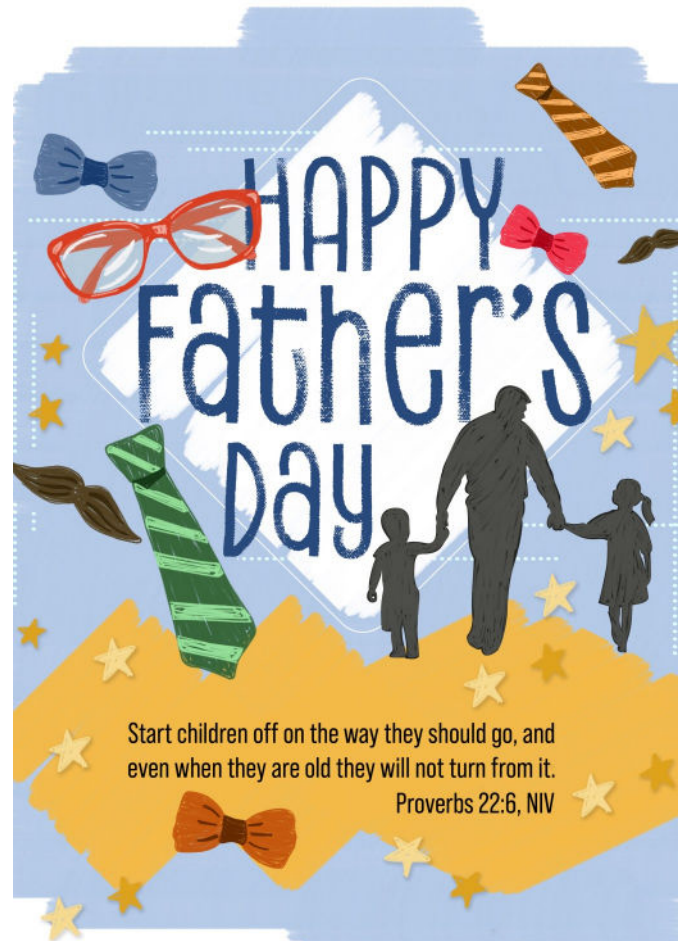


Aldersgate United Methodist Church

June 21, 2026
Father's Day



11:00 AM

Greeter/Usher: Harry & Sheila Kellenbarger
Lector: Stacey Lienemann

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Matt Borland
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith
Organist: Mandy West
Live Stream Technician: Dylan Lapointe
Administrative Assistant: Stacey Lienemann
Child Care Attendant: Katie Softley
Digital Media Specialist: Nancy Taylor
Custodian: Scott Hoyt
Accounting Consultant: Jennifer Hunter

**Aldersgate
United Methodist Church**
8320 South Street
Lincoln, NE 68506-6540
www.aldersgatelinc.org
402-489-1510 (church office)
aldersgatelinc@gmail.com

Matt Borland, Pastor
402-499-8839
mborland@GreatPlainsUMC.org

*Worshippers are welcomed to use their own terminology for God.
If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



June 21, 2026

Welcome and Announcements (*Stacey*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Children of the Heavenly Father” — arr. Edward Broughton

Call to Worship (*Stacey*)

LEADER: God of the past, who whispered in the prophets’ ears; who rescued us from sin’s slavery:

ALL: **we are here to thank you.**

LEADER: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

ALL: **we are here because we trust you.**

LEADER: God of the present, who in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

ALL: **we are here to praise you.**

LEADER: God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

ALL: **we celebrate your grace.**

Hymn #548 (red)

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Opening Prayer

Book of Common Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Special Music

“Draw the Circle Wide” — *One-Shot Choir*

Epistle Scripture (*Stacey*)

Colossians 3:11-14

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Response #393 (red)

“Spirit of the Living God”

Scripture Lesson (*Stacey*)

Acts 10:44-48

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Response #393 (red)

“Spirit of the Living God”

Good News for Kids

“Put on the New Self”

Sermon

“Embracing Diversity”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray and to offer our petitions to you in his name. Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with

everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: For our families, our households, and our communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which build us up and strengthen us in grace and truth. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: God of tenderness, we thank you for our fathers. Those with us and those gone before us. Those who held us and showed us what it means to belong to one another. In a society that often demands a singular portrait of the masculine, awaken memories and stories of the tenderness of fatherhood, that our narrative would not allow the men in our lives to be reduced. Grant those who have longed for their father more than they have been held by him the space to lament, to grieve in the way that they need to. Place people in their lives to remind them they are no less worthy of love. Liberate them to name their deepest longings, that they would not be rushed from their grieving. May they be held and loved and known. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: God thank you for creating us in your image. To be loved by you even when being dehumanized helps us to see others through the lens of love, so we can value and honor your creation. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: Holy Wisdom, you offer us a pathway that leads to life but in stubbornness, we consistently choose our own way. Turn us around and loosen our grip on: the false belief that we must do everything ourselves, the hard-heartedness that keeps us from reaching out to others, the selfishness that prevents us from serving others, the materialism that lulls us away from faith in you, and the myth that busyness is a badge of honor. Help us to be more obedient to your teaching and wisdom so that we may walk the narrow path that leads to life.

ALL: **Amen.**

Offertory Prayer & Offering

“Day by Day” — arr. Todd Kendall

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 Lord’s Prayer #895 (red)

PASTOR: Let us pray together in unison.

ALL: **Holy God, you draw us together into one body. You have called us to join with one another and your church. We are different people, yet one community. We have diverse gifts, yet we desire to use them to glorify you. Unite us in worship and breathe your Spirit in us. Amen.**

Ken Beidler (USA), 2014

PASTOR: Now join us in the way that Jesus taught us to pray together by 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hymn (to the tune of #545 red)

“When Jesus Called You ‘Father’ ”

Blessing and Sending Forth

II Corinthians 13:13

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

ALL: **Amen.**

PASTOR: Go in peace to love and serve God and all 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 quietly leave as you wish.)

Postlude

"Heavenly Sunlight" arr. Mark Hayes

THE ALDERSGATE MISSION:

To transform lives and prepare disciples through the compassionate love of God.

THE ALDERSGATE VISION:

To welcome everyone to a faith journey in a vibrant world.

Announcements

Today, June 21 **Father's Day**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall

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.aldersgateinc.org. You may also search YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

Monday, June 22

6:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team — Room 4

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Artisans

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregivers Education Group “Emotions of Caregiving” — Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday, June 24

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, June 25

12:30 p.m. Worship — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn

5:30 p.m. Burgers & Bible — Denton Daily Double, 7230 Lancaster Ave.

Friday, June 26

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

Next Sunday, June 28 **John Wesley's Birthday**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online

Wednesday, July 1

1:30 p.m. Book Club *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner — Room 4. United Women in Faith Reading Program — Nurturing for Community

Tuesday, July 7

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

7:00 p.m. Money Matters Series “Tax Planning” with Brad Ewerth, CPA — Worship Center and online

Tuesday, July 7 – Thursday, July 9

5-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School — Zion Lutheran Church

Friday, July 10

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

Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17

Royal Family KIDS Camp — Hampton, NE

Monday, July 13

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

Wednesday, July 15

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, July 16

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Friday, July 17 – Saturday, July 18

Mission u “Experiencing Emmanuel” — Kearney First U.M. Church

Saturday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4

Sunday, July 19

10:00 a.m. One-Shot Choir — Choir Room

Sunday, July 19 – Friday, July 24

Youth Mission Trip — Kansas City. Carpool from Aldersgate

Tuesday, July 217:00 p.m. Book Club *The Names* by Florence Knapp — Room 4. One of the 2026 One Book/One Lincoln finalists**Friday, July 24 – Saturday, July 25**

Mission u “Experiencing Emmanuel” — Lawrence First U.M. Church

Tuesday, July 28

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregivers Education Group “Services of Area Agencies” — Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministries — Fellowship Hall

Prayer List

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week**22** Jade (Vlasnik) & Tyler Schuster**23** Jim Miller**24** Harry Kellenbarger

Bob Boyce

Ruth Maier

Loyal Park

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

Steve Brinig who underwent cancer surgery 6/16/26

Mike Matthews, Kendra Hartwig’s cousin with a tumor growing near his ear

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

Diane Mayer, Chuck Schuerman’s daughter

Ava Miles, Phyllis Nelson’s niece, was diagnosed with gastroparesis.

Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson’s niece

Tim Murphy, a veteran with memory issues

Kevin Murray, Kitty’s brother who had colon cancer surgery 6/16/26

Richard Rockenbach in Las Vegas

Chuck Schuerman is recovering from kidney stones

The family of Rick Swyers who died 6/9/26

Ross Teske and his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain

Denny Wheeler who had a hip replacement 6/8/26

The family of Marjorie Wyant who died 6/10/26

People in Ukraine, Israel, Iran and Palestine

Dallas Huston

Lynda Nordyke

Maggie Struble

