



ALMA LUTHERAN CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

September 2020

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is the start of the new school year! For teachers and students of all ages, this has been a time of excitement to see friends old and new, to figure out what classes you'll enjoy the most, and to grow in learning with those around you. Well, that is the way this part of the year is supposed to feel. Maybe this start of the school year it isn't quite living up to your expectations? There are different challenges this time around. Not to mention, that much like last year the concern of losing even more is fresh and prevalent in our thoughts and worries. You're not alone in these feelings today.

I came to the Prophet Jeremiah these past weeks. In particular the well known passage out of the 29th chapter. "11For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah is writing these words of reassurance and hope to the peoples who are remaining in exile. Who were swept away by King Nebuchadnezzar and taken from Jerusalem to Babylon. They faced captivity with the fear that God was somehow not present with them in the foreign land, but instead was waiting for them back in Jerusalem. God's prophet speaks these words reminding the people of God that hope is their future, not despair. God is relationship not absence, despite any kind of distance.

These words from verse 11 are often used around the time of graduation or moving on to the next chapter of life; however, I think they are fitting for us as we begin this new adventure.

Remember to whom you belong. That when you search for our God, you will find him. When you call upon God's name, she will hear you. Our God has brought the people out from the land of Egypt, back from captivity, and most certainly is working to keep us safe and bringing us back to a future of hope and new life!

## ACTIVITIES

**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.

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

**Sunday School and Confirmation** - More information will be posted soon.



AUGUST 21, 2020  
**KEARNEY**  
11<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE  
MEADOWLARK HILLS GOLF COURSE  
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020  
**CAROL JOY HOLLING**  
19<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE  
ASHLAND GOLF CLUB  
ASHLAND, NE

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## BUDGET

### As of 9/3/20

Income: \$51,529.51

Expenses: \$52,032.13

Balance: -\$502.62

## INFORMATION

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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