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Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

The idea behind Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is centered around love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service.

We give thanks to all our ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, adults, and families.

At LSI, we see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who are overcoming years of trauma and building brighter futures, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other joyous moments.

You can help carry out LSI's mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 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 and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

American Lutheran Church
Budget Workshop and December Council Meeting
December 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Christy Phillips. Present were Christy Phillips, Barb Hayek, Shirley Bergman, Sue Hoey, and Sheila Collins. Mitchell Hayek joined by phone. Cindy Gosse and Beth Stanek were absent.

Shirley Bergman led devotions.

Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Budget Workshop

- There is a substantial increase to the Secretary salary due to the new position with expanded duties and hours.
- The Budget includes expenses for six months with a Pastor and six months with supply Pastor as we did for 2022.
- The organist salary and other expenses were raised approximately 5% from last year (except the Pastor's package).
- Christy Phillips will obtain some additional information from Treasurer Cindy Gosse and Financial Secretary Mike Waring.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of November was \$12,052.79. Barb Hayek made a motion to transfer \$2,052.79 to the General Savings and Emergency Fund. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Council meeting with one correction. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – No report.

Memorial – In view of the fact that a memorial policy is in place and three of the four committee members have resigned, council has decided to dissolve this ad hoc committee. We thank the members for their diligence in writing and later revising the memorial policy and their past commitment to this committee. Council will follow the policy and the church secretary will assume the responsibility for sending thank-yous and recording gifts in the memorial book. Shirley Bergman will remove references to the committee in the new policy and an outdated picture will be removed from the brochure.

Parish Ed – The Children's Christmas Program is December 17. Sue Hoey taught

three students in first communion classes. Their first communion will be January 14, 2024. The committee is looking for new members, possibly an older youth member.

Presidents – No report.

Property – (For full report, see binder outside Secretary's office)

Parsonage: The house and grounds continue to be checked on regularly and minor problems resolved. Pat Winblade completed the Lead Service Line Survey from the city. Eric Clark will check on the furnace room door which no longer shuts since the new HVAC system was installed.

Church: Wayne Schneider will call Independence Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling for an update on repairs to the men's basement restroom. Barb Hayek made a motion to replace the worn blinds in the Pastor's study and the Secretary's office. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – The new Pastor's wireless microphone system will be installed later this week.

Worship and Music – (For full report, see binder outside Secretary's office). There has been a change to the location of Lenten services per ZLC's wishes. ZLC will host Ash Wednesday and three other Wednesdays. ALC will host two Wednesdays and Maundy Thursday (for which we will need a Pastor). Sue Hoey will lead the Holden Evening Prayer service. We are incorporating the Thanksgiving for Baptism in Sunday services. FPC and ALC plan caroling on December 17. UMC invites friends to Winding Creek Meadows for Christmas hymns and scripture reading on December 24.

Youth – Christy Phillips will ask the committee if at least one youth could collect the noisy offering on Sundays (designated for the National Youth Gathering) per feedback from the congregation.

Call – There has been one Pastor who reviewed our site profile but accepted another call. There has not been a timely response from the NEIA Synod representative on any needed changes to our site profile. It needs to be renewed annually.

Nominating Committee – Searching for council and nominating committee nominees.

New Business

Christy Phillips will ask the NEIA Synod if Chris Waring can remain on the Call Committee now that she is an employee. If not, a replacement committee member will be needed.

Sue Hoey volunteered to do the minutes for the January 7 Budget Hearing and the January 8 Council meeting in Sheila Collins' absence.

Christy Phillips will ask the current Head Usher Merritt Jones and Financial Secretary Mike Waring if they will remain in their positions for 2024. Head Organist Shirley Bergman has agreed to continue. Christy Phillips will ask the Secretary for a time and talents sheet to include at the Annual Meeting.

Old Business

Shirley Bergman will inform Arnita Leibold of ZLC of the need to collaborate on the message within the Holden Evening Prayer service.

The Active/Inactive Directory List – Work in progress.

Pulpit Supply – It is mostly filled through mid-May. Maundy Thursday and Easter are unfilled.

Correspondence

We received Christmas cards from BANKIOWA and EWALU.

The NEIA Synod is requesting donations to support a lay ministry training program to help with the Pastor shortage. Your donation can be given through ALC.

Deacons for January

7 Christy Phillips

14 Sue Hoey

21 Reader Keaton Lynse

28 Christy Phillips

Sue Hoey made a motion to adjourn. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins, Secretary



The ALC Youth Group continues their preparations for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. We were selected to participate in a special accompaniment day (service) project that will take us out into the New Orleans community since we will have our own transportation. Where we will be serving has not been communicated. We also received our hotel assignment and we'll be staying just outside the

French Quarter. Our fundraising efforts will be resuming soon with a Little Caesar's Pizza Sale and keep an eye out for our spring yard cleanup fundraiser!

Members of the Youth Group selling baked goods (generously donated by many of you - thank you!) at the Jesup Winter Festival in December.



Please follow our journey by joining the ALC Youth Group Facebook Group by scanning the QR code or receiving updates via the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.



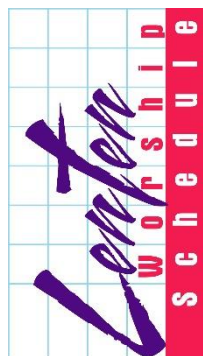
Why kids and parents LOVE Camp EWALU

Kids and parents love EWALU for lots of reasons. Camp is a great place to have fun, try cool new things, make new friends and grow in faith – all while having an awesome adventure! The kids(grades 1st-12th) will love our highly trained and encouraging college-age counselors. A week in Christian community at EWALU provides campers with a positive, safe, and life-changing faith experience. Allow your child to experience this fun way to develop their confidence in faith! ALC has funds set aside to help families with the cost and EWALU also has Grants for those that qualify.

Pamphlets with information and registration are located on the table by the entrance doors or online at <https://ewalu.org/> Check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EwaluBibleCamp/> or their Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/campewalu/?hl=en>



Can you believe that Lent begins this month on February 14th! We will be alternating services during Lent with Zion, beginning with Ash Wednesday at Zion Lutheran 7pm.



- February 21 6pm Soup Supper 7 pm ALC**
- February 28 6pm Soup Supper 7 pm Zion
- March 6 6pm Soup Supper 7 pm ALC**
- March 13 6pm Soup Supper 7 pm Zion
- March 20 6pm Soup Supper 7 pm ALC**
- Maundy Thursday
- March 28 7 pm ALC**
- March 29 Good Friday Ecumenical to be announced at a later date.



March 31st **Easter Sunday**
Zion 7am
ALC 9 am

During Lent we will be having Midweek Soup Suppers & Service alternating between ALC and Zion. There will be a signup sheet outside the Fireside Room for hosts on the evenings the service is at ALC.

Announcements

Portals of Prayers and **Christ in Our Home** for Jan.-March 2024 are available by the Fireside Room and on the table by the front door.

Calling all bright and cheerful Fellowship Hosts! We're on the lookout for volunteers to spread joy and create wonderful connections after our heartwarming services. The sign-up sheet awaits your enthusiasm right next to the Fireside Room, or you can drop us a line at secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org with your preferred date. Embrace the chance to strengthen our bonds with the Church family through shared laughter and uplifting conversations. With our early 8:30 am service, let's turn every post-service gathering into a sunshine-filled celebration! Your positive energy is the secret ingredient to making these moments truly special. Can't wait to see your smiling faces! 😊☀️

Thank you to everyone who came in person and by zooming in to our annual meeting on January 21st.

Thank you for your support of LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center! Your generous gift of Christmas gifts is greatly appreciated by the children and teens we are privileged to serve. Sarah Green, VP of Philanthropy and Church Relations.

Please keep in your prayers: *Emelia Dahl Jacobson* - Send cards to Emelia at Hiawatha Care Center, Room 53, 405 North 15th Avenue, Hiawatha, IA 52233.

Stephanie Winkelpleck Continue to pray for answers for Steph, for comfort, blood counts to return and stay normal, the clot to dissolve, health for Neva, and even though Cindy isn't sick, pray she stays healthy as she has been right by Steph side as well as caring for Neva. Steph continues to be SO appreciative of everyone supporting her from home!! She wants you to know she loves you all!"

Scholarship Program: ALC is once again participating in the Educational Partners in Covenant (EPIC) Scholarship Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Through this program ELCA colleges; Grand View, Luther, and Wartburg, match grants from churches, dollar for dollar. ALC has allocated funds for this scholarship in their annual budget. Scholarship applications are available on the bulletin board by the secretary's office. They must be completed and returned by **March 1st, 2024** to the secretary's office to the attention of Pat Winblade, Scholarship Chairperson. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Winblade, 319-290-9281 or 319-827-6788.

First Communion: We will be celebrating First Communion during service on **February 18, 2024.**

The ALC and Zion Call Committees convened on January 21st for a collaborative session to explore the prospect of interviewing a potential Pastoral candidate. With Chris now being an employee of ALC, she can no longer be on the committee she has stepped down from the Call Committee, and in her place, Beth Stanek has taken on the role.

EVENTS

Sunday worship services will be at
8:30am from January-March

Council Meeting:

6:30pm Monday February 5th

Women's Bible Study

8:30 am Feb 8th

Quilting:

9am Feb. 6th and 27th

Prayer Shawl:

10am Feb 20th

Worship Wednesdays

6:15-7pm February 7th & 21st

Ash Wednesday:

February 14th 7pm at Zion

Lent Midweek Soup Supper and Worship

Feb 21st @ALC

Feb 28th Zion Jubilee

First Communion:

February 18th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Military members: Christa Leach has returned from deployment and is still with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. 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 currently home from Arkansas in the Army Reserves as Cassidee and Cole. 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) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

Secretary out of office:

Feb 1-3

Feb 26 – March 1

Contact Council President Christy Phillips @ 319-230-8229 for emergency



Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm. He asked his mom, "Where'd we get him?" His mother replied, "He came from heaven, Johnny." Johnny says, "WOW! I can see why they threw him out!"

At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and congressman and gave them their room assignments.

"Pastor, here are the keys to one of our nicest efficiency units. And for you, Mr. Congressman, the keys to our finest penthouse suite."

"This is unfair!" cried the minister.

"Listen," St. Peter said, "ministers are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first congressman we've ever seen."

Celebrations

February Birthdays

Blaire Zummak	1-Jan	Jeryn Loyd	13-Jan
Neva Erpelding	4-Jan	Kaye Reil	13-Jan
Kayla Putnam	4-Jan	Camden Seehase	18-Jan
Charlie Stanek	6-Jan	Luke Gosse	25-Jan
Robert Fratzke	7-Jan	Brinley Bergman	25-Jan
Heather Bergman	9-Jan	Larry Phillips	27-Jan
Kyler Lysne	10-Jan	Marcy Gosse	28-Jan
Maisie Niichel	11-Jan	Myles Neegaard	28-Jan
Jim Gosse	12-Jan	Angie Loyd	29-Jan

February Wedding Anniversaries

Jack and Nikki Hemmer	2/8/1997
Randy and Iva Ruehs	2/14/1981

February Baptism Anniversaries

Neva Winkelpleck	2-Feb	Jaima Tonne	18-Feb
Jan Rachuy	6-Feb	Kaye Reil	18-Feb
Susan Emme	12-Feb	Kyle Wilson	19-Feb
Jordyn Bergman	15-Feb	Heather Bergman	23-Feb
Steph Winkelpleck	17-Feb	Harper Westpfahl	28-Feb

2024 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
				Secretary out of Office.....		
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
5th Sun after Epiphany 8:30am Worship & Communion	6:30pm Council Meeting	9:00am Quilting	6:15-7pm Worship Wednesdays 6:30pm Confirmation ALC	9:30am Women's Bible Study		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:30am Worship			Ash Wednesday ZION 7pm Worship with Imposition of Ashes Confirmation Students to attend Worship			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1st Sunday in Lent 8:30am Worship & Communion 1st Communion		10 am- 12pm Prayer Shawl	6:15 Worship Wednesdays 6pm ALC Soup Supper 7pm Mid Week Service Confirmaiton Students to attend Worship			
25	26	27	28	29	01	02
2nd Sunday in Lent 8:30am Worship & Communion Council Member Installation		9:00am Quilting	6pm ZION Soup Supper 7pm Midweek service Mid Week Service Confirmaiton Students to attend Worship			
03	Secretary out of the Office.....					
	Council President: Christy Phillips Secretary: Chris Waring Church Phone: 827-6626 Web Address: www.americanlutheranjesup.org Church e-mail: secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org					

Deacon Assignments for February:

4th Sheila Collins

11th Keaton Lysne reader

18th Sue Hoey

25th Christy Phillips

Ushers for February

John and Heather Bergman Family.

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

Feb. 4th Pastor Thoreson

Feb 11th Sue Hoey

Feb 14th Pastor Dennis Hanson

Ash Wednesday @ 7pm Zion

Feb 18th Pastor Dan Mixdorf

Feb 21st Mid-Week Lent-ALC

Feb 25th Pastor Phil Borleske