

# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

**June 15, 2025**  
Peace with Justice Sunday

**8:30 a.m.**

With Pastor John Goldrich serving  
Newman U.M. Church  
Videographer: Nancy Taylor  
Song Leaders: Dan & Kara Steward  
Greeters/Ushers: Larry & Pat Ruth

**11:00 a.m. Service**

With Rev. Keith Johnson, retired  
Greeter/Usher: Stacey Lienemann

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members  
Pastor: Joseph Rafique  
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*Worshippers are welcomed to use their own terminology for God.  
If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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**Welcome and Announcements****Music for Centering Prayer** (8:30)  
(11)“O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go” — arr. Mark Hayes  
“Jesus, I Come” — Lani Smith**Opening Truth**

Psalm 118:24

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made;

ALL: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.****Call to Worship**

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God - we gather in your *presence*.*Father* - we long for more of you.*Jesus* - we place you at the center.*Holy Spirit* - come and fill our time together.Help us to be fully present here, to *your word*, to *one another*, and to *the world* you love. Amen.**Opening Prayer**

LEADER: Amazing God, revealed to us in more ways than we can count, yet binding in unity all that was and is and yet shall be, we worship you. Source of mountains and seas, giver of light and darkness, we marvel at the work of your hands.

ALL: **Reconciler and Redeemer, we are awed by the forgiving love that draws us to you and empowers us to care for one another.**

LECTOR: Spirit of Truth, whose guidance is available to us every day, we rejoice in your transforming presence.

ALL: **Triune God, bless, we pray, this gathering of your disciples. Amen.****Hymn #64 (red)**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation**

PASTOR: Who has truly listened for the voice of God? Who among us is attentive to the heights and depths in which we are called to live? Who are we that God cares for us? Let us draw near in humility and faith, confessing the distractions that separate us from the mind of God.

ALL: **God of wisdom, our choices have denied you. We drink from the shallow waters of instant gratification when you offer springs of living water from the depths of your love. We pursue our own fame and glory, which crumble into dust when we view the sacrifice and service that build true character. O God, we confess that we have not put first things first. We have not lived up to the crown of glory and honor you offer us. Recall us to awe and wonder and guide us in the ways of truth. Amen.**

PASTOR: The glory of God is revealed anew to us in the birth of children. We are reborn when we pause to marvel at the gift of life, when we look beyond ourselves to gaze at the stars. Before the vast mystery of time and space, we are amazed that God cares for us, forgives us, and entrusts to us the stewardship of the earth. God’s love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Praise God. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.****Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer #895 (red)**

PASTOR: Do you see the moon and the stars and say: What a marvel they are? And how their light sweeps across the sky and the earth? This should remind us that God’s always here — even when we experience darkness in and around us. With this in mind, we pray.

God of comfort and promise, we pray for the brokenness of the world. For the hungry and the homeless, the disappointed and the angry. Bring them your healing and restoration. Help us be involved in creating communities that actively care for the broken. For this we say:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who mourn and live with grief. We lift to you those discouragements your children have experienced this week and will experience today as we celebrate Father's Day. Discouragements in families, friendships, jobs, even discouragement in ourselves. May your word of hope be a calming presence and solace to your children. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for ourselves and for those with different hurts, worries, fears. We name them in our hearts now. (pause) Help us to trust you with them. May the Lord bring us comfort. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We lift to you, O God, for relief, those who are on our prayer list and for joy, those who celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary in the week to come. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Knowing and believing that the One who calls us is faithful, now and always, we trust these and all our prayers and say the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples:

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 #77 (red)**

**"How Great Thou Art"**

**God's Word Proclaimed**

John 16:5-15

**Sermon**

"Truth: How Do You Know It When You Hear It?"

**Offertory Invitation**

Our God, who is mindful of us and our needs, sends us into the world to attend to the needs of others. Where there is enmity or suffering or spiritual poverty, we may become channels through which the Holy Spirit acts. When we give our earnings, we extend our influence beyond our own reach. Let us share thankfully and generously our time, talent, our treasure and our witness in service to others.

8:30

"Fair Havens" — Stan Pethel

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"The Comforter Has Come" — William J. Kirkpatrick

**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.

MUSIC: attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

**Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self**

PASTOR: Giving God, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, for the ways in which we see your glory in all creation. Most of all, we thank you for caring for us through our biological and foster father and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another.

ALL: **May our offerings of time, talent, treasure and witness extend the faith and honor you: Creator, Savior and Sustainer. Amen.**

**Hymn #710 (red)**

**"Faith of Our Fathers"**

**Commissioning and Blessing**

PASTOR: God's love has been poured into our hearts.  
When we give it away, we have even more for ourselves.

ALL: **The Holy Spirit has blessed us with love.**

**The Spirit dwells with us and enables our loving.**

PASTOR: Wisdom continues as a partner in creation and re-creation.

Let us praise the One who has dominion over all.

ALL: **How majestic is God's name in all the earth! We accept the grace and peace God offers.**

PASTOR: 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)**  
(11)

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" — arr. Mark Hayes

"The Abundant Life" — Garrett Parker

# Announcements

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## Today, June 15

Trinity Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday, Father's Day

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com@aldersgateunitedmethodistc8463>. Or at your convenience at [www.aldersgatelinc.org](http://www.aldersgatelinc.org) or by searching YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

## Monday, June 16

Pollinator Week

- 12:00 p.m. P.E.O. — Sunshine Room
- 1:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Gamma Executive Board — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

## Tuesday, June 17

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Hang the Moon* by Jeanette Walls — Room 4

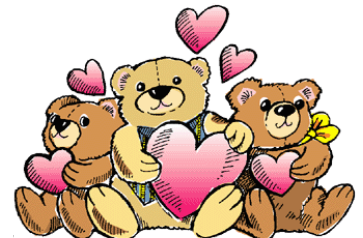
## Wednesday, June 18

- 11:30 a.m. Lasting Legacy Awareness Event — Sunshine Room
- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

## Thursday, June 19

Juneteenth

- 12:30 p.m. Prayer and Worship Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom
- Join Zoom Meeting
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81939800475?pwd=K1EwbjFqTTZ3OS9rNnBHSC9ubWZyQT09>
- Meeting ID: 819 3980 0475
- Passcode: 832006
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- Dial by your location
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kb0zFweCd1>
- 6:00 p.m. Transition into Ministry — Room 4



## Friday, June 20

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

## Saturday, June 21

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4
- 2-4 p.m. Rockin' with the 80's Birthday Party — Fellowship Hall. 3 p.m. program in the Sanctuary.

## Next Sunday, June 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

## Tuesday, June 24

- 1:30 p.m. Caregiver Education Group "The Value of Love in Caring for Others" by Julie Masters — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Life & Legacy Planning "Dealing from Afar with Deaths of a Parent" by Jill & Kendra Baisinger — Worship Center and online

### Sunday, June 29

8:30 & 11 a.m. Hymn Sing (Rafique Family Favorites) — Worship Center  
9:30 a.m. Farewell John Goldrich & Rafique Family — Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, July 1

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

### Wednesday, July 2

1:30 p.m. Book Club *Start with Hello* by Shannan Martin — Room 4

### Sunday, July 6

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Worship with Pastor Matt Borland preaching — Worship Center and online  
12:15 p.m. Welcome Matt hot dog potluck — Sunshine Room

### Friday, July 11

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, July 13

10:15 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room

### Monday, July 14

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith with Brianna Morris — Room 4

### Tuesday, July 15

7:00 p.m. Book Club *James* by Percival Everett — Room 4

## Prayer List

### Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week

16	Brigitte Schrock		
17	Stacey Lienemann	Daniel Whipple	
18	Cliff Stohlman, Jr.		
19	Kay Graber	Dave Lightle	Chuck Schuerman
20	Kassidy Hayes	Karl Schwabauer	
21	Jade (Vlasnik) & Tyler Schuster		

Dick Easley	Judy Faubel	Merrilee Faubel	
Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston	Laura Marshall	
Lynda Nordyke	Loyal Park	Zach Steward	
Maggie Struble	Jacob	Arlene	John

Jody Anderson, Hayley Jambor's mother who has a brain tumor

Elaine Fetsch, Kitty Anton's sister who starts chemo on 5/12/25

Iva Maxey, Reba Wysocki's sister, who is undergoing dialysis treatments

Jessie Menck, Ken Hartwig's niece who has bile duct cancer

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

People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine

