



# PARISH LIGHT

American Lutheran Church

401 Flynn Drive, Milbank, SD 57252

2023

CHRIST WELCOMES ALL AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

## Pastor's Page

Summer is here! When I was growing up, that meant it was baseball season! My dad played Amateur Baseball for years, my older brother played up through Legion ball, and I played Little League for awhile. But we spent a lot of time at the ball field each and every summer. It has been fun seeing a few posts on Facebook of the start of a new baseball season this year.

I was remembering when our girls were little and they played T-ball in Summit. I always loved watching those youngest kids playing ball. They are not too concerned about winning but are just having a good time. You can see the joy on their faces when they hit the ball or catch it in their glove.

It was also fun to see how much they would improve over the course of a few week season. At the beginning of the summer, some of them didn't know which way to run after they hit the ball or how to get from 1<sup>st</sup> base to 2<sup>nd</sup> base. They would need a lot of coaching and directing. Even the ones who had played before, needed a little reminder. But by the end of the season, none of them needed any help at all. They had learned where to go and also learned the quickest way was to run straight at the base.

Our life of faith kind of parallels the life of T-Ball baseball player. When we begin to live out our faith, we are a little lost and need lots of direction. How do we do these things like worshipping, praying, reading the Bible, sharing our faith, and serving others? But with help, guidance, and practice our faith life grows, and we begin to learn how to live out our faith. It becomes easier to enter into prayer with God. We become familiar with how we worship and the meaning of what happens when we gather on Sunday morning. But it takes work, practice, coaching, and doing them on a regular basis.

This growing and learning in our faith is not something that only happens when we are young. We all need to continue to learn and study and practice these works of faith in our lives to grow closer to God and to deepen our faith. But it is especially important for our children to learn these faith practices when they are young. So that they can carry them with them as they grow into adults.

As parents, we are the number one coach in our children's faith lives. We model for them what a life of faith looks like. When we pray, come to worship, and serve others in God's name, our children see this and want to be like us. The church is here to support your work with things like Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Take Out Church (read more about that inside this newsletter), but in the end it is up to the parents to pass on the faith to their children through the living of their own faith.

However, all of us play a role as coach and supporter for the youth of our congregation and for one another. In this family of faith, we are here to encourage each other on our faith journeys. To lift each other up when there is need and to celebrate when there are things to celebrate and to be a role model for one another.

So I encourage all of us to keep living the faith, keep carrying out these faith practices in our lives. Keep learning and growing in our faith so that we can be closer to God and to one another. I hope you celebrate the growth you have had in your faith and I pray that your faith may continue to be strengthened through worship, prayer, and Scripture.

See you in Church,

Pastor Justin

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

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## LISTEN TO THE SERVICE:

### On the RADIO

LIVE at 9 am on KMSD  
(1510AM)

### FACEBOOK Live

"LIVE at 9 am on Facebook"

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Worship Service Videos,  
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Worship Service Videos  
& Bulletins

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS AND UPDATES

## MAY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Property & Management Committee

Projects in progress: visitor signage, Steeple light, hand railing in front of church, AED signage/training. Upgrades for sound system. Refresh fellowship hall with new paint. Eagle Scouts are going to refresh our firepit. Working on capital expenditures plan for the next 5 years.

### Worship & Evangelism Committee

Twins Game—June 17th.  
Working on membership engagement.

### Finance & Stewardship Committee

Projects in progress: Gifting program, Finance policy manual.  
Investment committee is meeting with Thrivent on investment options.

### Youth & Education Committee

Job descriptions for Preschool were approved. Final day of Preschool was May 11th. Discussion on the possibility of getting a large van for preschool and youth events. Working on enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. End of year Sunday School wrap up over 160 May Day baskets were made and delivered.

### Other Business (new & old)

Synod annual meeting is June 2-3. We are still looking for 2-3 more voting members. Spring work day was a success. The pot luck was enjoyed by all. Reviewing time & talent lists making sure we are keeping in touch. Discussion around summer worship ideas. Looking at doing a service on June 28th and July 26th.

**The next American Lutheran Church Council meeting is June 7th at 6:30.**



## Do you love to Garden?

*American Lutheran Church is looking for individuals to "Adopt a Flower Bed!"*

Responsibilities include spring and fall clean up, maintenance and trimming, dividing perennials, and planting new shrubs/plants if needed (funds will be available to help with this). It can be as big or as small of a section that you would like to handle!

Reach out to Pastor Justin today if you are interested!



## Stewardship *Time, Talent, Treasure*

| Date    | Offering    |
|---------|-------------|
| 5/07/23 | \$ 3,181.00 |
| 5/14/23 | \$ 4,745.00 |
| 5/21/23 | \$ 2,865.00 |
| 5/28/23 | \$ 2,709.00 |

### Attendance

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| 5/07/23 | 230 |
| 5/14/23 | 145 |
| 5/21/23 | 116 |
| 5/28/23 | 100 |

Online giving: \$ 4,126.00

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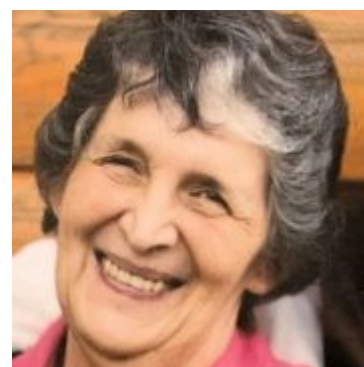
**Gianna Frances Pauli**

Baptized  
April 30, 2023  
Daughter of  
Willi & Crissy Pauli  
Sponsors  
Brigitte & Lance Hamman

Pastoral  
Acts



**Jody Marie Welberg**  
November 7, 1963-May 4, 2023  
Funeral: May 10, 2023



**Gail Kay Strobl**  
May 25, 1943 - May 5, 2023  
Funeral: May 11, 2023

**Parish Nurse  
News**



**Diana Dirksen**  
Parish Nurse

Summer safety tips Looks like our long winter is over and now we are moving into summer. I want to share some safety tips.

1. Practice Summer Heat Safety. Never leave an infant or young child alone in a closed car in the summer. ...
2. Stay Safe Around Water. Never let a child near water unattended. ...
3. Protect Your Skin Against Sunburn. Use sunscreen with at least a 30 SPF or higher. A typical sunburn is the same as a first-degree burn. And if it blisters, that's a second-degree burn.
4. Keep the Bugs at Bay. I advise patients to spray themselves and their clothes with insect repellent containing DEET. ...
5. Avoid Poison Ivy. The stuff grows everywhere – in the yard, beside the highway and in city parks. And if botany's not your thing, follow the old adage: "Leaves of three, let it be."
6. Stay hydrated.

Blood pressures-check the bulletins but I will try and do them either the first or second Sunday of the month. Be on the look out for a gathering in Aug-plans are just beginning to get formalized.

# WELCOME Our New Members



Laverna Moldenhauer



Bill, Kammi Wietman and Sophie,  
Logan



Mike, Amanda  
Thronson and Jordan



**“Women’s Connection”**, an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, meeting will be held at Central Church, Milbank, SD on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023**, at 1:30 – 3:00 P.M, in the church fellowship hall. Tickets: \$5.00 – Light dessert will be served.  
Speaker: Jean Peterson of Sioux Falls “The Power of One “  
Special Feature – Flag Etiquette by Karen Layher  
Music - Jean Peterson

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together with women in our area.

For reservations: please contact:

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## Worship Volunteers for SUMMER

Sign-up now at the  
Welcome Center

Lectors, Communion Servers,  
Ushers, Greeters, Coffee  
Fellowship.

Summer is busy for everyone.

It is hard to plan ahead.

If you sign up for a Sunday and your plans change just let us know and we will find a substitute for you.



SUMMER  
WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Sunday Mornings - Hymn Stories**

*Have you ever wondered about how our most beloved hymns came to be?*

Each week we will hear the story behind one of these hymns and reflect on how the words of these hymns still speak to our faith today. Pastor Justin has a few hymns in mind already, but if you have a favorite hymn that you would like him to preach about, please let him know. Our Worship Services during the summer will have a more relaxed style with some new litanies, just one or two Scripture readings, prayers, and Holy Communion. Come and join us!

We are also inviting people to help select the hymns we will sing throughout the summer. Use the clip board on the Welcome Center to let us know your favorite!

**Join us on Sundays - 9:00 am Worship - followed by Fellowship Time**

Take Out Church



#ALCSummerChurch

**TAKE OUT  
CHURCH**



**Campfire  
Communion**



Summer is also the time of vacations, time at the lake, and busy children's activities schedules! You are always welcome to join us on Facebook Live or on the Radio if you cannot make it to worship on a Sunday morning! Because of those busy schedules, we are offering two new Worship Opportunities this Summer!

*Going on vacation?*

*Stop and grab a Take Out Church Box!*

Inside you will find everything you need to have Church on the Go with your family - devotions, prayer activities, service opportunities!

Also includes an ALC Church on a Stick - take your picture with it and post it to the Church Facebook Page (think Flat Stanley)! Let's see where our church family travels this summer!

**#ALCSummerChurch**

*Last Wednesday of June & July*

*7:00 pm - June 28 & July 26*

Always out of town on Sundays during the Summer? Join your Church Family on a couple Wednesday evenings for a time of worship around the campfire! We will gather on the patio outside the Fellowship Hall.

S'mores will be served following our time of worship!

*Please bring your own lawn chair*

# American Lutheran SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School kids wrapped up the year with a day filled with service for others. They worked hard to create over 160 May Day baskets to deliver to St. Williams, Avantara, Wellshire Park Place, Koch Senior Living, Darcie's Home Care, as well as ALC shut-ins. Some of the kids stayed longer to help deliver the baskets on Sunday and some delivered on Monday.



The confirmation kids volunteered their time to package and pack Mercy Meals in May. In total, the meals that were packed by the kids will feed 2,376 people! The kids did an amazing job!



# PETS UNLEASHED

WHERE JESUS CARES "FUR" YOU

**Save the date for Vacation Bible School!** VBS will be held on June 14 and 15. All children, ages 3 years (and potty trained) through 6th grade, are welcome to attend! Register students or sign up to volunteer at:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/alcmlbanksd/27273>

You may also sign up for VBS at the Welcome Center. Volunteering for VBS is a great way to connect with the youth of ALC! Want to contribute but can't help out? Sign up to donate food items for the suppers that will be held each night of bible school. The sign-up is located at the Welcome Center at church. Don't miss out on VBS!



Junior high youth group members and Sunday school kids delivered May Day Baskets! The recipients were grateful!



Amy Bass, ALC Youth Coordinator



## June Birthdays



|      |                 |      |                      |      |                     |      |                 |
|------|-----------------|------|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------------|
| 6/1  | Bishop Barragan | 6/10 | Elizabeth Smith      | 6/18 | Jerry Kathman       | 6/26 | Kaleb Pillatzke |
| 6/1  | Rita Hins       | 6/11 | Nathan Bass          | 6/20 | Jamie Brandt        | 6/27 | Sandra Boe      |
| 6/1  | Clayton Olson   | 6/12 | Mark Mikkelson       | 6/20 | Laura Johnson       | 6/27 | Jody Kramer     |
| 6/3  | Ryan Magedanz   | 6/12 | Sophie Wietman       | 6/21 | Haeli Teske         | 6/28 | Danielle Hicks  |
| 6/4  | Brigitte Hamman | 6/13 | Cole Kirchberg       | 6/22 | Elsie Anderson      | 6/29 | Aspen Kiley     |
| 6/4  | Luke Johnson    | 6/13 | Nathaniel Steinlicht | 6/22 | Nolan Foss          | 6/30 | Tom Aho         |
| 6/4  | Allison Koehler | 6/13 | Heather Storm        | 6/23 | Laurie Wollschlager | 6/30 | June Hunt       |
| 6/4  | Kaci Zinter     | 6/13 | Lisa Torness         | 6/24 | Caden Bjordahl      | 6/30 | Bryan Johnson   |
| 6/5  | Noah Thompson   | 6/14 | Madeline Foss        | 6/24 | Dana Mathiason      | 6/30 | Briggs Mears    |
| 6/7  | Jody Bear       | 6/15 | Hunter Storm         | 6/24 | Jordan Thronson     | 6/30 | Scott Torness   |
| 6/7  | Rachel Kiley    | 6/15 | Donald Van Veen      | 6/25 | Gerald Grimm        | 6/30 | Tasha Trapp     |
| 6/8  | Kathleen Jones  | 6/16 | Clint Magedanz       | 6/25 | Bette McFarland     |      |                 |
| 6/8  | Lee Schumacher  | 6/16 | Debra Pierce         | 6/25 | Gail Street         |      |                 |
| 6/10 | Blake Gomer     | 6/16 | Keara Van Hoorn      | 6/26 | Patricia Frazee     |      |                 |

## July Birthdays

|     |                  |      |                 |      |                  |      |                   |
|-----|------------------|------|-----------------|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 7/1 | Karen Davis      | 7/8  | Betty Torness   | 7/15 | Roger Pauli      | 7/21 | Lisa Anderson     |
| 7/2 | Koby Prisinger   | 7/8  | Kristen Ash     | 7/15 | Cody Seehafer    | 7/21 | Eli Johnson       |
| 7/2 | Shelly Wildung   | 7/8  | Diane Pillatzke | 7/15 | Kelly Gnat       | 7/22 | Mike Sipe         |
| 7/2 | Blair Frogner    | 7/9  | Avery Schuneman | 7/15 | Kendra Grong     | 7/25 | Nathan Loutsch    |
| 7/2 | Pam Neugebauer   | 7/10 | Angela Boerger  | 7/15 | Mason Kirchberg  | 7/25 | Thomas Bass       |
| 7/4 | Nick Sipe        | 7/11 | Larry Storm     | 7/16 | Michael Strege   | 7/26 | Shane Schuchar d  |
| 7/4 | Michelle Fraasch | 7/11 | Glenda Bohn     | 7/17 | Haley Harms      | 7/26 | Maddyn Harms      |
| 7/6 | Samuel Femling   | 7/11 | Valari Burts    | 7/18 | Dorothy Thompson | 7/27 | Charles Mehlhaff  |
| 7/6 | Macy Mueller     | 7/13 | Cooper Mueller  | 7/18 | Kaiya Brandt     | 7/28 | Carlene Wittnebel |
| 7/6 | Jerry Neuharth   | 7/14 | Sophia Bass     | 7/19 | Steve Wenzl      | 7/31 | Paysen Anderson   |
| 7/8 | Beth St. Martin  | 7/14 | Janice Boerger  | 7/20 | Ralph Hansen     | 7/31 | Violet Johnson    |
|     |                  | 7/14 | Rosann Johnsen  | 7/21 | Dell Stengel     | 7/31 | Jessica Bohlen    |

## August Birthdays

|      |                   |      |                   |      |                     |      |                   |
|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| 8/1  | Candy Mohnsen     | 8/11 | Ellie Neugebauer  | 8/18 | Jordan Thiele       | 8/25 | Kevin Welberg     |
| 8/1  | Julie Dwyer       | 8/11 | Brandon Prisinger | 8/18 | Shawn Zemlicka      | 8/25 | Ledger Barragan   |
| 8/1  | Dustin D. Fahleen | 8/11 | Jake Knoll        | 8/20 | Sammi Hamman        | 8/25 | Dustin Boerger    |
| 8/2  | Darlene Olson     | 8/13 | Kylie Mielitz     | 8/20 | Judd Farrell        | 8/25 | Lucas Johnson     |
| 8/2  | Lynn Hardy        | 8/13 | Hunter Pulscher   | 8/20 | Blaine Gomer        | 8/25 | Hawley Kirchberg  |
| 8/4  | Riley Anderson    | 8/14 | Reid Wildung      | 8/21 | Marie Loutsch       | 8/26 | Adam Jones        |
| 8/6  | Presley Jones     | 8/14 | Jordan Krause     | 8/21 | Reagan Frogner      | 8/27 | Laurie Strege     |
| 8/6  | Kiel Zinter       | 8/14 | Rick Schwenn      | 8/21 | Jeff Jones          | 8/28 | Travis Rinehart   |
| 8/8  | Margaret Mehlhaff | 8/15 | Amanda Thronson   | 8/22 | Tonya Schlueter     | 8/29 | Harvey Schaefer   |
| 8/8  | Eastyn Mikkelson  | 8/15 | Janet Zemlicka    | 8/22 | Rhonda Christophson | 8/29 | Allicyn Kirchberg |
| 8/8  | Kirby Hins        | 8/16 | Amy Prisinger     | 8/23 | Steven Hamman       | 8/31 | Dorothy Larson    |
| 8/8  | Carol Lohr        | 8/17 | Tate Schlueter    | 8/23 | Heather Pillatzke   | 8/31 | Gary Wellnitz     |
| 8/9  | David Van Veen    | 8/17 | Tom Schuneman     | 8/23 | Hayden Storm        | 8/31 | Roger Wellnitz    |
| 8/10 | Lane Steffensen   | 8/17 | Josh Anderson     | 8/24 | Mandy Ericsson      |      |                   |
| 8/10 | Keelan Strege     | 8/17 | Miranda Dunnihoo  | 8/24 | Becker Mueller      |      |                   |
| 8/10 | Bobbie Bohlen     | 8/17 | Lois Grimm        |      |                     |      |                   |

# June

2023

| Sun                                   | Mon                              | Tue                  | Wed  | Thu                 | Fri   | Sat  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|
|                                       |                                  |                      |  | 1                   | 2 Synod Assembly<br>Sioux Falls<br><br>Rehearsal<br>5:00 pm | 3 Synod Assembly<br>Sioux Falls<br><br>Wedding<br>3:00<br>Teske/Berg |
| 4<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour  | 5<br>12 Staff Mtg<br>7:00 Scouts | 6<br>12 Peace Circle | 7 10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN<br>6:30 Council   | 8<br>2:00 Vespers   | 9   | 10   |
| 11<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour | 12<br>12 Staff Mtg<br>7 Scouts   | 13<br>9 Quilting     | 14 10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN<br>VBS 5:30-8:00 | 15<br>VBS 5:30-8:00 | 16  | 17<br>Twins Trip   |
| 18<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour | 19<br>12 Staff Mtg<br>7 Scouts   | 20                   | 21<br>10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN               | 22                  | 23  | 24   |
| 25<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour | 26<br>12 staff mtg<br>7 Scouts   | 27<br>9 Quilting     | 28<br>10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN               | 29                  | 30  |  |

|                                       |                                |   | July  |                 |    | 1  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|----|----|
| 2<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour  | 3<br>Office Closed             | 4<br><br>Office Closed | 5<br>10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN               | 6               | 7  | 8  |
| 9<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour  | 10<br>12 Staff Mtg             | 11<br>9 Quilting  | 12 10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN<br>6:30 Council | 13<br>2 Vespers | 14 | 15 |
| 16<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour | 17<br>12 Staff Mtg<br>7 Scouts | 18  | 19<br>10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN              | 20              | 21 | 22 |
| 23<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour | 24<br>7 Scouts                 | 25<br>9 Quilting  | 26<br>10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN              | 27              | 28 | 29 |

| 30                                    | 31                             | August               |                                    | 3                     | 4  | 5<br>Fellowship hall<br>Reserved<br>All day |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|---|
|                                       |                                | 1<br>12 Peace Circle | 2                                  |                       |    |   |
| 6<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour  | 7<br>12 Staff Mtg<br>7 Scouts  | 8<br>9 Quilting      | 9<br>10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN  | 10<br>ALC Golf Outing | 11 | 12  |
| 13<br>9 WORSHIP<br>10 Fellowship Hour | 14<br>12 Staff Mtg<br>7 Scouts | 15                   | 16<br>10 Bible Study<br>THE CHOSEN | 17                    | 18 | 19  |
|                                       |                                |                      |                                    |                       |    |   |