

ALMA LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

August 2018



ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge is a yearlong, youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. Many youth and youth groups raised funds in advance of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in June, and many brought their offerings to the Gathering. At the Interactive Learning space in the NRG Center, youth and young adults participated in an unforgettable experience designed to immerse them in what it's like to be a smallholder farmer around the world.

While the ELCA Youth Gathering is over, the challenge continues through 2018. We're halfway to our goal and still need your support! You're invited to participate. Visit the Resources page to find tools to get your congregation involved.

Thanks to generous friends of the ELCA, your gifts will go even further: All gifts toward the Global Farm Challenge will be matched – dollar for dollar – up to \$515,000, so together we can raise more than \$1 million this year to create healthier families, stronger economies and a future filled with hope.

Your donation will be used where it is needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of a fruit-tree seedling may support other sustainable development initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the U.S. or abroad.

You may donate to this challenge by going to <http://www.elca.org/globalfarmchallenge>.

Attendance information for Q2

April	May	June
4/1 131	5/6 35	6/3 42
4/8 46	5/13 58	6/10 53
4/15 40	5/20 59	6/17 58
4/22 49	5/27 29	6/24 44
4/29 32		



Lord Jesus, we pray for our congregations during this call process and for the pastor you will send us. We pray for our congregation's future and for the leaders you will call forward to guide us. Embolden us to invite those in whom we experience gifts for these ministries to prayerfully consider your calling, and give us generous spirits to support them. God of mercy. Receive our prayer.

ACTIVITIES

Children's Sunday School - 9:15am every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month. Ages 3 years old through 8th grade. Meets in the basement of the church. Contact Moriah Nygren for more information.

Adult Bible Study - Meets at 9:30am every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Meets in the room behind the altar. Contact Doug Gustafson for more information.

Youth Group - For 7th grade through 12th grade. Contact Megan and Weston Engel for more information.

Hope Circle - Meets the fourth Tuesday mornings of the month at 9:30am. Location varies. Contact Janice Gustafson for more information.

Faith Circle (MGM) - Meets the third Thursday at 1:30pm @ Bethlehem in Wahoo. Contact Angie Johnson for more information.

Chat & Sew - Meets the 1st Tuesday at 8:30am. Contact Sharon Hollst or Lana Krumpus for more information.

Prayer Shawls - Meet the second and fourth Saturday mornings from 9-11am. Contact Viki Miller for more information.

Book Club - Location and date varies. Contact Viki Miller for more information.



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BUDGET

Treasurer's Report As of 7/28/18

Income: \$48,749.35
Expenses: \$36,810.31
Balance: \$11,939.31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Service at the Lake

On August 19th we will join our friends from Edensburg for a brunch pot luck picnic at the day use area of Lake Wanahoo (east side) at one of the picnic shelters.

We will begin at 9AM with a presentation by our youth about their experiences at the Houston youth gathering.

If you do not have a park sticker, one-day passes are \$6.00. There is a self-pay station on the east side to pay with cash or check. Gate attendants on the west side can take credit cards. Carpooling suggested.

Bring your lawn chairs, favorite brunch/lunch dish and join us!

PASTOR SUPPLY- AUGUST-2018

August 5- Pr. Joyce Miller

August 12 - Mack Patrick

August 19 - Joint Service - picnic at Lake Wanahoo

August 26 - Pr. Jim Frueling

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ELCA World Hunger is active in 27 countries

This year, ELCA World Hunger is deepening and broadening our work to end hunger through 47 growth projects in 27 countries. This support was made possible by \$3.2 million in gifts made to *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* by members like you. Thank you! If you would like to support the work of ELCA World Hunger through *The Campaign for the ELCA* - and ensure further growth in years to come - visit [ELCA.org/hunger/donate](https://www.elca.org/hunger/donate) and make your gift today.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Disciples by grace, Growing in faith, Living our hope, Sharing God's love.