



**Sunday, January 7, 2023**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**

*How Does a Weary World Rejoice? “We trust our belovedness”*

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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!*

- 2) Lori Ailts
- 4) Ruth Noerenberg
- 5) Melissa Ahlsclager, LeAnn Miller
- 6) Bria Steves
- 7) Owen Brouillet
- 9) Kris Besel, Clayton Hallquist, Kara Kramer
- 10) Steven DeGroot
- 12) Kaylee Raymo, Sue Rose
- 14) Elaine Schuster, Brenda Vortherms

**Today’s Flower arrangement is given by:**

*The Andersen Family  
In Memory of Merle Andersen*

***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.

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20], and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and John 1:43-51

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

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Welcome  
Announcements/Community News  
Gathering Song: *Down to the River to Pray*  
Call to Worship  
Confession & Words of Forgiveness  
Song: *I Will Celebrate You*  
Prayer

**WORD**

Old Testament Story: Isaiah 42: 1-7  
Psalm 29 (prayed responsively by half verse)  
Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22  
Song: *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways*  
Message

**ACS 916**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Song: *Baptized and Set Free*  
Seasonal Affirmation of Faith  
The Prayers of the Church  
Peace  
Offering: *Instrumental*  
Offering Prayer

**ELW 543**

**MEAL**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper  
Words of Institution  
Lord's Prayer  
Communion Instructions  
Music During Communion: *Instrumental*  
Communion Blessing

**SENDING**

Blessing  
Sending Hymn: *Go My Children With My Blessing*  
Dismissal  
Postlude

**ELW 543**

## 8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders

**Ministers:** All people of the American Lutheran Church

**Pastors:** Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

**Musicians:** Cindy Anderson & Aubrey Anderson

**Ushers:** Shauna Carroll, Russell Obermoller, Dave Nerem

**Greeters:** Lori Ailts

## Caring News | Prayer Ministry

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### *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 Frank Hanbury

### *Praise the Lord: (Joys and Answered Prayers):*

- Baptism of Emma Rogers

### *For Support: (On-going life circumstances)*

- Mitchell Wagner- Grandson of Keith and Kathy Harberts
- Marvella- Mother of Sherrie and Kevin Adolph
- 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
- Mary Ferguson- Mother of Leslie Burnham
- Makenna Johnson- Niece of Kristin Appel

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.

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## 10:15 AM | Journey Worship Order

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Baptism

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**Greeter:** Gary & Mary Brandt

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### **This Sunday 1/7**

**Fill:** Shari Dale

**Refill:** Connie Voss

**Clean up:** Dennis & Dee Hale

**Communion Servers: 8:00-** Bob & Sandy Demuth,  
Marcia Basche **10:15-** Nancy Marco, Melissa &  
Jay Jensen

**Coffee Servers:** Karen Pfeifer & Diane Levine

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### **Next Sunday 1/14**

**Fill:** Bob & Shirley Wieme

**Refill:**

**Clean up:** Paul & Marlys Busse

**Communion Servers: 8:00-** Dennis & Dee  
Hale, Lori Ailts **10:00-** Bruce & Karen Juber,  
Laura Hoffman

**Church Lock-up:** Erlin Weness

# Thank You!

For all of the help this Christmas Season. We as a staff are grateful for the countless hours put in by our volunteers, our kitchen and coffee crews, ushers, greeters, musicians and staff. It was a great season of celebration at American Lutheran and we could not do it without your support! Thank you for making everyone feel welcome and loved this holiday season.

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:**

\*\*\*\*\*Reports for the Annual Meeting are due to Kelly by noon on January 9.

**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 back side.



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 3 years. A student cannot simultaneously receive a scholarship from both the ALC Scholarship Program and the Etta Janssen Scholarship Program.

### **Announcements | Dec 17-24, 2023**

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#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

Tuesday, January 9, 2:30pm, Worship at Golden Horizons

Tuesday, January 9, 3:30pm, Worship at The Meadows

Wednesday, January 10, 5:30pm Koinonia Meal

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30pm, Star Word Worship

Sunday, January 14, Faith Formation Begins after Christmas Break

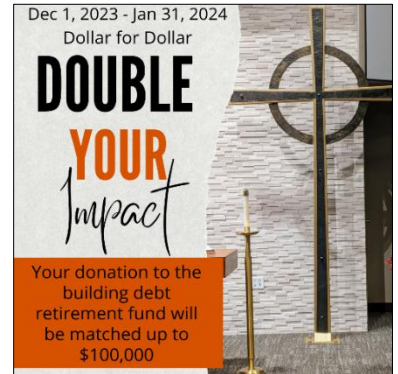
Wednesday, January 17, 1:00pm, Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, January 23, 1:00pm, Gen to Rev Bible Study resumes

**Save the Date:** The Annual Meeting of American Lutheran Church will be held 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, congregational president or one of the pastors.

## **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 to \$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.



**Grocery Cards:** Thanks to the 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.

**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, 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

**Prayer Shawl Gatherings in 2024:** Gatherings for those interested in crocheting or knitting a prayer shawl will be on the third Wednesday of each month. We will gather in the Gathering Space from 1:00-2:00pm. Beginners and experienced stitchers are welcome. The gift of prayer shawl to a sibling in Christ is a powerful gift of compassion. Thank you to all who share their gifts of creating these gifts of love.

## January 7-14 Calendar

<u>January 7</u>		<u>January 11</u>	
8:00am	First Word		
9:00am	Coffee & Kinship		
	Contemporary Coffee	<u>January 12</u>	
9:15am	Sunday School,		
	Faith Formation	<u>January 13</u>	<i>Office Closed</i>
10:15am	Journey Worship		Rental 8-5pm
	Baptism @ 10:15 Service	<u>January 14</u>	
<u>January 8</u>		8:00am	First Word
9:30am	Staff Meeting	9:00am	Coffee & Kinship
3:00pm	Esther Circle		Contemporary Coffee
4:30pm	Lutheran Women	9:15am	Sunday School,
			Faith Formation
<u>January 9</u>	<b>Annual Reports Due</b>	10:15am	Journey Worship
7:45am	Men's Fellowship		
11:00am	Worship Planning	<u>Church Hours</u>	<u>Monday-Thursday</u>
2:30pm	Golden Horizons		8:00am-2:30pm
3:30pm	Meadows & other Care Centers		<u>Friday</u>
5:30pm	Stewardship		8:00am-12pm
6:30pm	Executive Council		
7:00pm	Bells	<u>Office Hours</u>	<u>Monday-Friday</u>
			8:00am-12pm
<u>January 10</u>			<u>Monday-Thursday</u>
9:00am	Quilt Tying		12:30pm-2:30pm
11:30am	WACMA		
5:30pm	Meal		<u>Friday</u>
6:30pm	Star Words Service, Epiphany		Pastors' Sabbath Day