



Sunday, February 4, 2023
5th 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!"

February 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!

- 4) Naomi Evensen
- 5) Megan Juber
- 6) Steve Dudley
- 7) Kathy Harberts, Mike Stoll
- 8) Leah Gaul, Cameron Sauflay, Maynard Townswick, Jerry Vajgrt
- 10) Ellie Fletcher, Noahh Hohenstein

Today's Flower arrangement is given by:

*Kathy & Kieth Harberts
Honoring Our Grandchildren*

Open dates are March 3, 10 & 24, April 14, 21

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.

2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9

8 AM | First Word Worship Order

FM Ministry for this service is 88.3

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Creating God (Tune: O Waly, Waly)*

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: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

ELW p. 124

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Cast Out, O Christ (Tune: Land of Rest)

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

Music During Communion:

Lamb of God

ELW p. 135

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn:

Children Go where I Send Thee

Dismissal

Postlude

8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders

Ministers: All people of the American Lutheran Church

Pastors: Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

Musicians: Dan & Jocelyn Horn & Sylvia Andersen

Ushers: Paul Landberg, Diane Levine, Lori Ailts Justin Graff

Greeters: Vern & Val Correll

Caring News | Prayer Ministry

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

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

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

- For the loss of winter that protects our climate
- For those who are underemployed

Praise the Lord: (Joys and Answered Prayers):

- For Volunteers
- For Lay Leaders and Staff

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.

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MEAL

Invitation to Communion Liturgy

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Music During Communion:

Welcome Table

Communion Blessing

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10:15 AM | Journey Worship Leaders

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Ushers: Gary Brandt

Greeter: Diane Levine

This Sunday 2/4	Next Sunday 2/11
Fill: Marlyn & Corrine Mammen	Fill: Lori Heitkamp
Refill: Connie Voss	Refill: Sharon Johansen
Clean up: Paul & Karen Hanbury	Clean up: Karen Pfeifer
Communion Servers: 8:00- Gordy & Lori Heitkamp	Communion Servers: 8:00- Grant Sorensen, Diana Kvilhaug, Lola Lindquist
10:15- Judi Hoebet	10:00- Mark & Kay Prunty, Mary Turner
Coffee Servers: Jerry & Beve Vajgrt, Arnie & Judy Fischer	Church Lock-up: Arvid Nielsen

Announcements | Feb 4-11, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Friday, February 9, Kitchen Clean-Up
- Sunday, February 11, Gather at the Grand, Between worship services
- Sunday, February 11, Sign-up deadline for Card Making.
- Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday

Gather at the Grand on February 4 and 11 between worship services to learn the new Lenten Liturgy for Sunday morning worship services. Composed by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl this series focuses on Jesus and encounters in John's Gospel.

New! New! New! Greeting card making event on March 2 in the morning. *Sign-up by February 11.* See the insert in this bulletin for more detailed information.

Can YOU help with cleaning the kitchen? Friday, February 9 at 9:00am

This 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!*

Mini Pails for Noisy Offering: This small tin pails are available for you to collect your coins for the 4th Sunday of the month, which is Noisy Offering Sunday! Help Yourself!

Books Available Now! *Small Group Scripture Study:* You are invited to purchase the scripture study book for \$7 and join a small group or start one. Books are available at the Welcome Desk and in the Fellowship Hall.

******Notice of Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting be held on Sunday, February 18, after the 10:15 worship service. Annual reports are available today. 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.

*****Reminder of Annual Communion Registration** *–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

ALL MEMBERS OF ALC are invited to attend the **Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon** to be held here at ALC on Thursday, February 22. We anticipate about 50 of our Christian friends from other congregations will attend the noon worship with lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall. *Your help is needed* to provide the food and serve the meal. **SIGN UP SHEETS** can be found in the narthex today where you can offer your help. The menu will be BBQ sandwiches, vegetable and fruit salads and bars. Please stop at the table to offer your assistance by providing food or helping in the kitchen.
Thanks!

Youth Sign Up: Youth and their families please check your email for the Signup Genius link that was sent to you this past week in the weekly E-News. It is possible to raise money for your Youth Account that goes towards funding your mission trip experience and other faith adventures. Questions, concerns, and hopes can be directed to Pr. Jeremy. If you need the link, please reach out.

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.

2024 February Lenten Schedule:

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday

4:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship

5:00pm, Supper: Menu Tacos (Fundraiser for the Youth Accounts)

6:30pm, Ash Wednesday Worship

Sunday, February 18, 1st Sunday in Lent

8:00am, First Word Worship with *That You May Have Life Liturgy*

9:00am, Coffee & Kindship at both Coffee Stations

9:15am, Faith Formation

10:15am, Journey Worship with *That You May Have Life Liturgy*

Wednesday, February 21, Mid-Week Lenten Activities

5:00pm Meal: Menu: Gourmet Hotdog Bar with Baseball Theme (Free Will Offering)

6:30pm, Worship: Liturgy *Joyous Light* with speaker Lauren Weg

*Worship Offering goes to UCAP

Thursday, February 22, Ecumenical Lenten Worship & Luncheon

12:00pm at American Lutheran: Preacher: Pr. Daren Fink

12:30pm, Lunch

Sunday, February 25, 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:00am, First Word Worship with *That You May Have Life Liturgy*

9:00am, Coffee & Kindship at both Coffee Stations

9:15am, Faith Formation

10:15am, Journey Worship with *That You May Have Life Liturgy*

Wednesday, February 28, Mid-Week Lenten Activities

5:00pm Meal: Menu: Gourmet Hotdog Bar with Baseball Theme (Free Will Offering)

6:30pm, Worship: Liturgy *Joyous Light* with speakers: Deb & Mike Marquardt

*Worship Offering goes to UCAP

Thursday, February 29, Ecumenical Lenten Worship & Luncheon

12:00pm at First Lutheran Church: Preacher: Pr. Galen Smith

12:30pm, Lunch

**Naomi Evenson is celebrating her 95th Birthday on February 4th. Her Family invites you to send cards if you wish. Her Address is 7260 South Robert Trail, #113 Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

February 4-11 Calendar

<u>February 4</u> 8:00am First Word 9:00am Coffee & Kinship Contemporary Coffee 9:15am Sunday School, Faith Formation 10:15am Journey Worship		<u>February 8</u> <u>February 9</u> 9:00am Kitchen Cleaning <u>February 10</u> <i>Office Closed</i>	
<u>February 5</u> 9:30am Staff Meeting		<u>February 11</u> 8:00am First Word 9:00am Coffee & Kinship Contemporary Coffee 9:15am Sunday School, Faith Formation 10:15am Journey Worship	Camp Sunday First Word Coffee & Kinship Contemporary Coffee Sunday School, Faith Formation Journey Worship
<u>February 6</u> 7:45am Men's Fellowship 9:30am Mary Circle- Judi Hoevet's House 11:00am Worship Planning 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Bells		<u>Church Hours</u> <u>Office Hours</u>	<u>Monday-Thursday</u> 8:00am-2:30pm <u>Friday</u> 8:00am-12pm <u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:00am-12pm <u>Monday-Thursday</u> 12:30pm-2:30pm <u>Friday</u> Pastors' Sabbath Day
<u>February 7</u> 9:00am Quilt Tying 6-8pm Night @ the Rink No Meal or Service			