

The Shepherd Staff

July 2025

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OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN IS A BIBLE-BASED CHURCH

"I'll see you in the morning." - Peter Marshall

It's a touch more elegant than merely saying, "see ya tomorrow," and maybe a little more precise than only saying "G'bye." In today's world of CYL (text-speak for 'see you later') where shorter is better, this phrase takes the time to convey something more. It reminds us that there is not just a vague time ahead, but a specific one in which we will meet together, a dawn in a brand new day.

In the Bible, Zechariah was filled with hope (and the Holy Spirit) when he anticipated the birth of his son, John. He prophesied, ***"Because of our God's tender mercy the dawn will break upon us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."*** (Luke 1:78-79) This dad-to-be was looking forward to his son's birth, a new day for his family. Yet God gave him words that went beyond that moment; they spoke of a new day for all humanity across time. A day when we would have a Son-rise for the world rather than a sunrise over the world. This light of God would pierce the spiritual darkness of our lives and guide us into new life.

That is what Jesus did for us. He came like the dawn breaking the morning horizon, chasing the darkness away. He reigns over us, warming us, and lighting our way. God has offered us this new dawn in Him and with Him. It shines over all humanity and is for all the world. He offered that light to us. And while Jesus rose again and has ascended to heaven, he gave us His Spirit, that His light would live in us. His warmth and compassion would be felt by those around us. The world may still be in darkness, but we are the light-bearers, reminding the world that the dawn is coming again. Jesus will return. And when He does, we will be with Him in glory, forever and ever.

Reverend Peter Marshall was a preacher from the first half of the 20th century. (That's way back in the good ole 1900s for our younger readers). He was a passionate preacher, led by Holy Spirit in both the pulpit and in life. The last church he served was the pinnacle of God's Call for him, and the place where he was serving when he died. "I'll see you in the morning," was the last thing he said to his wife, and it turned out to be true. God welcomed him home before they could see each other again. Yet now, they are in a new dawn, a new world, one shining in the light of the risen Son.

I'm looking forward to this Sunday morning, when we'll take the time to see each other, and love one another as we bask in God's love together.

I'll see you in the morning friends,

Shepherd Sean

JULY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *(unapproved)*

- Accepted all reports, and approved May, 2025 Council Meeting minutes
- Financials—healthy, and book keeping continues to be examined and adjusted.
- Country Players details are scheduled for August 11-15, 2025.
- Discussed how free-will donations and financing for meals have been handled in the past. Shannon will present and suggest a unified policy for Council to review next month.
- Pastor Dan Memorial Bench design was submitted, and approved. It looks great!
- Education will not require 'Safe Gatherings' training this year for VBS. Starting in fall, All individuals working with our youth will have background checks and undergo a brief training. all persons who help/assist with children in our church.
- Omaha Endowment was successfully closed. Funds have been set-aside to help offset a new audio-video system for our church.
- Property detailed small tasks that must be addressed going forward, and will develop a plan to address these needs, and keep council updated.
- Church opening/closing policy was discussed. Council is considering options.
- Pastor will be attempting to take a vacation to Texas the first week of July if feasible.
- Policy review and Staff handbook adjustments were tabled to look at next month.
- Church Computer Network is still being reviewed: update next month from Pastor Sean.
- July 23rd, 2025 Council will submit and review reports electronically.



Hey Kids!
 In Luke 24:46-53,
 Jesus went somewhere.
But where did he go?
 Color in the squares
 with a (+) to find out!

DIRECTED FUNDS

(as of June 24th)

Scholarship Fund	\$ 2278
Future Needs	\$26,105
Youth Group	\$ 1,790
Education Fund	\$ 2,174
Other Benevolence	\$ 721
Praise Band	\$ 1,859
Christmas Dinner	\$ 2,515
Operation Motorcycle Mercy	\$ 2,609
Church Camp	\$ 3,967

***June was filled with God's grace as we welcomed in baptism,
 celebrated union in marriage, and anticipated resurrection at funerals.***

We welcomed Ruthie May Hansen to OSLC in her baptism (6/15/25).

Amy Burns & Luke Mosinski were united in Holy Matrimony (6/21/25).

*The lives of three saints we honored and celebrated: Betty Poulsen (6/4/25), Dean Weber (6/5/25),
 and Larry Petersen(6/25/25). A funeral for Jeff Nielson will be held (6/28).*

Daniel Bierbrodt & Chris Bylund were recognized as Fire Chaplains for Audubon Fire Department (6/29/25).

We give thanks for God's gift of new life in Jesus Christ and what it means now, and in the life to come!

Be a Pen Pal to our OSLC Homebound

This month, we encourage everyone to **choose your Pen Pal** and write a card, note or letter to someone in our homebound family. Help **break the boredom** and give OSLC homebound members something to look forward to this month **by sharing the love of Christ** in writing.

Marlys Borkowski	311 North Street	Audubon, IA 50025
Janice Christensen	812 Brookside Drive	Audubon, IA 50025
Helen Lauritsen	308 S. Division St.	Audubon, IA 50025
Doug & Joyce Taggart	508 Pacific Ave.	Audubon, IA 50025
Larry & Lois Thygesen	112 E. Division St.	Audubon, IA 50025
Jennifer Jensen	1406 19th St. #146	Atlantic, IA 50022
Dennis & Carol Larsen	6292 Lake Panorama Dr.	Panora, IA 50216
Joan Lauritsen	958 Oak Rd	Harlan, IA 51537

Meals Do Matter

Deliver a meal to a homebound member(s) as well!

What better way to share God's love than through a delicious meal!

Sign out meals in the basement freezer—plenty to hand out, so please be generous!



July Altar Flower Blessings

6th: Given by Rod & Tracy Hansen

13th: Given by LaDona Jergensen

20th: Given by Monica Petersen in memory of Cliff & Jeffrey Petersen

27th: Given by Virginia & Norbert Stoberl in memory of Hans Peter & Carrie Jorgensen

**The cost per Sunday remains at \$22
Please designate your payment "flowers"**

VBS "True North" Program August 4th-7th (5-8PM)

Program is open to the community.

ALL are welcome to sign up via paper or online (see QR code).


**Supper will be provided for VBS kids, youth and adult helpers!
VBS Food Donations welcome (see sign up sheet in lobby)**

**Anyone interested in volunteering for VBS
Please contact Katie @ 712-304-4033**



July 2025

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Greeters	Mary Ann Pomeroy Rose Madsen	Karen Elmquist Sharolyn Fett	Lee & Norma Nielsen	Nick & Jennifer Smith
Acolytes	Dalton Miller Dawson Miller	Irelyn Bladt Scarlett Toft	Mary Eldal Taryn Stroeher	Carly Ellingson Madison Obermeier
Readers	Dan Madsen	Katryn Dougherty	Jon Irlbeck	Dan Smith
Communion Assistants	Dan & Amy Madsen	N/A	Jon & Ashley Irlbeck	N/A
Altar Guild	Raydene Mathisen Tammy Sauers	Raydene Mathisen Tammy Sauers	Raydene Mathisen Tammy Sauers	Raydene Mathisen Tammy Sauers
Organist /Music Leadership	Diane Kleckner	Barb Smith	Diane Kleckner	Barb Smith
Coffee Servers	Craig & Shannon Jensen	Brian & Kathy Jensen	Shelby Hansen Caylee Rokke	Rodney & Tracy Hansen
Sound	[see bulletin]	[see bulletin]	Jim Dick	Jim Dick
Projection	[see bulletin]	Raydene Mathisen	Lori Applegate	Lori Applegate
Video/ Streaming	Tim Andersen	Tim Andersen	[see bulletin]	[see bulletin]
Ushers	Dan Smith (Captain) Terrill Burger Craig Jensen Jeff Jacobsen Dave LaFoy Greg Baier Curtis Derry	Dan Smith (Captain) Terrill Burger Craig Jensen Jeff Jacobsen Dave LaFoy Greg Baier Curtis Derry	Dan Smith (Captain) Terrill Burger Craig Jensen Jeff Jacobsen Dave LaFoy Greg Baier Curtis Derry	Dan Smith (Captain) Terrill Burger Craig Jensen Jeff Jacobsen Dave LaFoy Greg Baier Curtis Derry

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00am Women's Bible Study 'The Chosen' Season 4	2	3	4	5 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study
6 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15am Coffee Fellowship		8 9:00am Women's Bible Study 'The Chosen' Season 4	9 10:00am Women at the Well Bible Study	10 10:30am Friendship Home Communion	11	12 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study 12:00pm Golden Dinner Club Luncheon
13 9:00am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am Education Meeting		15 9:00am Women's Bible Study 'The Chosen' Season 4	16 6:00pm Council Meeting	17 'Touch A Truck' 2:30-4:30pm @Aud.Fairgrounds Newsletter Deadline	18	19 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study (Fellowship Hall reserved 12-5pm)
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27 9:00am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 4:00pm Vespers @ F.Home		29	30	31		OSLC Office Hours: 9:00am-noon & 1:00pm-3:00pm Monday-Friday



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Looking Forward...

July 6th & 20th: Worship with Holy Communion

***July 17th– 2:30-4:30pm: Touch A Truck event @ Audubon
Fairgrounds race track (Sponsored by OSLC)***

August 1st-3rd: 75th Operation T-Bone parade & celebration

August 4th-7th– 5-8PM: Vacation Bible School—‘True North’

August 24th: Praise in the Park



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