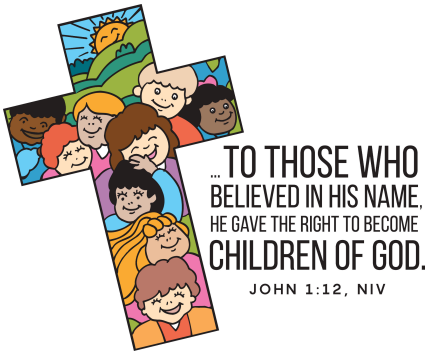




Choir Rehearsals

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

Sunday school: 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).





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!!



Gift Matching Opportunity!!

Your donation towards the much-needed SOLAR KITCHEN at Tumaini Lutheran Seminary in Tanzania will be matched dollar-for-dollar by an anonymous donor up to a cumulative total of $20,000 through November 15, 2026! This will allow us to reach our original funding goal of $75,000 well ahead of schedule! Donations can be made either online at www.nwimsynod.org (specify "Global Mission, UKD Solar Kitchen") or by US Mail to the Synod Office noting "UKD Solar Kitchen." Thanks to those who have already donated to this project!



Sarah Britton	10-02
Wyatt Jones	10-03
Larry Sauer	10-05
Sarah Goodman	10-07
Jeff Bell	10-10
Wes Blore	10-15
Chris Shaver	10-15
Jeremy Lewis	10-17
Steve Morey	10-22
Jonathan Goodman	10-24
Kristapher Morey	10-24
Don Gumenberg	10-27
Jeanne Gerke	10-29

October 2026

4 - The Turner Family
11 - Dick Bockemuelhl & Sandy Ellersick
18 - 100th Year Celebration:
Main Floor: Christian and Sarah Britton
Upstairs: Val Urbat
25 - Janel Lambarth





October 2026

4 - Mary Bug Smith
11 - Annie Frederick
18 - Larry Sauer
25 - Lee Shaver

Second Harvest Mobile Market

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



10 OCTOBER 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 4:30PM
4 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	5 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 1:30PM	6 QUILTING 10AM	7 CHOIR 7PM	8	9	10 WWW WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 1PM RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 4:30PM
11 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	12 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 1:30PM	13 ANNA CIRCLE 10AM	14 CHOIR 7PM	15	16	17 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 4:30PM
18 COFFEE 8:30AM WORSHIP 10AM FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION 	19 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 1:30PM	20 QUILTING 10AM B.B.B MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 5PM RANDY'S SHOP: 2332 GREEN ROAD	21 CHOIR 7PM	22	23	24 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 4:30PM
25 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	26 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 1:30PM	27 QUILTING 10AM	28 CHOIR 7PM	29	30 	31 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 4:30PM

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