



“Just as you were a curse among the nations, house of Judah and house of Israel,
so now I will deliver you; you will be a blessing. Don’t fear, but be strong.”
- Zechariah 8:13 -

Dear friends,

As new beginnings sprout up all around us - the beginning of a new school year, first competitions for new sports seasons, and of course, delicious coffee at the newly opened *Beanery* - our faith community will begin something new, as well. Though, this new thing is rooted in ancient traditions and practices. This new thing is grounded in promises God made to God’s people, long ago. Over the course of this year, we, as a people who have been, and continue to be blessed by God, will focus on living out our calling to bless others.

Each week, before we are sent out from worship, I will share our “blessing moment” for the week. These blessing moments will offer us simple ways to be a community who blesses others, without expectation of anything in return. They will be opportunities to bless our neighbors, friends, families, co-workers, and classmates, throughout the week - to be a light in the world, spreading joy, hope, peace, and love.

Our hope is that our entire faith community - people of all ages and stages of life - will actively engage in this initiative to bless others. Some of these blessings will be little things you can do on your own, as you go about your day, and others will be projects for you to work on together, as a family. The ALC council has been working to compile a list of possible ideas, and we would love to hear from you, if you have ideas for blessing moments.

I look forward to seeing the ways the Spirit works in and through the people of ALC, as we shift our attention and focus to being a blessing to others. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me, or to a council member.

Blessings.

Pastor Steve

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Kids' Cupboard

The Kids' Cupboard is open each Thursday afternoon from 5:00-6:30 pm. Food donations needed this month are cans or cups of pasta (ravioli, beefaroni, lasagna, etc). Thank you for your continued support of the Kids' Cupboard!

Ashland Food Pantry

Please remember those who are less fortunate by donating to the Ashland Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the basket on the floor by the east door.



Birthdays

Grace Starns	4
Amanda Washburn	5
Hannah Luebe	6
Addison Scott	8
Emma Van Houten	9
Gabe Holtz	9
Dean Spilker	9
Joseph Greise	11
Grace Gambaiana	12
Greeley Holtz	14
Zachary Brown	14
Mary Schroeder	17
Amber Nelson	18
Haley Urwin	20
Bridget Chapman	21
Robert Voss	23
Jenny Kissinger	23
Cindy Miller	24
Kerry Stohlmann	28
Holly Campbell	28
Brad Jacobsen	29
Greg Bloodworth	29
Maddox Mosher	29
Grant Miller	30

Anniversaries

Jerry & Stephanie Lusienksi	10
Steven & Koren Lindley	22

COVID Task Force Update

Outdoor in-person worship, which began on August 9, has been going well. The people that have attended are abiding by the task force guidelines, which is greatly appreciated. We continue to monitor the Saunders County COVID data and "risk dial" provided by Three Rivers Health Department. The data is updated on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the dial is adjusted every Wednesday. So far, Saunders County has remained in the "yellow" which is classified as moderate risk and allows for us to continue to worship in person. If the dial moves to orange or red for Saunders County, then outdoor worship will not be held. Our plan is to notify people by Facebook, email, and phone calls to those without an email address, if worship needs to be changed to on-line only.

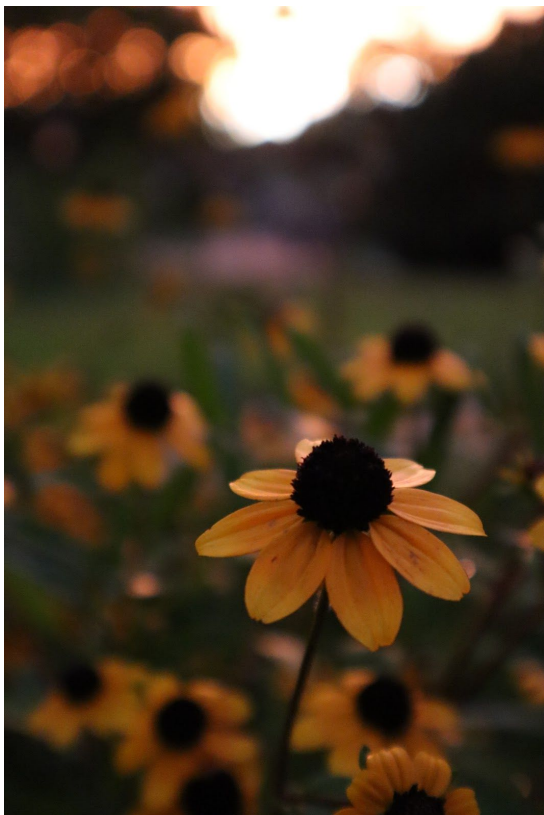
Brandon Nygren, Chris Schefdore, Linda Adams, and Pastor Steve

In-Person Worship Guidelines

- Social Distancing: Households and family may sit together. Maintain a six-foot distance from all others at all times.
- Masks: The wearing of a mask or a face covering is required. If you do not have a mask, extras will be available.
- Who attends: We encourage those who are sick or at risk to worship online. This includes: the elderly, individuals with underlying health conditions or suppressed immune systems, people who have been exposed to COVID-19, individuals with COVID-19 or living with someone with COVID-19.
- Communion: We will have Holy Communion every Sunday. However, the use of common communion elements shared between parties is not permitted as it could contribute to the spread of the virus. If you would like to participate, please bring your own supplies such as wine, juice, bread, crackers, or whatever you would like.
- Offering: A drop box will be available, if you would like to physically give your offering before or after worship. You may also continue to give online at <http://www.alcashland.org/online-giving/>, or you may mail your offering to the ALC office.
- What to bring: Please bring your own lawn chairs to sit on and items for communion if you wish to participate.
- Worship Service: Worship will begin at 9:30. In accordance with current guidelines, for the safety of all, there will be no singing or unison speaking during worship at this time.
- Parking: Please use the lot behind the church or park on the street. Worship will be held in the large parking lot as that is the only space large enough to ensure proper physical distancing.

Men's Ministry Gathering

For the September men's gathering, we had hoped to do another outing, like we did in February. However, with covid numbers moving in the wrong direction, we will instead meet via Zoom for a time of check-in and conversation. All men are invited to join us at 6 pm on 9/13! Please watch email and Facebook for more information, and if you have any questions, contact Pastor Steve.



NO Worship at CJH this Fall

Traditionally, we have taken one Sunday in the fall to worship outside at Camp Carol Joy Holling. However, because of the uncertainty around the covid situation, we have decided not to have this in 2020. We look forward to a future time when we can renew this tradition.



Virtual Worship

Would you like to worship with us online, but don't have access to Facebook? We now have another option for you called Jumpshare. You can sign up through the ALC office to receive an email that contains a link to each Sunday's worship video. If you are interested, please contact the office or Pastor Steve.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30p - Confirmation Class	3 5:00p - Kids' Cupboard	4	5
6 9:30a - Worship (Parking Lot & Facebook Live) 7:00p - AA	7	8	9 4:30p - The Closet 6:30p - Confirmation Class	10 1:00p - WELCA 5:00p - Kids' Cupboard 6:30p - FH: Council Meeting	11	12 9:00a - The Closet
13 9:30a - Worship (Parking Lot & Facebook Live) 6:00p - Men's Ministry Gathering 7:00p - AA	14	15	16 6:30p - Confirmation Class	17 5:00p - Kids' Cupboard	18	19
20 9:30a - Worship (Parking Lot & Facebook Live) 7:00p - AA	21	22	23 6:30p - Confirmation Class	24 5:00p - Kids' Cupboard	25	26
27 9:30a - Worship (Parking Lot & Facebook Live) 7:00p - AA	28	29	30 6:30p - Confirmation Class			