

## **THE LAMP**

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APRIL

SUNDAY

| Sunday   | Monday                 | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday |
|--|------------------------|--|--|---|--------|----------|
| 26   | 27                     | 28   | 29   | 30  | 31     | 01       |
|  |                        |  | 4pm Confirmation<br>6:15 Worship<br>Wednesday<br>7pm Lenten Mid Week<br>Service (ZION) |   |        |          |
| 02   | 03                     | 04   | 05   | 06  | 07     | 08       |
| Palm Sunday<br>8:30am Worship and<br>Communion   | 6:30pm Council Meeting | 12pm LWR Quilters Lunch<br>at Legacy's   | 4pm Confirmation<br>6:15 Worship<br>Wednesday  | 9:30am Women's Bible<br>Study<br>7pm Maundy Thursday<br>Service |        |          |
| 09   | 10                     | 11   | 12   | 13  | 14     | 15       |
| Easter Sunday<br>8am Breakfast<br>9am Easter Service   |                        |  | 4pm Confirmation   |   |        |          |
| 16   | 17                     | 18   | 19   | 20  | 21     | 22       |
| Second Sunday of Easter<br>8:30am Worship and<br>Communion                                     |                        |  | 4pm Confirmation<br>6:15 Worship<br>Wednesday  |   |        |          |
| 23   | 24                     | 25   | 26   | 27  | 28     | 29       |
| Third Sunday of Easter<br>8:30am Worship and<br>Communion (Children<br>singing at the service) |                        |  | 4pm Confirmation   |   |        |          |
| 30   | 01                     | 02   | 03   | 04  | 05     | 06       |
| Fourth Sunday of Easter<br>8:30am Worship and<br>Communion                                     | 6:30pm Council Meeting | Council President: Christy Phillips- 320-822-4267<br>Church Phone: 827-6626 Web Address: <a href="http://www.americanlutheranjesup.org">www.americanlutheranjesup.org</a><br>Church e-mail: <a href="mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org">secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org</a> |  |   |        |          |

**Deacons/Readers**

April 2 Maureen Even  
 April 6 Maundy Thurs. Maureen Even  
 April 9 Christy Phillips  
 April 16 Sheila Collins Deacon /  
 Suanne Westphahl Reader  
 April 23 Christy Phillips Deacon  
 /Keaton Lysne Reader  
 April 30 Barb Hayek/Ella Krivanek

**Ushers Captains**

**Mike & Chris Waring**

# LAMP NEWSLETTER



## LSI ARTICLE AND STORY

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### National Child Abuse Prevention Month

At LSI, we work tirelessly to provide crisis childcare, in-home visits and parenting classes to families across Iowa through our Early Childhood Services. In these services, we provide Iowa parents the support they need to provide a healthy, stable home for their children.

Through our Family Centered Services, we help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable. We also provide therapy services to adults, children and families to help build healthier, more secure homes.

You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### Thanks to the support from faith-based organizations across Iowa...

...a young mom now has the education and resources she needs to create a better life for her and her family,

...a person with a disability learned to be a little more independent,

...a former refugee found a new home in Iowa and has found new ways to successfully support their family.

All of these successes are possible with the support we receive from congregations and people like **you!** LSI is proud to provide these essential services to people all across Iowa.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

**American Lutheran Church  
February Council Meeting  
February 9, 2023**

President Sue Hoey called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm both in person and electronically on Zoom. Present were Sue Hoey, Shirley Bergman, Beth Stanek, Cindy Gosse, Barb Hayek, and Christy Phillips. Joining on Zoom were Mitchell Hayek and Sheila Collins.

Sue led devotions from Hebrews 6:19 and concluded with prayer.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of January was \$10,849.28. Barb Hayek made a motion to transfer \$849.28 to the General Savings and Emergency Fund. Second by Christy Phillips. Motion carried. Sheila Collins made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried. Cindy Gosse will find out if we are allowed to earn growth on the General Savings and Emergency Fund.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 council meeting. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Abundant Life – There has been no activity by this committee in the past year. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to dissolve the Abundant Life Committee. Second by Beth Stanek. Motion carried.

Hospitality – The Committee is coordinating the ecumenical Ash Wednesday soup supper and other Lenten soup suppers at ALC.

Memorial – No report.

Parish Ed – No report.

Presidents – Brad Jesse is the new council president at ZLC.

Property – Church: The church temperature is set at 60 degrees during the week and 68 degrees on Sunday through the winter. A contractor has been contacted to fix the seal on the front Narthex door.

Parsonage: The seal on the bottom of the front door will be replaced. Shirley Bergman continues to monitor the empty parsonage.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – No report.

Worship and Music – Hymns have been chosen up to Easter. The designated offering for the Ash Wednesday ecumenical service will be split between the Jesup Ministerial Alliance and the Independence Area Food Pantry. Cindy Gosse made a motion to designate the offerings from the other two Lenten services at ALC to go to the Food Pantry. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

The possibility of having a musical youth performance and a breakfast on Easter Sunday was discussed.

Confirmation classes finish the end of April. A confirmation date needs to be determined.

Youth – An outing has been planned for March 24 to attend a Waterloo Black Hawks hockey game.

Call Committee – The committee met to compare survey results from both congregations and compose a draft of the ministry site profile.

### **New Business**

Election of Officers for 2023 Council - Barb Hayek made a motion to nominate Christy Phillips for President and Beth Stanek for Vice President. Both agreed to be nominated. Motion seconded by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Committee Representative assignments

Parish Ed – Christy Phillips  
Worship and Music – Shirley Bergman  
Memorial – Shirley Bergman  
Technology – Cindy Gosse  
Scholarship – Sue Hoey  
Hospitality –  
Property –

Audit Committee – Sue Hoey will ask some prospective members to serve.

Nominating Committee – One member is needed. Council members will make inquiries for the next council meeting.

First Communion - Sue Hoey is willing to get materials to teach First Communion class.

Shredder - Dorothy Thompson volunteered the use of a shredder. Cindy Gosse will look at what documents can be shredded and contact Dorothy.

Parsonage Vacancy – Dr. Merritt Jones joined the meeting to present information on having the parsonage occupied during the call process. The minutes of the October 2022 council meeting state that this decision would be put on hold until a request for occupancy was received. Council was made aware at tonight’s meeting that two related members of ZLC are in need of temporary housing. Some pros (income and ministry opportunity) and cons (property tax issues, insurance questions, property risks) were discussed. Cindy Gosse made a motion to not allow occupancy of the parsonage at this time. Second by Beth Stanek. Before a vote could be taken Mitchell Hayek made a motion to table this decision until all council members have had a chance to review Dr. Jones’ information and have more questions answered. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

Worship time change – It has been suggested that changing worship times from 8:30 am and 10:00 am to 9:00 am and 10:30 am may be beneficial to attendance. We could address this topic at the joint council meeting with ZLC in the spring.

New Council installation will be March 5, 2023.

**Old Business**

Lenten Services – There will be an ecumenical meeting next week. Lenten evening services will alternate with ZLC.

Pulpit Supply is filled through August 20, 2023.

**Correspondence** – None

**Deacon Assignments for March 2023**

5 – Sue Hoey  
12 – Sheila Collins  
19 –  
26 – Christy Phillips

Cindy Gosse made a motion to adjourn. Second by Barb Hayek. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Collins,  
Secretary

## Call Committee Update:

For the last several months the call committee has been collecting data about our congregation and community as part of the process of completing a ministerial survey that will be presented to the synod. The committee consists of Amanda Phillips, chair, Chris Waring, Bill Schneider, and Merritt Jones. We have met with the call committee from Jubilee and will be seeking a pastor to serve both congregations. Both congregations have similar demographics and face the similar challenges, so hopefully we will not have difficulty finding a pastor who will be a good fit for both.

The results of our congregational survey showed no real surprises. The survey indicated that the majority of the congregation sees our greatest needs as someone who's strengths include conducting a good worship service, building a sense of unity within the congregation, will work well with the youth, and is committed to Christian education. I haven't seen Jubilee's survey, but I imagine it is not greatly different.

The processes going forward will be to present our findings to a representative of the Bishop to discuss our findings and needs. They will then go to work finding a candidate who comes close to meeting our needs. This is likely to be a slow process. There are 40 empty pulpits in the NE Iowa Synod. We hope that we will be able to call a pastor who will provide leadership that will instill new energy into our congregational family and lead us to grow the activities that bring us together as a body of Christ.

Merritt Jones

On behalf of the Call Committee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Service Time Change 8:30 worship at ALC April-July.** When provided, treats will be in the Fireside Room at the rear of the sanctuary. Hosting sign up is on the bulletin board. Thanks!

**Zion and ALC alternate Lenten Wednesday 6 PM suppers and 7 PM services using Holden Evening Prayer.** Help is needed to set up and clean up.

- March 29 Zion
- April 6, Maundy Thurs, ALC no supper



# EASTER SERVICES

- **7pm April 6, Maundy Thurs, ALC (no supper)**
- **7am Sunrise Service at Zion Lutheran followed by Brunch**
- **8am Breakfast at ALC**
- **9am Easter Service**

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9am Easter Service

**Easter Lilies:** Easter Lily orders are due by Weds March 29th. Cost is \$10. Please fill out the form in your bulletin and put Lilies in the notes of your payment check.

**Thank you** for your continued donations of **peanut butter** for Jesup School to supplement 50 backpacks monthly. 26 families benefit weekly from this program. **Please leave donations in the shopping cart in the narthex.**

**Lunch & Learn**, hosted by First Presbyterian Church. Come for fellowship and scripture study Wednesdays at noon starting March 1.

**EWALU:** For those interested in attending camp EWALU this summer, registration packets are available via request from Jessica ([secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)), or hard copies are available. We do have funds available to assist with the cost of camp. Please notify Jessica or a council member if you are interested in a wonderful camp experience.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Stephanie Winkelpleck, and Emelia Dahl Jacobson.

**Emelia Dahl Jacobson** is now a resident of the Hiawatha Care Center. Cards may be sent to her at Hiawatha Care Center, Room 53, 405 North 15th Avenue, Hiawatha, IA 582233.

**LWR Quilts and Care Kits:** We will be delivering 55 quilts (the most so far !) & 33 personal care kits to the Spring In-Gathering at Redeemer Lutheran on April 15th. Thanks to the congregation for their generous support. Quilters will meet at Legacy's for a "post-season" lunch at noon on April 4th.





**Prayer Chain:** Contact Kaye (tomjones@indytel.com) or Jessica (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) to get added to the ALC prayer chain. When called, you would be given the next name to contact in the chain

**Marie Bushkofsky-** Thank you for all those who remembered me after the passing of my son Pastor Dennis Buskofsky.

**Thank you:** Thank you for your donation of \$180. We are so grateful for your support. - Independence Food Pantry

## EVENTS

**Sunday worship services** will be at **8:30am from April-July**

**Worship Wednesdays:** 6:15 on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation:** 4pm on Wednesdays

**Women's Bible Study:** April 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

**LWR Quilting meeting:** Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 12pm Legacy's Luncheon.

**Council Meeting: Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Military members:** Christa Leach has been deployed and will return in June. Jordan and Justin continue their monthly drills with the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is a student at Iowa State and in the Army Reserves. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

*If you know of anyone else serving in the armed forces, please contact the church office ([secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.*

## **PASTORS COMING TO ALC:**

April 2 Pastor Michael Sherer

April 6 Pastor Dan Mixdorf

April 7 No services

April 9 Pastor Michael Sherer

April 16 Pastor Michael Sherer

April 23 Pastor Michael Sherer



## April Birthdays

|                          |     |                          |      |                       |      |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| <b>Jeremy Anhalt</b>     | 4/1 | <b>Rosemary Zummak</b>   | 4/8  | <b>Grace Stalheim</b> | 4/20 |
| <b>Rayann Vogel</b>      | 4/1 | <b>Kelsey McLeod</b>     | 4/10 | <b>Bryan Tonne</b>    | 4/20 |
| <b>Krishna Tonne</b>     | 4/2 | <b>Mitchell McMartin</b> | 4/13 | <b>Joe Rolison</b>    | 4/21 |
| <b>Michael Winblade</b>  | 4/2 | <b>Iva Ruehs</b>         | 4/13 | <b>Alisa Clayton</b>  | 4/24 |
| <b>Chris Jones</b>       | 4/5 | <b>Carol Ricklefs</b>    | 4/14 | <b>Pat Winblade</b>   | 4/25 |
| <b>Sydney Engbretson</b> | 4/6 | <b>Natalie Schares</b>   | 4/14 | <b>Alyssa Hoey</b>    | 4/26 |
| <b>Jen Bistline</b>      | 4/7 | <b>Laurie Even</b>       | 4/15 | <b>Kristin Hoey</b>   | 4/26 |
| <b>Kristin Johnson</b>   | 4/7 | <b>Callen Yonkovic</b>   | 4/15 | <b>Steve Hanson</b>   | 4/28 |
| <b>Logan Krivanek</b>    | 4/8 | <b>Emerson Tegtmeyer</b> | 4/16 | <b>Riley Mihm</b>     | 4/30 |
|                          |     | <b>Ella Krivanek</b>     | 4/17 |                       |      |

## April Wedding Anniversaries

|                                  |           |    |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----|
| <b>Clyde &amp; Brenda Schmit</b> | 4/1/1978  | 45 |
| <b>Alan &amp; Kelly Wolf</b>     | 4/2/2000  | 23 |
| <b>Jeff &amp; Katey Niichel</b>  | 4/3/2004  | 19 |
| <b>Kyle &amp; Tara Brower</b>    | 4/13/2002 | 21 |
| <b>Jeff &amp; Missy Weber</b>    | 4/24/2010 | 13 |
| <b>Jeff &amp; Sara Borland</b>   | 4/29/2000 | 23 |

## April Baptisms

|                           |      |                            |      |                          |      |
|---------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| <b>Glen Anderson</b>      | 4/1  | <b>Danni Kopplin</b>       | 4/12 | <b>Brooklyn Jacobsen</b> | 4/20 |
| <b>Melanie Distler</b>    | 4/1  | <b>Rhianna Bigwood</b>     | 4/13 | <b>Heather Anderson</b>  | 4/21 |
| <b>Alan Renner</b>        | 4/1  | <b>Shane Witt</b>          | 4/13 | <b>Shawn Even</b>        | 4/21 |
| <b>Ron Gosse</b>          | 4/2  | <b>Shirley Bergman</b>     | 4/15 | <b>Eric Olson</b>        | 4/23 |
| <b>Teresa Wust</b>        | 4/3  | <b>Mackenzie Wilson</b>    | 4/15 | <b>Brea Witt</b>         | 4/24 |
| <b>Christina Conner</b>   | 4/4  | <b>Joyce Wright</b>        | 4/15 | <b>Lauryn Witt</b>       | 4/24 |
| <b>Stephanie Yonkovic</b> | 4/4  | <b>Harold Clayton II</b>   | 4/16 | <b>Layne Witt</b>        | 4/24 |
| <b>Alaena Milner</b>      | 4/8  | <b>Alisa Clayton</b>       | 4/16 | <b>Kristin Johnson</b>   | 4/26 |
| <b>Greg Lysne</b>         | 4/9  | <b>Brian Hill</b>          | 4/16 | <b>Chris Waring</b>      | 4/26 |
| <b>Larry Thompson</b>     | 4/9  | <b>Tami Hill</b>           | 4/16 | <b>Krisha Tonne</b>      | 4/27 |
| <b>Monica Hill</b>        | 4/10 | <b>Luke Gosse</b>          | 4/17 | <b>Kyler Bly</b>         | 4/28 |
| <b>Kyler Lysne</b>        | 4/10 | <b>Kayla Schutte</b>       | 4/17 | <b>Mitchell Hayek</b>    | 4/28 |
| <b>Don Smith</b>          | 4/10 | <b>Wyatt Thompson</b>      | 4/17 | <b>Chad Hill</b>         | 4/28 |
| <b>Wendi BJORHEIM</b>     | 4/12 | <b>Mike Waring</b>         | 4/18 | <b>Jennifer Wilson</b>   | 4/28 |
| <b>Hayden Johnson</b>     | 4/12 | <b>Wendell Erpelding</b>   | 4/19 | <b>Kelly Wolf</b>        | 4/28 |
| <b>Hunter Johnson</b>     | 4/12 | <b>Gabriella Zabloudil</b> | 4/19 | <b>Gage Sebetka</b>      | 4/30 |
| <b>Mya Johnson</b>        | 4/12 | <b>Mike Bistline</b>       | 4/20 |                          |      |

