

NOVEMBER

Newsletter



Wow! There is so much to celebrate from our 100th Anniversary celebration on October 18th ! If you didn't get a chance to watch the service, perhaps we can add a link here? If not, it is easy to find through our website, https://www.americanlutheranchurch.net, Facebook (American Lutheran Church – Newport, WA), or YouTube,@americanlutheranchurch.net (you DON'T have to subscribe – but it's easier…).

The anniversary celebration really showed off what a talented group of planners and organizers, musicians, and readers we have at American Lutheran Church, as we worshipped and ate our way through the decades. And the church just seemed to sparkle! The building and grounds, the decoration and displays, and the use of new and historic gifts in the service all celebrated the life and love we never take for granted here. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who made the day wonderful and memorable!

Two days after the celebration, our men's fellowship group met (thank you Glen and Mary Bug Smith for hosting us!). We read Genesis 12:1-9, the call of Abram, which is a pivotal scripture in our faith. As the Bible introduces a personal relationship and the promise from God to Abram we lean on: "in you all families of the earth shall be blessed." While we talked about a LOT of things, we ended with recognizing that Abram was 75 when he received the call to leave the people and customs that he knew, travel to another land, and do something new and unknown. American Lutheran Church is now 100 years old and we are traveling into our next 100 years. What is God calling us to do? What do we need to leave behind, so God can create something new? And how will we (through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit) continue to be a blessing to the communities we serve?

God's peace! My love.

Pastor Brendan

Thanks to everyone who helped make our 100th anniversary event memorable! So many of you made significant contributions from making sure the grounds were at their best, helping with the many tasks to set up and take down tables and chairs, decorating, baking and cooking amazing potluck foods, inviting people, and generally taking on any task that needed to be done. It is sometimes said that "It takes a village". The ALC version is "It takes a congregation!" Thank you!

You can watch the 100th Anniversary service on YouTube.



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 12:30pm 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.

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.





The Hospitality House in Newport is looking for interested Bridge players for Wednesday afternoons at 12:30pm. It is a wonderful group but they have lost several people and don't have enough players each week.
Thank you. Angie Hankey

From the Endowment Advisory Committee:

Century of Faithfulness, and a Future Full of Promise

What a joy it was to gather and celebrate 100 years of God's faithfulness in our congregation! Between the stories, the laughter, and the memories shared, one thing was clear: this church was built on love, prayer, and the tireless work and the faith of generations. We heard tales of the potlucks, the donut sales, and the fundraisers that kept our doors open, and we may never know just how many casseroles and Jell-O salads it took to get us to this day. We are deeply grateful to every hand that stirred, baked, and served and prayed.

That same spirit of generosity lives on. Two beloved members, Steve Cawlti and Jean Oxreider, left gifts to the church that have allowed us to establish an endowment fund with the hope that it will help care for our building and ministries and allow us to serve our neighbors as needs arise. Their foresight is a gift to the next 100 years of ALC , and a wonderful complement to the faithful giving that sustains our church every day.

As we give thanks, please prayerfully consider how we each might individually add our own chapter to this story of blessing and giving.

Annie, Ken and Dennis





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.

_____
_____
_____
_____

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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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.

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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

Our meetings are on the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m.

November 14th

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:
November 17th- 5:30pm.
At George Weibarth's
92 JORGENS RD.
All are welcome!

George will have the brats. Pastor is bringing his Bible. Please bring your own beverage (and one to share).

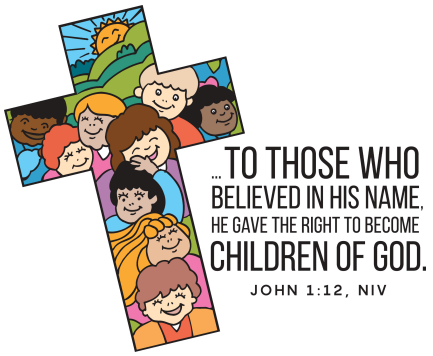


Rehearsals will be every Wednesday evening, 7:00-8:00pm.
Come, join us in our offering of music.

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).

Nursery:

The Nursery upstairs needs sprucing up a bit and could use some new toys and coloring books. If you have something to donate there's a labeled box in the kitchen.





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.

Coffee Hour Updates:

The new coffee hour schedule will soon be posted, there are a few changes to note. Watch for it.
Just a reminder, Coffee Hour is fellowship time: keep it simple, healthy & sweet!





From the Fellowship Committee:

Advent begins Sunday, November 29. Part of our Advent tradition includes decorating a tree in the sanctuary with special Christmas ornaments known as Crismons. These are ornaments that display traditional symbols of Christ made in white and gold to represent Christ's purity and God's majesty. Many of our existing Crismon ornaments have been used for years and need to be refreshed.

After church on Sunday, November 15, we will have a Crismon workshop. We hope you will plan to stay and make a new ornament for this year's tree. The materials to make and decorate the ornaments will be provided as well as guides for the traditional Crismon symbols. Plan to help! All are welcome!

Advent decorating is planned for Thursday, December 3.



Della Grice	11-01
Katie Kersting	11-01
Pat Alexander	11-04
Tony Hoffman	11-05
Hedy Seeber	11-07
JoDee Hankey	11-09
Theresa Watson	11-11
Sophie Hinchliff	11-14
Elaine Petersen	11-18
Sarah Grice	11-18
Kendra Persyn	11-18
George Weisbarth	11-21
Tim Anderson	11-25
Norm Urbat	11-26
Annika Hughes	11-27
Rand Gurley	11-29
Cydni Lewis	11-30

November 2026

1 - Cindy Phillips
8 - Pat Alexander & Gary Burgess
15 - Cindy Phillips
22 - Marva Heckathorn
29 - Marlene Faraca





November 2026

1 — Val Urbat
8 — Elaine Petersen
15 — Hedy Mitchell
22 — Christian Britton
29 — Mike Mumford

Second Harvest Mobile Market

Second Harvest Mobile Market Thursday, November 12th, 2026 at the Newport Rodeo Grounds across from 103 S Garden Ave. Volunteers are needed and should arrive between 8:45-9:00 am. The market is open for pickup from 10:00 am to Noon.
Please contact Debbie Buckley for more information: 509-671-1922

If anyone is interested in sponsoring Second Harvest Mobile Market for 2027 ($250) please contact Debbie Buckley.

mobile market summary

in proud partnership with

American Lutheran Church

The Second Harvest Mobile Market brings healthy food and nutrition education directly to high-need communities throughout the Inland Northwest. Through your partnership, the Mobile Market was able to provide groceries at no cost to vulnerable children, seniors and families facing hunger in the region.
Thank you for partnering on this successful event!

your impact

299
families
received nutritious groceries.

the product

13,592
meals
provided.

volunteers

33
people
donated their time to distribute food to the community!

time

107
hours
were generously donated by volunteers.

Need recipe inspiration?

Scan here for delicious ideas from The Kitchen at Second Harvest

feed

your event details

September 10th, 2026
Newport, Washington
Newport Rodeo Grounds

MOBILE MARKET
2nd HARVEST
2-harvest.org

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	2 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 12:30PM	3 QUILTING 10AM	4 CHOIR 7PM	5	6	7 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 3:00PM
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	9 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 12:30PM	10 ANNA CIRCLE 10AM	11 CHOIR 7PM	12 10AM SECOND HARVEST MOBILE MARKET	13	14 WWW WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 1PM RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 3:00PM
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	16 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 12:30PM	17 QUILTING 10AM B.B.B MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 530PM AT GEORGE WEISBARTH'S	18 CHOIR 7PM	19	20	21 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 3:00PM
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	23 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 12:30PM	24 QUILTING 10AM	25 CHOIR 7PM	26 THANKSGIVING	27	28 RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP 3:00PM
29 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM WORSHIP 10AM	30 BIBLE STUDY 10AM AL ANON 12NOON MAHJONG 12:30PM					







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