



Arlington Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Lights From the Heights” - Newsletter - July 2025

WORSHIP
— in the —
PARK

EASTSIDE
COLLABORATIVE
being church together

Join us for Worship In the Park

Sunday July 6th at

Phalen Park Pavilion

10:00 a.m.

Arlington Hills Lutheran + First Lutheran +
Grace Lutheran + Gustavus Adolphus +
Our Redeemer

Bring a salad or dessert to share,
the main dish will be provided.

Combined Choir meets at 9:00 a.m.

Patriotic Hymn Fest following service.

No service at AHLC that day!

Please note that the Church Office
will be closed on Thursday, July 3rd
and Friday, July 4th.

In case of an emergency, please
contact Mary Kowitz
at 651-242-0538 and she will assist
you.



We could use your help!

**Fundraiser for HVAC Improvements. Forms are still available in the
Church office if you would like to donate. See article on page 4.**



Together in Christ: A Journey of Shared Worship, Care for Each Other, and Collaboration with Eastside Partner Churches

As we move into July, Arlington Hills and First Lutheran Church continue their unfolding journey of shared worship—a journey grounded in faith, friendship, and the call of the Spirit to be the Body of Christ, together!

For the past several weeks, our two congregations have gathered in the same sacred space to sing, pray, and break the bread of communion side by side—what a joy to watch this coming together. What began as a phone call inquiry for space, grew into a mutual meeting of each congregation’s need and an intentional partnership has grown into something deeper: a shared commitment to collaboration, mutual support, and faithful experimentation in what it means to be the church in this time and place.

In **Romans 12:4-5**, the Apostle Paul reminds us, *“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”* This living truth is becoming more visible each week in our worship, where the gifts, voices, and traditions of each congregation are woven together into a fuller, richer tapestry of praise.

We believe that when communities come together in humility and hope, the Spirit shows up with power. We are discovering new ways to serve, new perspectives to honor, and new joy in simply being with one another. This is no small thing. In an era marked by division and scarcity, we are choosing abundance, hospitality, and shared purpose.

As part of this ongoing journey, we are thrilled to participate in a **special joint worship service at Lake Phalen on Saturday, July 6**, at 10:00am with several fellow ELCA congregations from St. Paul’s Eastside. This outdoor celebration will include worship by the water and a community potluck—an opportunity to rejoice in God’s creation and our wider church family. Come as you are, bring a side dish to share (main entrée provided), and be part of this joyful gathering of the saints.

In coming together—whether in a sanctuary or under the open sky—we are bearing witness to the Gospel truth that *we are not alone. We are connected by grace. We are called to love. And we are being shaped into something beautiful, not just for ourselves, but for the healing of the world.*

Thanks be to God for the road we walk together—and for what lies ahead.

Pastor Chris

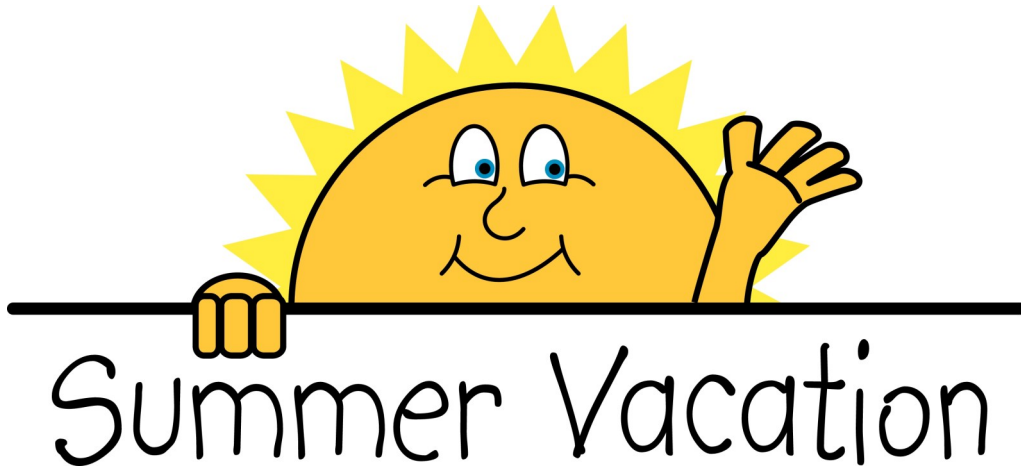


ALLEY SHOPPE NEWS - JULY 2025

Alley Shoppe is closed for the Summer!

They will start accepting donations on Monday, September 8th from 10:00 a.m. - noon

Shopping for clients will resume on Tuesday, September 9th at 9:30 a.m.



Happy Birthday to our July babies!

Wiehe, Mike	07/01
Krauze, Velta L.	07/02
Edge, Richard	07/07
Kowitz, Zackary	07/08
Hanson, Ronald	07/11
Anderson, Sharon	07/13
Hanggi, Judy	07/13
Seagren, David	07/16
Brusseau, Carolyn	07/20
Svendsen, Sarah	07/21
Pedginski, Richard	07/22

Wiehe, Laurel	07/22
Springer, David	07/24
O'Connor, David	07/25
Alkins, Claude	07/27



Roger & Diane Allmendinger	07/01
Tom & Kathy Brackey	07/18

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Worship Services are at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary with First Lutheran
Staff Meetings - Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Alley Shoppe Closed for the Summer

Alley Shoppe Donations Closed for the Summer

Bible Study - Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Reception Room

Romeo Breakfast - Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. Perkins County Road D & WB Avenue

- July 4 Church Office Closed for the Holiday.
- July 6 ESCo Worship in the Park - Phalen Park Pavillion 10:00 a.m. (note time change)
- July 9 FPA Meeting - 5:00 p.m. - Reception Room
- July 11 Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Reception Room
- July 15 Congregational Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - Reception Room

New HVAC Unit for Office Air Conditioning

Thank you to those who have contributed so far to the new HVAC unit for the office air conditioning. As of this printing, we have received \$5,500 in donations toward the HVAC unit, so we have not reached our goal to cover the costs. If you are able to help out, in any amount, please send your donation to the church office earmarked HVAC unit. Remember we have a matching grant from MIF Fund for up to \$15,000,



SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Date	Assisting Ministers	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Hospitality
July 6	Worship in the Park	-	-	-
July 13	Diane Allmendinger Cheryl Hollman	Elaine and Charles Rohrbach	David Almquist Wayne Hansen	Florence, Diane, Kathy
July 20	First Lutheran	First Lutheran	Florence R Dennis R, David Almquist	First Lutheran
July 27	Valerie and Orv Osmundson	Janine Almquist Dana Nelson	Elaine & Charles Rohrbach David Almquist	Cindy, Sally & Mary

Financial Report Card

	2025		2024	
	Current	YTD	Current	YTD
Revenue				
May	\$ 19,706.80	\$ 185,688.84	\$ 20,855.55	\$ 111,003.45
Expenses				
May	\$ 20,829.00	\$ 201,858.18	\$ 28,704.83	\$ 167,114.10
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ (1,122.20)	\$ (16,169.34)	\$ (7,849.28)	\$ (56,110.65)

Your generosity of spirit and money makes all that we are as a church and a community possible. Please consider making an online donation by filling in the form found on our website. Your contribution will be processed by our secure payment center.

You may also mail your donation by cash or check, payable to:

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
1115 Greenbrier Street - St. Paul, MN 55106.

Thank you for your support!!

JULY PRAYER PROMPTS

O lord, We come to July with an attitude of thankfulness and expectation. We are looking forward to seeing what You will do during this month. We pray that we would seek Your will as we go through these days and weeks. Help us to follow You faithfully! May we live by the power of the Holy Spirit each day. Please bless us with good health,. May we enjoy the light of this new day, and may we celebrate every good thing from your hand.! Amen

1. **July Birthdays and Anniversaries**
2. **Safety for summer activities**
3. **To be “Seen”**
4. **Our independence**
5. **Countries at war**
6. **East Side Collaborative**
7. **Share your faith**
8. **Camp ministries**
9. **Mentors in faith**
10. **Healing**
11. **Sale of the Church Building**
12. **Our partnership with First Lutheran**
13. **Strength for what lies ahead**
14. **To change worry into opportunity**
15. **Compassion for others**
16. **To be a cheerful giver**
17. **Building Users**
18. **Freedom from Bitterness**
19. **Faith over Fear**
20. **Sheltering Places**
21. **Joy**
22. **Farmer’s Markets**
23. **Peace and Harmony**
24. **The Environment**
25. **To eliminate discrimination**
26. **Family Gatherings**
27. **Tanzania**
29. **Military families**
30. **For friendships old and new**
31. **Blessings for a New Month**

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,^[k] ¹⁵from whom every family^[l] in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-19

CHURCH INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1115 Greenbrier Street
St. Paul, MN 55106
651-771-5501
www.ahlc-stp.org

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

In person and streaming at
www.facebook.com/ahlc.stp.org
<https://www.youtube.com>

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

STAFF

Pastor

Pastor Chris Bingea
651-247-8926

Barbara Rossow

Organist/Choir Director
651-771-5501
Email: pianobr@aol.com

Mary Kowitz

Administrative Assistant
651-771-5501 x 101
Email: office@ahlc-stp.org

Chris Vos

Financial Administrative Assistant
651-771-5501 ext. 106
Email: finance@ahlc-stp.org



ALLEY SHOPPE

Pam Wiehe, Director

Cell - 651-216-9074

Church Office - 651-771-5501

Email: alleyshoppe@ahlc-stp.org

Alley Shoppe Hours

**IS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER
PLEASE HOLD ON TO YOUR DONATIONS
UNTIL SEPTEMBER!**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT THIS LAST
SCHOOL YEAR.**

**A MINISTRY OF
ARLINGTON HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

OUR BUILDING/ MINISTRY PARTNERS

IDEGENDA PARISH

Tanzania, Africa

EAST SIDE FREEDOM LIBRARY

HOUSE OF PRAISE

11:30 Service

Pastor Richard Pittman

651-276-4511

Pastor Richard Pittman, Jr.

Pastor Donnell Bratton

651-468-8024

OPEN DOOR ST. PAUL LITERACY MINNESOTA

Christian Preston

612-789-9024

KEYS TO BEST HEALTH

Channa Pittman

651-354-4228

MINISTERIO DIAS DE GLORIA

Pastor Esdras Archila

612-221-2313 - 11:00 Service - Chapel

MINNESOTA PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Pastor Donnell Bratton

651-468-8024

Lady Elizabeth Bratton

651-500-5525

OUR CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Paul Kowitz, President

Cheryl Hollman, Vice President

Kathy Brackey, Secretary

Diane Allmendinger, Treasurer

Pastor

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tom Brockway

Wayne Hansen

Ryan Henk

Cindie Peterson

Silvester Vivic

Ex-officio - Mary Kowitz

**Church Council Meets
on the Third Tuesday of Each Month
6:00 p.m. in person/Zoom**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Finance, Property and Administration

Jim Persoon

Mission Investment Committee

Barb Schmidt

Worship, Music and the Arts

Florence Rasmusson



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OUR VISION

**“Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
Community, A Beacon for the Kingdom
of Jesus Christ.”**

OUR MISSION

**“To Spread the Good News of
Jesus Christ to all in word and deed.”**