



Sunday, January 21, 2023
3rd Sunday, after Epiphany

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**American Lutheran Church walks in the faith of Jesus
as we walk with others.**

All are welcome to be a part of God's Church. There is a place for you here at American Lutheran Church. Our mission is to "share the good news of what God has done for us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!"

January Birthday Greetings this week . . .

- If your birthday is missing or wrong, please let Kelly in the office know or write it on the slips inserted in the Bulletin. Thanks!

- 14) Brenda Vortherms
- 16) Morgan Jensen, Carol Olson
- 17) Madisyn Miller,
- 20) Benjamin Marquardt, Braddock Marquardt, Don Mueller
- 21) Rhonda Larson
- 23) Grayson Smith
- 24) Adam Koller, Mary Oberloh
- 25) Judie Wendt-Johnson
- 26) Lucas Flynn

Today's Flower arrangement is given by:

*Mary Turner
In Memory of her Husband*

Open dates are Feb. 4 & 11

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers for 2024, contact Kelly Henkels in the office or Dee Hale at (507) 372-2786. The cost of a bouquet of flowers is \$30.00. You can keep them or donate them. Please remember to pay for your flowers in the office.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday's worship services: Hymns, prayers, and preaching will be drawn from the themes in these stories.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and Psalm 111
Mark 1:21-28

8 AM | First Word Worship Order
FM Ministry for this service is 88.3

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

ELW 588

Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Kyrie

ELW p. 120

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

ELW p. 121

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Old Testament Story: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12 (prayed responsively by whole verse)

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*

ELW p. 124

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Faith Begins By Letting God

ACS 1004

Apostle's Creed

The Prayers of the Church

Community News/Announcements

Offering: *Instrumental*

Offertory: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 186

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

Preface

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Music During Communion:

Lamb of God

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Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn:

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

Dismissal
Postlude

8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders

Ministers: All people of the American Lutheran Church

Pastors: Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

Musicians: Sherri Isder and Jocelyn & Dan Horn

Ushers: Shauna Carroll, Russell Obermoller, Dave Nerem

Greeters: Pam & Harlan Handevidt

Caring News | Prayer Ministry

Health Concerns: (Short and long-term sickness and illness)

- Ruth & John Rusche
- Maci Their
- Gerald Fuerstenberg
- Cheryl Martinez
- Jeanene Townswick
- Connie Wienrank

In Sympathy: (Grieving the death of family and losses in life).

- Family and Friends of Elaine Schuster
- Family and Friends of Lora Lee Timm-Knuth
- Family and Friends of Sarah Lehman

Praise the Lord: (Joys and Answered Prayers):

- For Courage
- Generosity for the Building Debt Reduction Ministry.

For Support: (On-going life circumstances)

- Mitchell Wagner- Grandson of Keith and Kathy Harberts
- Montana Scholten- Granddaughter of Sherrie and Kevin Adolph
- Ruth Weiland- Granddaughter of Dee Weiland
- Patrick Weiland- Son of Dee Weiland
- Buddy and Sylvia Richter- Parents of Laura Bourquin
- Mary Hamlin-Palmer- Aunt of Jeremy Hallquist
- Tim Hansberger- Son of Vernietta & Steven Hansberger

Our prayer list will be updated every two weeks. Please notify the office or pastors if you wish to have someone remain on the list.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song:

Gather Us In

ELW 532

Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Hymn of Praise

This Little Light

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Old Testament Story: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62 (sung as a hymn)

Scripture Song:

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Message

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Faith Begins By Letting God

ACS 1004

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MEAL

Invitation to Communion

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Lord's Prayer

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Music During Communion: *Communion Song*

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn:

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

Dismissal

Postlude

10:15 AM | Journey Worship Leaders

Ministers: All people of American Lutheran Church

Pastors: Anne Hokenstad & Jeremy Hallquist

Musicians: Sherri Isder and Jocelyn & Dan Horn

Ushers: Mark & Kay Prunty

Greeter: Shirley Rempel

This Sunday 1/21	Next Sunday 1/28
Fill: Kieth & Marj Olson	Fill: Aubrey Anderson
Refill: Aubrey Brake	Refill: Vern & Val Correll
Clean up: Sue Rose	Clean up: Harlan & Pam Handevitd
Communion Servers: 8:00- Rod Obermoller, Roger or Clasine Lester, Connie Voss 10:15- Jill Cuperus	Communion Servers: 8:00-Dave & Brenda Baerenwald, Paul Landberg 10:00- Steve & Lori Dudley, Karen Hanbury
Coffee Servers: Shannon & Clea Rickert	Church Lock-up: Erlin Weness

**** Simply Giving and End of Year Statements will be available today in the Narthex**

******TIME SENSITIVE:** American Lutheran Church Scholarship Program - Applications for the American Lutheran Church Scholarship Program are now being accepted. The application process has two phases: 1) An intent to apply must be submitted by January 31 of each year. The intent to apply is to fill out the scholarship application and submit it to the Scholarship committee. 2) The final scholarship application form with a transcript must be submitted by June 15. Application forms are available in the church office with a list of the regulations on the backside.



You may also access the application online by going to the church website, clicking on news and information, and then clicking on youth scholarship. To apply for this scholarship, a student must be a member in good standing at American Lutheran Church and must be at the sophomore or higher level at any undergraduate or graduate college or university. You may only receive a scholarship for three years. A student cannot simultaneously receive a scholarship from both the ALC Scholarship Program and the Etta Janssen Scholarship Program.

*****Reminder of Annual Communion Registration** – The synod requests a count of American Lutheran members who commune at least once during the year. To do this, please fill out the Communication Form slip included with your bulletin with your name and date and indicate that you have received communion. This is necessary to do only once a year and can be done at any time of the year. Thank you. The Worship & Music Committee

Announcements | Jan 21-28, 2023

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Tuesday, January 23, 1:00pm, Gen to Rev Bible Study resumes
- Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday
- Sunday, February 18, ALC Annual Meeting (follows Journey Worship)
- Sunday, February 18, Shetek Conference Assembly, 2pm
- Wednesday, February 21, Midweek Lenten Meal and Worship
- Thursday, February 22, American Lutheran hosts Ecumenical Lenten Events

******Notice of Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of American Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, February 18, after the 10:15 worship service. Annual reports will be available on Sunday, February 4. This will be a hybrid meeting; therefore, a Zoom link will be published closer to the meeting day. The snow date is Sunday, February 25. Questions can be directed to Dave Nerem, the congregational president, or one of the pastors.



Can YOU help with cleaning the kitchen?

Friday, February 9 at 9:00am is the day we will meet in the church kitchen to give it a good shine!

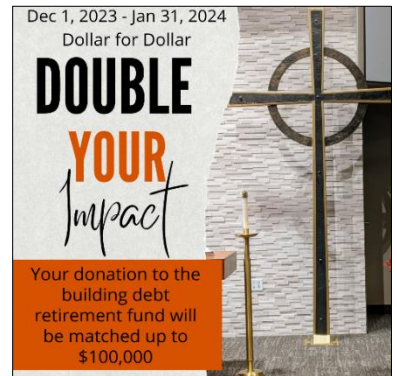
Everyone is invited to join in the fun! Bring your favorite cleaning product, rag, and pail and plan to stay for an hour or two if you are able. Treats will be served! *Thank you for helping take care of the kitchen!*

Faith Formation During the Lenten Season: For all ages, the Lenten season is a time of listening and learning about one's faith in Jesus. Faith Formation on Wednesday nights consists of serving the meal or helping clean up after the meal, participating in worship by singing, listening, and leading (if you are interested). Being an usher, acolyte or a greeter is possible. It is much the same, expect there will be Sunday School for the younger folks in the congregation.

Small Group Scripture Study: You are invited to purchase the scripture study book for \$7 and join a small group or start one. More information to come on this opportunity.

BUILDING DEBT REDUCTION MINISTRIES

Matching Gift: A group of visionaries from ALC have combined their financial assets to provide the seed money for this unique matching gift project to reduce our debt. Your gift, small and large, will be matched dollar for dollar up \$100,000. This matching gift program runs from Dec 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024. Write “Building Match” on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact one of the pastors, Sandy, or Marv. *As of January 7, approximately \$52,000 has been given and will be matched. This means approximately \$104,000 will be designated to reduce the balance of the building debt.*



Grocery Cards: Thanks to your participation in the Grocery Gift Card program, our *Building Debt has been reduced by almost \$7,000 since November 1, 2021. Your generosity is a gift to the entire congregation.* Please consider contributing to that debt reduction! Purchase your Hy-Vee and Fareway Gift Cards on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, before services, or on weekdays in the church office. You receive full-value cards with 5% of each purchase going to our building debt reduction ministry. Checks are preferred, made out to American Lutheran Building Fund, with “Gift Cards” on the memo line. Contact Harlan or Pam Handevidt at 507-376-5682.

❖ *In 2023, \$3,300 from Grocery Gift Cards was used to reduce the building debt.*

2024 Sneak Peak at Lent: The Lenten season is just around the corner. See the *Looking Ahead* section of the announcements for the first events. The February Messenger will have the full details. Here’s a sneak peek:

- ❖ Ash Wednesday Meal and Worship Services
- ❖ Ecumenical Noon Worship & Lunch Series
- ❖ Midweek Lenten Meal and Worship Series
- ❖ Small Group Bible Study
- ❖ Singing with “Voices of Praise” for Easter Sunday
- ❖ And more. . . .

The theme of Bible Study and Sunday worship services is called *So That You May Have Life*. The Wednesday Midweek services will have speakers sharing their faith statements. We will be singing Ray Mckeever’s *Joyous Light* liturgy.

January 21-28 Calendar

<u>January 21</u> 8:00am First Word 9:00am Coffee & Kinship Contemporary Coffee 9:15am Sunday School, Faith Formation 10:15am Journey Worship	<u>January 25</u> 1:45pm Befrienders 3:00pm Caring Ministry <u>January 26</u> <u>January 27</u> <i>Office Closed</i> <u>January 28</u> 8:00am First Word 9:00am Coffee & Kinship Contemporary Coffee 9:15am Sunday School, Faith Formation 10:15am Journey Worship
<u>January 22</u> 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:45pm Worship & Music <u>January 23</u> 7:45am Men's Fellowship 11:00am Worship Planning 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Bells	<u>Church Hours</u> <u>Monday-Thursday</u> 8:00am-2:30pm <u>Friday</u> 8:00am-12pm <u>Office Hours</u> <u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:00am-12pm <u>Monday-Thursday</u> 12:30pm-2:30pm <u>Friday</u> Pastors' Sabbath Day
<u>January 24</u> 9:00am Quilt Tying 5:30pm Meal 6:30pm Service 7:00pm Faith Formation Busker Band	