

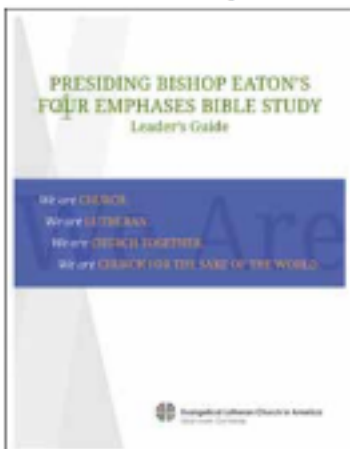
# ALMA LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

November 2018

## Alma Lutheran Church Council Meeting Summary - Thursday- October 18th 7:00 pm

1. Calendar Events-
  - a. BBQ for Back Pack is this Sunday evening- please support Kristen's work to get this set up.
  - b. Next Weekend-
    - i. Saturday the 27th- MAKE SOUP
    - ii. Sunday the 28th- Reformation Sunday with Soup Supper to follow at noon.
  - c. Nov 4th- Bells play at Bethlehem in Wahoo at 9am.
2. Shut Ins- Inez, Bert, Fran and Milford- all could use some attention. Try to work in a short visit with one or all to keep our bond with them.
3. Snow List- Jeff and Jason please try to get this generated and print off copies to hand out.
4. Parsonage Insurance- will try to meet with rep to go through the 15 page Estimate. It does look like we should have \$15-17K to work with in rebuild after mold and damage remediation.
  - a. I will contact Schaals to discuss Lowes helping us put together a design for the kitchen.
5. Contacted Rhonda to visit about joint church service Wednesday before Thanksgiving- she was very positive with response and said she is trying to get communications going again so we can do this.

## “Presiding Bishop Eaton’s Four Emphases Bible Study”



Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has identified four guiding emphases for the ELCA: We are church, We are Lutheran, We are church together, We are church for the sake of the world. The Book of Faith ministry has connected these emphases to Scripture through a Bible study resource – “Presiding Bishop Eaton’s Four Emphases Bible Study.” The studies utilize the four lenses of the Book of Faith Initiative as a framework for studying the Bible: the devotional lens, literary lens, historical lens and theological lens. A more detailed explanation of these lenses is found in the resource. The Bible study includes a leader’s guide and a participant’s guide. The leader’s guide emphasizes that you do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of Scripture to lead the sessions, but it is essential to have curiosity, advance time to read the material and prepare, good listening skills, and the ability to ask questions that stir thought and conversation. The participant’s guide places information at the fingertips of participants and suggests they continue to read,

study and share their insights with others after each session. The resource identifies 10 things that Bishop Eaton hopes will be achieved by engaging in this Bible study, including that we will “understand and live into what we believe as Lutherans.” The Bible study guides are available as free downloads under the “Other Bible Studies” tab in both the Book of Faith and Bible Studies resource sections at [ELCA.org/resources](http://ELCA.org/resources).

## 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

As of 10/25/18  
Income: \$63,610.11  
Expenses: \$50,466.80  
Balance: \$13,143.31  
World Hunger YTD: \$339.68

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Sunday Fellowship**  
We will be having fellowship on November 4th at 9:30 am. Please join us!

**All Saints Day**  
November 2nd is All Saints Day. If you have any family members that have passed away this year and would like them to be honored on this day, please talk with Jess Miller, Angie Johnson or email [almaalutheran@gmail.com](mailto:almaalutheran@gmail.com).

**Soup Luncheon**  
Alma's annual Soup at Noon will be on October 28th from 12 to 2 PM. Serving chicken noodle, chili and potato soup. Watch for sign-up sheets for ingredients and volunteers.

**Supply Pastor List for November**  
Nov. 4-Rev. Jim Lohmeyer  
Nov. 11-Rev. Joyce Miller  
Nov. 18-Rev. Jim Lohmeyer  
Nov. 25 Rev. Bob Rademacher

**From the ELCA**  
**Goal met: ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge**  
Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've met our matching goal of \$515,000! Together, we've raised more than \$1 million for the agricultural work of ELCA World Hunger through the Global Farm Challenge. But the need

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continues. Continue to participate and donate as we work together to create healthier families, stronger economies and a future filled with hope at [ELCA.org/GlobalFarm Challenge](http://ELCA.org/GlobalFarmChallenge).

**From the Nebraska Synod**  
TheoCon 2018 This year's TheoCon will be Monday, October 29, 12pm - Wednesday, October 31, 1pm at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln. The theme is We Are Church Together. Together? The keynote speakers include Rev. Dr. Michelle Carlson, Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, and Rev. Dr. Andy Root. Workshop topics will address how we engage in different aspects of ministry together. Registration ends October 16. For those that are interested, there will also be a Pre-TheoCon Guided Retreat on Sunday, October 28 and part of Monday, October 29. To learn more about this visit [nebraskasynod.org](http://nebraskasynod.org)

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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