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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 Worship -- *Traditional yet informal*

10:15 Fellowship Time -- *A relaxing time with friends*

JUNE 2025

Sunday, June 1 – Ascension Sunday

Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 15 – Trinity Sunday
Fathers' Day

Sunday, June 22 – 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 29 – 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

The Core Values of our church: Family, Love, Compassion.

A Family of God
United in Love
Moved by the Spirit of God
Committed to the Ministry
of *Compassion*

JUNE, 2024
NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



*"The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs
in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will
be like a well-watered **garden**, like a spring whose waters never
fail." - Isaiah 58:11*



When St. Francis was weeding his garden, he was approached by a young monk, who asked what St. Francis would do if he knew today was the last day on the earth. Without hesitation, St. Francis responded that he would continue to work on his garden. Even if this was his final earthly day, he would carry on his mission.

How about you? If you knew this would be your last day, what would you do? Would you sell everything and throw the most luxurious party? Would you spend the night at the most expensive resort? Would you spend the day calling and connecting with family and friends? What would you do if today were your last day?

Speaking of last days, I want to say "Good job!" and "Thank you!" to all our teachers, students, parents, and helpers for a wonderful year of their schools, Sunday School classes and other programs. I pray that your summer is restful and rejuvenating.

Aldersgate UMC will continue to carry out the mission to which God called us. We will continue to support Voices of Inspirations' fundraiser and the Rock River Valley Pantry Peanut Butter Rally. We will host a "Car Show" on June 21st with proceeds going to support the education of local children through school supplies. Then, of course, we will prepare for our annual Corn Boil on July 27. Thank you in advance to everyone for your prayers and support of these outreach ministries.

Speaking of connecting with the community, let us support the Organ Dedication at United Lutheran Church on Rockton Ave. on June 1st at 3:00 pm. If you have little ones (ages 3-12) in your family looking for a community Vacation Bible School, sign up for the VBS at Halstead Road Baptist Church on June 23-27. Let's support these ministries around the community with our prayers, presence, and gifts. Contact me for more information.

Our prayer ministry will meet once a month during the summer. Our meetings will be on the 1st Saturday of the month (June, July, August) at 8:30 AM. Join us for a 30 minute time of sharing and prayer.

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NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK *(Continued from Page 2)*

Last but not least, I ask you to pray for our church's Vision Team and leadership. Pray for us to receive wisdom and guidance as we gather and seek God's will for our future. I am grateful for our leaders' dedication and faithfulness. Let's seek God's good and perfect will for our congregation.

I'll close with this thought – live each day as if it were your last. Spend time (each day) singing and laughing. Spend time (every day) enjoying the blessings of life. Let go of grudges and guilt. Refuse to be dragged down by remorse and regrets. Perhaps this will be our last day on earth. Perhaps not. Since we do not know what the future holds, let's embrace the gift of this day, every day.

Pastor Sarah



ALDERSGATE UMC Homecoming *"I'm so glad to be part of the Family of God"* Please plan to join us on Sunday, September 21 for a special Sunday of worship and sharing. Invite your family and anyone who has been a member of Aldersgate UMC at any time during our history. Besides special worship, we are planning displays and a luncheon. Hope you will join us on this special day!

JUNE HELPERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>A/V Technicians</u>
June 1	Jenny Graham	Anne Niday	Andy Gloor
June 8	Theresa O'Hea	Jean Caruthers	Jay Alms
June 15	TBD	Marylon Cole	Mike O'Hea
June 22	Jay Alms	Diana & Walt Quick	Liliana & Nevaeh
			Waugh
June 29	Rich Thurman	Andy Gloor	Jenny Graham

A GROCERY CART?

I suppose it's probably a little weird to walk into the narthex and see a grocery cart by the sitting area. What is it doing there and where did it come from? Let's start with the first question. Since the late 1990's that shopping cart has been in the church narthex. Church members are encouraged to fill up the cart with non-perishable food items. When it is full, a call is placed to the Rock River Food Pantry. The cart's contents are picked up and distributed to needy families in the stateline area. That cart is emptied out at least a dozen times a year. It is one small way that Aldersgate helps its community in need year round. So now that you know or have been reminded about the purpose of the grocery cart, let's see if we can get it filled up on more than a monthly basis.





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

01	Corey Gloor	13	June Foster	23	Mark Ingham
02	Marge Huenkemeier	13	Scott Gould	24	Jordon Brown
04	Abigail & Madeline	15	Tracy Clark	25	Nick Johns
	Champeny Johns	15	Shon Maurici	27	Brittany Swartout
07	Megan Alms	16	Joy Ray	28	Laura Stephenson
09	Jane Sohner	17	Lukas Ball	28	Annalise Downs
09	Sydney Didier	19	Ray Boeke	29	Cathy Anderson
11	Connie Dorsey	21	Jon Boettner	29	Josh Gorham
12	Jean Caruthers	22	Sam McNames	29	Ayden Schap
				30	Sharon Miller



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06Ryan & Charlotte Alms
19Joe & Kelley Beard
22George & Myra David
23Jerry & Marilyn Lang

Remember In Your Prayers

Allison (Mary Lou Gaziano) Harold Gibson
Bill Brown Art (Cheryl and Rich Thurman)
Lori (Jay Alms' sister) Charles Pefley
Nevaeh Waugh Cindy White (Cathy Smith)
Stephanie (Jennifer Gridley) Bernice Johnson
Rachel Baskerville(healing) Ruth Graham
Jennifer, (Coralee Hardwick)
Thank you to Saturday Cleaning Crew & Doug Graham

Congratulations to Stuart & Monica Glenly for the wedding of their younger daughter, Tara Glenly' with Tristin Roe on Saturday May 17th at Aldersgate. The proud grandparents of Tara are Beth & Jon Boettner.

Bernice Johnson is in a rehab for next 3 weeks. Send her get well cards.

Note: After the printing of this *Squeek*, there may have been others hospitalized or ill. We need your help. Please notify the Church Office. Thank you.



SQUEEK DEADLINE

Thursday, June 19th is the deadline for the July, 2025 Squeek. Please have your articles in by this date. We would be happy to have you join the "Squeekers." Any and all help is appreciated. Thank you.

CAR SHOW! On Saturday, June 21st, come to the Aldersgate parking lot for the CAR SHOW from 10am to 2pm. Admission price is a donation of school supplies (or cash towards supplies). There will be Music by "Wolfman" along with food trucks. Join us for fun and fellowship.

PRAYER MEETING: Prayer meeting During June, July, August will only meet once a month on first Saturdays (June 7, July 5, Aug 2) at 9am and is open to everyone. Please join with your prayer requests and come and experience the power of God together.

NEXT NOISY CAN SUNDAY will be June 15. Save your change to bring for various local missions. Contact Sue Murr for any questions. Thanks to all at AUMC who help Noisy Can Sunday make a difference for local agencies. Have your coins.....make a change.



Peanut Butter

RALLY



ROCK RIVER
VALLEY PANTRY

Our goal is to collect 20,000 jars of peanut butter before summer!

How to Help:

- Drop off peanut butter and jelly donations at any of the following locations:
 - › Rock River Valley Pantry: 421 S. Rockton Ave Rockford, IL
 - › Rockford Community Bank: 1825 N. Perryville Rd, Rockford, IL; 2219 E. State St Rockford, IL; 7005 N. Perryville Rd Machesney Park, IL
 - › YMCA: Puri Family YMCA 1475 South Perryville Rd Rockford, IL; Good Shepherd YMCA 1829 North Rockton Ave Rockford, IL; SwedishAmerican Riverfront YMCA 200 Y Blvd Rockford, IL; Northeast Family YMCA 8351 Orth Rd Loves Park, IL
 - › OSF Locations: OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center 5666 E State St Rockford IL; OSF Center for Health 5510 E State St, Rockford, IL; Saint Anthony College of Nursing 3301 N Mulford Rd, Rockford, IL; OSF Surgical Group 5668 E State St #1000, Rockford, IL; OSF Medical Group Primary Care 9951 Rock Cut Crossing 2nd Floor, Loves Park, IL; OSF Medical Group Primary Care 698 Featherstone Rd Suite 250, Rockford, IL
- Collect at your own location. Call RRVF for a collection barrel, 815.965.2466
- Send a monetary donation to:
Rock River Valley Pantry
Attn: Peanut Butter Rally
421 S. Rockton Ave
Rockford, IL 61102
- Scan to donate or visit rrvp.org/donate



Thank you to our sponsors:



TOY MINISTRY JUNE 2025

Half of 2025 is almost gone. We aren't quite halfway on toys though.

The Wesley Willows Wood shop brought 6-8 boxes of toys to us and there are still a few more to come over from the WW Wood Shop.

So now we have cars to paint and plenty of wheels. Most of the Bug Cars are close to being done. The Batman and Princess cars are almost done except for the decals. The other models are needing more work.

We can always use more painters in order to meet our goal for the year. We are grateful for all of you already helping. Keep Painting!!



JUNE FINANCE MESSAGE

Below is our finance status for the January – April budget period:

	Income:	Expense:	Deficit:
Y-T-D	36,414.25	48,631.09	-12,216.84

We continue trying our best to keep our expenses within our income. The Trustees have renewed the copier contract with a new company and will be saving money. The parsonage is expected to be rented starting this summer and that income will be used towards our current budget expenses. Our apportionment and insurance premiums are included in the above expenses. We have closed our Chase Bank accounts, effective 5/13/25. Please contact me if you wish to share your contributions directly between financial institutions and I will share our new banking information.

We are grateful for all contributions given to keep Aldersgate active within our church and within our community:

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Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Deb Alms, Finance Chair



GRADUATION SUNDAY 2025

Nathan Aldritt (Anne Niday's grandson) graduated from Rockford School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine Degree. His future plans include Interning in Pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.



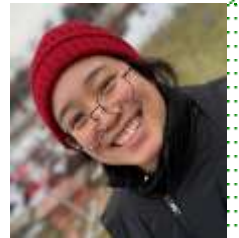
Jennifer Hardwick (Rev. Thomas & Coralee daughter) - double masters at Aurora University Jennifer received **two degrees, Master of Social Work and Master of public administration**



Ali Bauch (Mary Ewaldz' granddaughter) receives her Master of Science degree in Speech & Language Pathology from Concordia University in Maquon, Wisconsin



Lydia Hong (parents: Sarah & Caleb Hong) Graduating Grinnell College (BS in Bio Chemistry & BA in Classics - Double majors) with honors. Future plan: Medicine



Giavanna (Gia) Louisa Alongi (Retha Alongi's granddaughter) graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. Her future plans include a Masters Degree from Illinois State University Graduate Studies, where Giavanna has already been accepted



Sam Colucci (Barb & Charles Pefley grandson) - graduated with a degree in Finance and a minor in Economics in Illinois State University. Sam wants to pursue a career in investment.



Daisy Hardwick, grandchild of Thomas and Coralee Hardwick, will graduate from Rock Valley College and will go on to UW:Stout to study Cybersecurity.



Avery Martin, granddaughter of Thomas & Coralee Hardwick will graduate from Harlem High School.



Liliana Ruth Waugh 8th grade graduate Plans: Have fun this summer, keep up with studies and start high-school in the fall. She would like to get into the Police Academy and work Police Officer or Correctional Officer. This is a dream she has held onto since she was 3 yrs old.



SaLaura Mae Waugh Kindergarten graduate Plans: Play all summer and start 1st grade in the fall.



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Ascension Sunday	2	3	4	5	6 WW Meet, Eat, Pray 11:30 AM	7 Prayer Meeting 9am
8 Pentecost Homecoming Committee meeting 10am Trustee meeting 8:00am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Trinity Sunday Father's Day Noisy Can Sunday	16	17	18	19 Squeek Deadline	20	21 Car Show 10am-2pm Church parking lot
22 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	23	24	25	26 Squeek goes out	27	28
29 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	30					