

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

November 10, 2024
Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday

8:30 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
Videographer: Nancy Taylor
Song Leaders: Dan and Kara Steward
Greeter/Usher: Gaylene Nutzman

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeter/Usher: Karl Schwabauer
Lector: Harry Kellenbarger

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
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If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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Greeting and Announcements (8:30 *John, 11 Harry*)

Opening Truth (8:30 *John, 11 Harry*)

LEADER: The best is.

ALL: **God is with us!**

Music for Centering Prayer (8:30
(11))

“More Precious than Silver” — arr. Mark Hayes

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” — arr. K. Ford

Call to Worship (8:30 *John, 11 Harry*)

LEADER: Come, all who are anxious or burdened. This is a time to experience good news.

ALL: **This is God’s house, and we can meet God here.
We are brought together in the family of God.**

LEADER: Come with expectancy and anticipation. God is present to greet you and change your life.

ALL: **We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus.
We have come to be equipped for our ministry.**

LEADER: In our eager waiting, there is fullness of joy. In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

ALL: **Unless God is the shaper of our lives, we live in vain.
Unless we view our city as God’s own, there is emptiness here.**

Opening Prayer (8:30 *John, 11 Harry*)

LEADER: Gracious God, whose favor rests on those who are poor as much as on those who possess many things, and whose attention is drawn to our simple petitions more than to long, eloquent prayers that seek to impress you.

ALL: **We ask in these moments to lay aside our anxiety that we might hear and respond to your word and be empowered to live by it. Keep watch over us, strengthen us to be the church where we live for you and serve you by serving each other. Be known to us now and save all who eagerly await your word. In the name of Jesus, we ask. Amen.**

Hymn #87 (red, to the tune of #217)

“What Gift Can We Bring”

Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: At our best, we long to be whole people whose words and deeds are a reflection of the truth within us. We want to be free of pretense and alive to the wonders that we encounter in other people and in all of God’s creation. God is ready to cleanse and heal us as we confess our sin.

ALL: **All wise God, you know how much we enjoy being honored above others, and how often we resent the special respect others receive. You are aware of the shortcuts we take for our own advantage. You see the ways we pretend to be more than we are. You observe not only actions but our motives as well. We need your help to put away all that is false and to discover our true identity as your children. Lift us up in your forgiving love, we pray. Amen.**

PASTOR: Those who truly repent of the lies they have lived are welcomed as next of kin by Jesus Christ. The authentic, self-giving spirit of one who was fully human is ours to embrace. The witness of a life lived for the common good inspires us to rise up to the best we can be. We are forgiven, freed from the burden of our sin. Amen.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer #895 (red *Joseph*)

PASTOR: Loving and faithful God, we are called to imagine a more loving world; a world where each is

treated with mutual respect, where everyone has their daily bread, where people have fair housing, food for daily living and care for health and well-being. We witness the despair and destruction of lives through abuse, abandonment and neglect. We see the lonely, despairing and those who have lost all hope. We pray for our communities, our schools, our healthcare facilities, and all who serve in caring professions and emergency services. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for social workers, teachers, administrators, who clean and care for our parks and public spaces. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for sanitation workers and transportation drivers, for the people we encounter daily whose lives intersect our own. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who serve silently and are not encountered, whose work keeps them from view especially for those who produce, package and transport our food. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: As we anticipate Veteran's Day, would all the veterans please stand as you are able to be recognized. Let us pray for all of our men and women in uniform who served and continue to protect and defend us. May God continue to bless and protect them as they carry out their duties with integrity. And may God bless their families as well who make tremendous sacrifices. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who do not know where or when they will taste their next meal and for the health and safety of the vulnerable of every age and stage of life. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God, you have called us to not only build a more loving world but to live in love. Help us to witness to the love and hope we experience through Christ who taught his disciples to pray saying:

ALL: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn #549 (red, 8:30, sing vs. 1-2, 5-6; read vs. 3-4) **“Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

Special Music (11) “Simple Gifts/For the Beauty of the Earth” — *Aldersgate Choir*

Word of God Proclaimed (*Joseph*) Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
(8:30 *John*, 11 *Harry*) Mark 12:38-44

Sermon (8:30 *John*) “She Has Given More than Anyone”
(11 *Joseph*) “Good News for Widows/Widowers/Retirees”

Offertory Invitation (*John*)

We are privileged to contribute out of our abundance that the Christian message might be proclaimed among us and to our children. We are challenged to give all that we have — our time, our talents, our work, and our leisure as witness to the love of God. The extent to which we invest ourselves is a measure of our commitment.

(8:30)

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” — arr. Terry Osman

(11)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” — J. Zundel

Doxology (to the tune of #75)

“Praise God”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self (*John*)

PASTOR: We give in the spirit of Jesus, whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love, gracious God. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion you have for all people, near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor.

ALL: **Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now invest in the work of your realm that is forever, with beginning among us now. Accept and bless all that we bring and make it useful for the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrate Aldersgate

Kendra Hartwig

Hymn #399 (red)

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Commissioning and Blessing (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: Lay aside the bread of anxious toil. Give your best with joy, with Christ as your partner.

ALL: **Our lives are restored to the balance God intends.
Our work and our play become offerings to God.**

PASTOR: What God builds among us is of lasting value. In the love of God, we guard the best that is in us.

ALL: **Our prayers keep strong our connection with God.
They are not empty words for the sake of appearance.**

PASTOR: Salvation is here for those who are eager to receive it.
Forgiveness and healing are freely given to us.

ALL: **We are grateful for the days God gives us.
We rejoice in the good things we are receiving.**

PASTOR: May this gratefulness and joy continue in each of us as we go blessed by God who is the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

(Thank you to those who have participated in today's worship.
You are invited to stay and listen to the Postlude or leave as you wish.)

Postlude (8:30) “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us/I Stand Amazed in the Presence”—arr. Carol Tornquist
(11) “Armed Forces Medley” — J. Hammerly

Announcements

Today, November 10 Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com@aldersgateunitedmethodistc8463> or at your convenience at www.aldersgatelinc.org. You may also search YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Room 4
- 9:45 a.m. Middle School/High School Youth Sunday School — Room 1.
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School — Room 2.
- 10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 2:00 p.m. Lincoln Subdistrict Church Conference — St. Paul, 1144 'M' St.

Monday, November 11 Veteran's Day

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith "World Thank Offering" — Room 4
- 6:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Gamma — Sunshine Room

Tuesday, November 12

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 6:30 p.m. Dementia Support Group — The Knolls
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee — Room 4

Wednesday, November 13

- 10:00 a.m. Retired Methodist Ministers & Spouses — Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Women's Connection — Sunshine Room
- 12:00 p.m. Nebraska Caregiver Respite Network Virtual Learning Series "Getting Your Act Together: Financial, Legal and End of Life. Register online at www.go.unl.edu/caregivers
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, November 14

- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 2:00 p.m. Bridge to Better Living Informational Session — 4230 Pioneer Woods Dr. B. Reserve your spot with Kaye@BridgetoBetterLiving.com

Friday, November 15

- 8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4

Saturday, November 16

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast with Andrew Smith telling his military experience — Room 4

Next Sunday, November 17

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Room 4
- 9:45 a.m. Middle School/High School Youth Sunday School — Room 1. Team taught by Tom Haggar and Harry Kellenbarger
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School — Room 2. Taught by Char Haggar and Sheila Kellenbarger
- 10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 2:00 p.m. Southeast Nebraska District Annual Meeting — Zoom. Clergy and the Lay Member to Annual Conference may vote.
- 3:30 p.m. Green Teams Gathering — First Plymouth Church

Tuesday, November 197:00 p.m. Book Club *The Maid* by Nita Prose — Room 4**Wednesday, November 20**

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, November 21

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry

Tuesday, November 26

1:30 p.m. Caregiver Education Group “Planning for the Journey Ahead” — Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry — Room 4

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service — Worship Center

Saturday, November 30 – Sunday, December 1

11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Living Nativity Drive-thru — 3B Homestead, 7603 298th St. Murdock

Tuesday, December 3

11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer’s Café, 5600 S. 48th St.

Wednesday, December 41:30 p.m. Book Club *The House Is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland — Room 4**Saturday, December 7, 14, 21; Sunday, December 8, 15, 22**

2-5 p.m. Living Nativity Walk thru the Barn — 3B Homestead, 7603 298th St. Murdock

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

13 Ryan Schafer
14 Nikki Schafer (40)

Dick Easley	Judy Faubel	Dennis Frederick
Shirley Hanley	Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston
David Huston	Laura Marshall	Lynda Nordyke
Robyn Rocklein	Zach Steward	Jacob
Roxie & Richard Swyers	John	Arlene

Nadyne Bauer is rehabbing at Tabitha
 Skip, Katrena Anton’s friend with colon cancer
 Hayley Jambor’s mother who has a brain tumor
 Iva Maxey, Reba Wysocki’s sister, who is undergoing dialysis treatments
 Ava Miles, Phyllis Nelson’s niece, was diagnosed with gastroparesis.
 Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson’s niece
 Tim Murphy, a veteran with memory issues
 Isaiah Pierce, Karen Pierce’s grandson who was born 12/13/22 with heart issues
 Alex Ronne, Pat Ruth’s cousin, a 7-year-old girl living in Colorado diagnosed with MLD, a rare, incurable, genetic disease.
 Ross Teske and his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain
 David Reynolds and his family, Joe Gore’s prior co-worker appreciate your prayers.
 The family of Larry Walsh, Sandy Gores’ dad
 People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine

