

BE joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12, NIV



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

August 10, 2025
United Methodist Student Day

11:00 a.m.
Greeter/Usher: Tom & Kari Beckenhauer
Lector: Stacey Lienemann

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Matt Borland
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith
Organist: Lynette Boyce
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If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (*Stacey*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Christians, We Have Met to Worship” — arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship (*Stacey*)

LEADER: How shall we get along with one another in this world?

ALL: **The Apostle Paul said that our love should be genuine.
We should hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.**

LEADER: We should honor one another with kindness and compassion.

ALL: **We should always be strong in our enthusiasm to serve God.**

LEADER: Come, let us joyfully worship God in all that we do.

ALL: **Let us praise God in our words, our thoughts, and our actions. Amen.**

Hymn #408 (red)

“The Gift of Love”

Prayer of the Ages

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.**

Special Music

“O Give Thanks” — *One Shot Choir*

Epistle (*Suzy*)

Romans 12:10-16

LEADER: Here is what I want you to do, God helping you. Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going to work, running errands, and walking around life — and place it before God as an offering. Just do it.

ALL: **This is our worship.**

LEADER: Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Just do it.

ALL: **This is our worship.**

LEADER: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Just do it.

ALL: **This is our worship.**

LEADER: Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Just do it.

ALL: **This is our worship.**

LEADER: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Just do it.

ALL: **This is our worship.**

LEADER: Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Just do it.

ALL: **This is our worship.**

LEADER: Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Do not claim to be wiser than you are. Just do it.

ALL: **This is our worship.**

Why do we stand for the Gospel?

Gospel Response #159 (red, refrain only)

“Lift High the Cross”

Gospel Scripture (*Stacey*)

Luke 14:12-14 (NIV)

LEADER: The word of God for the people of God.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #159 (red, refrain only)

“Lift High the Cross”

Sermon

“Humility in Our Relationships”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God’s loving care. Please respond to the words, “Lord, in your mercy,” by saying “hear our prayer.”

God of compassion and love, you have breathed into us the breath of life and have given us mind and will. In our frailty we surrender all life to you from whom it came, trusting in your gracious promises. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Eternal God, you knew us before we were born and will continue to know us after we have died. Touch all of us with your grace and presence. As you give your abiding care, assure us of your love and presence. Assure that our communion together remains secure, and that your love for us is unfailing. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: How crooked is our world, O God, and how heavy with sadness: the hungry cry out for food, the imprisoned long for freedom; the blind want to see; the troubled in heart need relief; the alien, the orphaned and the widowed are desperate for help; those who stand for what is right want to know their cause is not in vain. Show yourself to be God: frustrate the ways of the wicked; sustain the righteous and help those who are in need. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We also ask you to bless each of us. You are the great shepherd who loves us. Help us to know your will always, give us everything we need, and help us to be happy with what we have. Continue to watch over us, and teach us to live for you all of the time. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: You who shepherd the lost and comfort the afflicted, guide our hands to touch the untouchable, our ears to listen to the hopeless, our eyes to see the misery of others, our hearts to feel the pain of prisoners. Empower us to take risks to be channels of healing and mercy so that this world may be a better place. And all of God’s children said:

ALL: **Amen.**

Offering

“There Is a Fountain” — arr. Victor Labenske

Doxology (to the tune of #75 red)

“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

Closing Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer # 895 (red)

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PASTOR: Now join us in the way that Jesus taught us to pray together by saying:

ALL: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hymn #549 (red)

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Blessing and Sending Forth

PASTOR: May the God who made all things and holds together all things remind you of your making. May you rest in the immanence of your own worth, knowing you have nothing to prove and everything to love. Constant as the moon, which is tethered to us by unseen forces, which is suspended above us in the dark and in the light, let our dignity remain, be it visible and invisible to those below. And may we remember, the same dignity that holds us, so too holds together every person and piece of the cosmos at one and evermore. Go, in honor, to claim all that you are worthy of. May it be so. The blessing of our God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

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

PASTOR: Go now, and serve God and all of God’s children in all that you do.

ALL: **Alleluia! Alleluia! 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

“Psalm Nineteen” — Benedetto Marcello

Announcements

Today, August 10

U.M. Student Day

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School “Start with Hello: And Other Simple Ways to Live as Neighbors” with Sheila Kellenbarger and Jim Miller — Room 4
- 10:00 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room
- 11:00 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
- 2-4 p.m. United Women in Faith “Pattern for Living” — Fellowship Hall. All Aldersgate, Legacy Estates, Denton & Pleasant Dale women are invited.
- 5:00 p.m. Engagement Party — Sunshine Room

Monday, August 11

- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3267768816?pwd=bE91cFhndExNVdKzNkZFUEdnSFFyQT09&omn=88685292177>.



Tuesday, August 12

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 7:00 p.m. Financial Management Team — Zoom



Wednesday, August 13

- 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Women’s Connection — Sunshine Room

Thursday, August 14

- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn

Friday, August 15

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

Saturday, August 16

- 9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast “Supporting Aldersgate & Saving Taxes” with Larry Ruth — Room 4. \$8 for Hy-Vee breakfast casserole
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ministry in Motion — St. Mark’s, 8550 Pioneers. \$15/person, register by 8/12 at <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/ministry-in-motion>. Sign up for 2 workshops. Morning workshops: Strategic planning for the rest of us, Social media as an outreach tool, Evangelism for the 21st Century, Livestreaming on a local church budget. Afternoon workshops: Marketing for the local church, Elevating your church hospitality, UMC 101, Discipleship basics
- 5:30 p.m. Lakeside Worship Service — Conestoga Lake, 9799 W. Pioneers, Denton. Please bring your own lawn chair.

Next Sunday, August 17

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School “Start with Hello: And Other Simple Ways to Live as Neighbors” with Sheila Kellenbarger and Jim Miller — Room 4
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online

Next Monday, August 18

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

Tuesday, August 19

- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton — Room 4

Wednesday, August 20

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, August 21

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Tuesday, August 26

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group “Helping Find the Right Accommodation for Your Loved One” — Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Earth Stewardship Ministry — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 3

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton — Room 4

Monday, September 9

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith with Jeanette Fagerberg — Room 4

Friday, September 12

8:30a.m.-2:30p.m. “Put Your House in Order!” — Horizons Community Church, 3200 Grainger Parkway

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

Tuesday, September 16

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Dust Child* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai — Room 4

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

11 Isaac Keslar
14 Lacey Hanley
16 Parker Lanum

Dick Easley
 Keller Hustad
 Lynda Nordyke
 Maggie Struble

Judy Faubel
 Dallas Huston
 Loyal Park

Merrilee Faubel
 Laura Marshall
 Zach Steward



Jody Anderson, Hayley Jambor’s mother who has a brain tumor
 Elaine Fetsch, Kitty Anton’s sister who started chemo on 5/12/25
 Ruth Maier with a recent dementia diagnosis
 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
 Rita Mulcahy in Holmes Lake Care Center
 Tim Murphy, a veteran with memory issues
 Richard Rockenbach in Las Vegas with 2 cerebral hematomas is slowly showing improvement
 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