



November 2026



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Why Register for ALL programs?

- 1) Registration helps ALL prepare for programs by making sure we have adequate seating and handouts for program participants. Occasionally a bigger room needs to be arranged for popular programs.
- 2) Registration helps ALL advise presenters of the number of anticipated participants.
- 3) Occasionally programs with low participation are cancelled at the request of the presenter.
- 4) Registration helps ALL advise participants of program changes or cancellation.
- 5) Some programs have limited capacity. Registration helps ALL monitor program capacity and advise participants accordingly.

ALL has implemented a system to register for ALL programs online.

You are still able to register with the form included with your program guide.

However, you may find it easier to register electronically with your computer or smartphone.

There is no need to register both ways. Register using one way or the other.

Registering for ALL programs online will improve registration accuracy and reduce office time needed to process registrations.

Use the following link to register online for November programs:

[NOVEMBER 2026 REGISTRATION FORM \(2\) – Fill out form](#)

You can also find this registration link on the ALL website here:

<https://associationoflifelonglearners.org/>

or use this QR code with your phone to get to the form:



St. Vincent de Paul
Monday, November 2, 2026
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Wendy Payne

10:00 – 11:30 am

703-472-5862

Saint Vincent de Paul is more than just a thrift store. Come and learn more about our programs and services. We are a community of people who care deeply about those in need. Our mission is to offer support and assistance to those who are facing tough times. All donations made to our non-profit organization help provide critical support to those in need. Through our programs and services, we're able to help keep families fed, clothed, and safe in their time of need. Our mission is to provide a source of hope to those who may feel like they've run out of options.

Tom and Gerrie LaCross have been involved in all levels of the local society. We joined the SVDP organization in 1973, the first year that women were able to become members. This is a vocation for us, just like our marriage.

ALL 21st Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction Fundraiser
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
ACC Campus - Besser Tech Center
Please see page seven for more details!

5:00 – 7:00 pm



Writing Workshop
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford

11:00-12:30 am

989-916-5540

This writing workshop series focuses on writing, sharing, and feedback. Everyone has stories, some are told, some are written, and some, like memoirs, are written to be shared with others. Sessions will examine issues with writing, share techniques for writing and revising, and practice some editing. Participants write between sessions, share their writing at sessions, and get feedback that they can use for revising and polishing their stories.

Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford has been a personal journal writer and teacher of writing for many years. She retired from Central Michigan University as emeritus professor of English and director of the Writing Center and continues to write for the fun of it.

Puzzle of the Negwegon Rock
Thursday, November 5, 2026
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

1:30-2:30 pm

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson
Zoom: Meeting id: 820 2270 5876 Passcode: 083019

402-679-7669

Near South Point of Thunder Bay, Alpena County, Michigan, and within Negwegon State Park is a collection of inscrutable rock features. Clearly the result of human activity, the sizable stones act as barriers, though not insurmountable ones. Any person making their way through the remote area would notice them, puzzle over them, then simply continue on their way. Some of the stones are assembled in long rows, others in circular piles. They would have taken tremendous human labor to construct as the water- and sand-worn stones were hauled more than two hundred meters from the closest lake shore. The question is, why would someone go through all that trouble?

Richard D. Clute is curator emeritus of anthropology at the Jesse Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan in Alpena. His distinguished career includes serving as professor emeritus at Alpena Community College; director of Michigan Cultural Resources; visiting scholar at Huazhong University of Science and Technology; project director for the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and past president of the American Association of Community Colleges. **Best experienced in person at ACC Madeline Briggs but also available online via zoom.**

She Made it Happen
Tuesday, November 10, 2026
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Ron Young

12:00- 1:00 pm

989-884-4011

Michigan's early aeronautic pioneers daringly mixed entertainment and engineering. Whether they were acrobatic balloonists like the Herrguth Brothers or pilots like Donald "The Birdman" McGee, these aeronaut "professors" put their experiments to the test in front of captivated crowds in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered by ALL for viewing via Zoom at Madeline Briggs.

ALL prefers that you register for our programs, but if things change in your schedule, give the ALL office a call @ (989) 358-7207 or call the program coordinator to let us know you are coming or not.

Taking Religion Seriously

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

1:30-3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Pat Garant

234-6420-9320

Millions are like me when it comes to religion: well-educated and successful people for whom religion has been irrelevant, Charles Murray writes. "For them, I think I have a story worth telling." Taking Religion Seriously is Murray's autobiographical account of the decades-long evolution in his stance toward the idea of God in general and Christianity in particular. He argues that religion is something that can be approached as an intellectual exercise. Come and hear Bob Case as he discusses this book.

Bob Case is a pastor emeritus from the First Congregational United Church of Christ and keeps trying to enjoy his full retirement. He continues to offer thoughtful presentations giving ALL members much to consider and ponder.

NEMCSA Senior Volunteer Programs

Thursday, November 12, 2026

1:00-2:30 pm ACC

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Wendy Payne

703-472-5862

Zoom: Meeting id: 821 8879 2540 Passcode: 110610

The Purpose, Impact, and Benefits of the AmeriCorps Senior Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs.

Heidi Powers has been an AmeriCorps Seniors Project Director since 2013 beginning with a small 2-county RSVP project and transitioning to a 12 county Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion project in 2016. Prior to taking on NEMCSA's AmeriCorps Seniors programming she served 12 years as Area Manager for NEMCSA's Michigan Works! program. Heidi is driven by the desire to help others and is a fierce advocate for the older adults in her community.

ALL Thanksgiving Moveable Feast

Thursday, November 12, 2026

6:00-8:00 pm

Commons -- Besser Technical Center - ACC

Coordinator: Jane Roose

989-884-4011

Buy your ticket and make your reservation early for this ticketed event. It was very popular last year. Join your Moveable Feast friends to celebrate friendship and Thanksgiving at Alpena Community College's Commons area in the Besser Technical Center. Advance ticket sales will be held Thursday, October 15, AND Tuesday, October 27, from Noon to 2pm in Room 140 of the Madeline Briggs building. The caterer needs an accurate count. Please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207, email all@alpenacc.edu or register online for a reservation. Your registration/reservation is not final until the \$18 fee has been paid and you receive a ticket/receipt! A wonderful buffet meal including all of the Thanksgiving favorites will be served by our friends at Fremont Catering. Ray and Kathy Bock have been catering to Alpena for over 30 years.

Brexit - A Political Earthquake in Modern Britain

Monday, November 16, 2026

12:00 – 1:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Joyce Bobolts

616-893-2998

More than a decade after the referendum, Brexit remains one of the most consequential political decisions in modern British history. Join linguist and historian Nettah Yoeli-Rimmer as he explores the UK's long and often-uneasy relationship with the European Union, as well as the social, political and economic forces that led to the 2016 vote. This lecture examines the realities of Brexit as they exist today and considers where Britain–EU relations may be heading next, from pragmatic compromise to deeper realignment.

This is a Road Scholar Online Lecture presented via Zoom and offered by ALL for viewing at Madeline Briggs.



ALL Photography Club

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

7:00-9:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Dick Bremer

810-730-7616

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 0459 7928 Passcode: 635146

Join in the discussions about photographic techniques and equipment. Or just stop in and check out some of the photos from Club members and visitors. All skill levels are welcome. Join us in person or on Zoom.



Journal Writing

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

11:00-12:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford

989-916-5540

This session invites us to write for ourselves and others. Journal writing is a first step for creating stories, capturing memories, and exploring our ideas and feelings. This is writing for fun and insight in a no-pressure atmosphere. You can write in response to prompts I will bring or about whatever you choose, and you can do as much or as little writing and sharing as our time allows. The purpose is to have an hour devoted to exploring our creative spirit through writing. Bring paper or a journal, pens or pencils or a computer – whatever you need to be comfortable for writing.

Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford has been a personal journal writer and teacher of writing for many years. She retired from Central Michigan University as an emeritus professor of English and director of the Writing Center and continues to write for the fun of it.

Mysticism and Mystics Throughout the Ages

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1:30– 2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Joyce Bobolts

616-893-2998

Zoom: Meeting id: 849 1999 9239 Passcode: 719593

Have you ever wondered about mysticism? Do you mistakenly think it's people sitting around chanting “Om” or singing “Kumbaya”? What is it, what makes someone a mystic, who are some of the famous mystics? For example, remember Dag Hammarskjöld? You might be surprised to learn that he was a mystic. Join Jan Charter as she answers these questions and describes the lives and legacies of mystics throughout history.

Jan Charter, an ALL Board member, has presented a number of ALL programs in the past. For many years, she helped lead a class on mystics.

Best experienced in person at ACC Madeline Briggs but also available online via zoom.



                      **Do you have a presentation... or hobby to share? Do you know**   **others who have a presentation or hobby to share? Do you have**   **a topic you would like to learn more about? Contact the ALL**   **Office at 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu to share your**   **ideas - ALL is always looking for new programs to offer.**                      

Important ALL Updates from the ALL Board

Dear Members:

Over the next several months ALL will be transitioning from old systems and technology to newer Guide, Accounting and membership applications. This transition will carry ALL into the future with stability to ALL data and information. This month you may notice slight differences in the Guide. A new application is being deployed. Thank you for your patience as we work through this transition.

During the transition, it may be necessary to adjust office hours and responsibilities. We will certainly let the membership know as these adjustments become necessary.

Should any member be interested in volunteering to help with Office responsibilities such as phone and email, please reach out by phone or email to the ALL office.

As always, we very much appreciate your commitment of membership to ALL and look forward to providing you the best association and programs well into the future.



AUGUST RECURRING SESSIONS



PICKLEBALL

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 - 11:00 am

APlex

Coordinator: Pamela Borchert

989-464-6044

Pickleball continues. Call the APlex for additional info @989-354-6164.
APlex fees apply.



Duplicate Bridge

Mondays

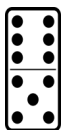
12:15 – 4:00 pm

Call for Location in Alpena.

Call Marcy at 989-354-2306

Bev at 989-595-5119 for more information

This is a form of Bridge where partners play a fixed set of hands in competition with several other partners to see who does the best. This form of Bridge is for experienced Bridge partners interested in some friendly competition. It is also appropriate for individual experienced Bridge players interested in subbing from time to time.



Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesdays

9:15 - 11:30 am

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Eileen Wikaryasz

989-884-1140

Ready for a fun, addictive and fast-moving game that has lots of surprising twists and turns? Join us for Mexican Train Dominoes! You may join our class any time during the year.



Pinochle

Wednesdays 12:30 - 3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Julie Byrnes

734-761-2123

Julie Byrnes is inviting you to join her and others in single deck Pinochle on Wednesdays.

ALL is supported by membership fees. Guests are always welcome. A modest donation from guests for the value of your experience is always appreciated.

RECURRING SESSIONS



Spitzer

Thursdays

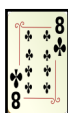
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Marilyn Klingshirn

10:00 - 11:30 am

989-354-0884

Spitzer is a challenging card game that requires lots of concentration. It is played extensively in our area, mainly around Rogers City, Alpena, Posen, and regular tournaments are held. Spitzer-challenged people are welcome to come learn the game. Experienced players are welcome to come enjoy playing and guiding the newbies. Name tags encouraged.



Contract Bridge

Fridays

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Julie Byrnes

12:30 - 3:00 pm

734-761-2123

This is an ongoing group of varied players who welcome all players at any time. We are a teaching class but welcome experienced players also.



Square Dancing

Fridays

Call Glenn Taylor for Location

Coordinator: Glenn Taylor

4:00 - 6:00 pm

803-292-9613

Dancing is the Best Activity for Brain Health - Square Dancing is super fun as well! Come join our very active group. No partner needed. Singles and beginners are welcome! We meet most Fridays from 4-6 PM. Call Glenn at 803-292-9613 for location.

Recurring Programs are held the same day of the week in any given month. To find detailed dates of these programs, please refer to the Calendar on Page 11.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

√	Program Title	Day	November Dates	Time	Location
	St. Vincent de Paul	Mon.	2nd	10:00-11:30 am	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Writing Workshop	Wed.	4th	11:00-12:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Puzzle of Negwegon	Thurs.	5th	1:30-2:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	She Made it Happen	Tues.	10th	12:00-1:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Taking Religion Seriously	Tues.	10th	1:30-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	NEMCSA Senior Volunteer	Thurs.	12th	1:00-2:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs Ctr 140
	Thanksgiving Feast	Thurs.	12th	6:00-8:00 pm	Besser Commons-ACC
	Brexit-Political Earthquake	Mon.	16th	12:00-1:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Photography Club	Tues.	17th	7:00-9:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Journal Writing	Wed.	18th	11:00-12:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Mysticism and Mystics	Thurs.	19th	1:30-2:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Pickleball	M, W, F	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 - 11:00 am	APlex
	Duplicate Bridge	Mon.	Mondays	12:15 – 4:00 pm	Call for Location
	Mex. Train Dominoes	Tues.	Tuesdays	9:15 - 11:30 am	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Pinochle	Wed.	Wednesdays	12:30 - 3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Spitzer	Thurs.	Thursdays	10:00 - 11:30 am	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Contract Bridge	Fri.	Fridays	12:30 - 3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Square Dancing	Fri.	Fridays	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Call for Location

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