

THE LAMP

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JANUARY

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
First Sunday of Christmas 10am Lessons and Carols Service			4pm Confirmation 6:15 Worship Wednesday			
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Baptism of Our Lord 10:00am Worship and Communion with Budget hearing following the service	1pm LWR Quilting Meeting in Fellowship Hall Council Meeting 6:30pm		4pm Confirmation	9:30am Women's Bible Study		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Second Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Worship and Communion with Annual Congregational Meeting to follow	1pm LWR Quilting Meeting in Fellowship Hall		4pm Confirmation 6:15 Worship Wednesday			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Third Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Worship and Communion (Annual Meeting Snow Date)			4pm Confirmation			
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10am Worship and Communion			4pm Confirmation			
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
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LAMP NEWSLETTER



LSI ARTICLE AND STORY

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Amplifying the Voices of Iowa Children and Families

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) works to provide services to Iowa children and families and to share their stories with the community. As a way of amplifying our communities' voices, we invite you to be a part of the annual Lutheran Day on the Hill event.

Join Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines on March 14, 2023! This day is essential for amplifying the voices of those who are not heard, for seeking social justice and for empowering people to exercise their right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process.

If you are interested in joining LSI for Lutheran Day on the Hill, visit our website at <https://lsiowa.org/ldh/>. 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.

A Journey of Overwhelming Joy

After going through fertility treatments and being told they weren't able to have any more kids, Dani and her husband pursued their foster care license in 2015 and have cared for 13 kids since.

"Throughout our journey of being foster parents, we've had many great placements," said Dani. "Our shortest placement lasted five days when we cared for a girl, whose mother was incapable of watching her while she recovered in the hospital, and our longest lasted 18 months."

Dani shared that one of their biggest blessings was having the opportunity to adopt some of the children they fostered. The family adopted their first child at age one, and they had plans to adopt another when the child turned 18 years old.

"Every time our family adopts another child, I get the same feeling of overwhelming joy," said Dani. "I feel like any expectant mom –not being able to contain my joy when their adoption comes up, and telling everyone I know about it."

Dani shared that it is hard to explain the full impact fostering – and the lows and highs it brings – has had on her family. “We’ve cried, stressed and lost a lot of sleep. We loved, laughed and had so many firsts,” said Dani. “But I still tell everyone who is considering being a foster parent to do it. It’s a roller coaster, but so worth it.”

Treasurer’s Report

November 2022

	A	B	C	D	E
1					
2					
3			11/30/2022	10/31/2022	9/30/2022
4	CHECKING ACCOUNT				
5	Beginning balance 11/01/2022		\$13,776.69	\$11,413.98	\$13,086.37
6					
7	Receipts				
8	Deposits		\$6,915.89	\$8,210.32	\$6,858.76
9	Transfer from Improvement		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10	Transfer from Memorial		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Transfer from General Savings		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	Transfer from Youth Ministry		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	Transfer from Benevolence		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14	Transfer from Line of Credit-Current Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	Transfer from Line of Credit-Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16		Sub Total	\$20,692.58	\$19,624.30	\$19,945.13
17	Expenditures				
18	Checks		\$933.46	\$2,839.31	\$4,057.41
19	EFT payments		\$1,816.72	\$1,144.32	\$937.41
20	Transfer out for Simply Giving		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
21	Transfer to Memorial Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
22	Transfer to Improvement Fund		\$400.00	\$320.00	\$320.00
23	Transfer to Benevolence		\$100.00	\$130.00	\$130.00
24	Sabbatical Set Aside		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
25	Transfer to General Savings		\$0.00	\$1,413.98	\$3,086.33
26	Pay to Line of Credit-Current Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
27	Pay to Line of Credit-Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
28		Sub Total	\$3,250.18	\$5,847.61	\$8,531.15
29					
30	Ending Balance 11/30/2022		\$17,442.40	\$13,776.69	\$11,413.98
31					
32					
33					
34					
35	ACCOUNT BALANCES				
36	Improvement Fund - 3911		\$30,617.72	\$29,869.72	\$28,709.72
37					
38					
39	Memorial Fund - 3929		\$7,476.98	\$7,476.98	\$7,476.98
40	Designated to Other Programs	\$6,248.30			
41	Undesignated Funds	\$1,228.68			
42	General Savings Fund - 3937		\$22,382.45	\$22,382.45	\$20,968.47
43	Youth Ministry - 5441		\$7,036.31	\$7,036.31	\$7,036.31
44	Sabbatical Set Aside - 3945		\$4,210.34	\$4,210.34	\$4,210.34
45	Checking Account -5433		\$17,442.40	\$13,776.69	\$11,413.98
46	Total		\$89,166.20	\$84,752.49	\$79,815.80
47	Banklowa Line of Credit - Current Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
48	Banklowa Line of Credit - Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
49	Total		\$89,166.20	\$84,752.49	\$79,815.80

**American Lutheran Church
November Council Meeting
November 14, 2022**

President Sue Hoey called the meeting to order both in person and electronically on Zoom at 6:34 pm. Present were Sue Hoey, Cindy Gosse, and Barb Hayek. Joining on Zoom were Christa Leach, Shirley Bergman, and Sheila Collins. Absent were Beth Stanek and Mitchell Hayek.

Sue led devotions from Matthew 26: 39 and concluded with prayer.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of October was \$13,776.69. Sheila Collins made a motion to transfer \$3,776.69 to the General Savings and Emergency Fund. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried. Hayden Miller will re-email his invoices for summer mowing so he can be paid. Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 council meeting as written. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

Committee Reports – (See full reports in binder outside Secretary's office).

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – No report.

Memorial – A meeting will be scheduled before the end of the year.

Parish Ed – The children's Christmas program rehearsals are underway. The date of the program has been moved to December 18. The Wednesday evening Sunday School is enjoying good attendance.

Presidents – Since we are not currently sharing a Pastor, it was deemed unnecessary to have the joint fall council meeting with Jubilee that is specified in the Yoke Agreement.

Property – Church: A snow removal contract renewal for the church was submitted by Jesse Fowlkes: JDR Snow Removal and Lawn Care. Last year's contract declined deicing of the property. Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the contract with the addition of salting the parking lot at a cost of \$84.00 and deicing the sidewalks at a cost of \$73.00. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion failed due to a tie vote. After discussion about liability and staffing to do the deicing on our own, the motion was offered again by Cindy Gosse and seconded by Barb Hayek. Motion carried. Sue Hoey will sign the contract and contact Mr. Fowlkes.

Dave Becker will install LED lights in place of the broken ballast/fluorescent bulbs in the light fixture in the Pastor's office at a cost of \$10.00 per light. If the lighting results are acceptable, other bulbs will be replaced with LED's as needed. Council approved the repair of the seal on the front Narthex door for energy efficiency.

Parsonage: The stove has been cleaned. Issues with the chain link fence will be addressed in the spring. A snow removal agreement with Mike Mostek is being discussed. Doug Shaffer of Primrose Heating and Air Conditioning will donate a comfort, water efficient toilet for the upstairs bathroom.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – Cindy Gosse will contact Premier Technology to acquire the necessary computer equipment.

Worship and Music – A meeting is planned for November 22.

Youth – Christmas decorating will be done after worship on November 20 by youth and volunteers from the congregation.

Call Committee – Completed surveys are being returned. (Please ask for a survey if you didn't receive one). The next step will be to meet in small groups.

New Business

Ministry Site Profile – The Call Committee will ask the councils to give their perspective on what are the goals of the congregation.

Cindy Gosse made a motion to transfer the Rod family membership to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Advice was sought from Pastor Steve Brackett of the NEIA Synod concerning communion during online worship. He says communing during online worship can be a valid way to participate in this sacrament. To keep the necessary records, we will request an email acknowledgment from participants. Sue Hoey will draft an announcement for the LAMP.

We have returned to Sharing of the Peace during worship with a wave.

On the afternoon of December 3, 2022 there will be an ecumenical caroling opportunity in the city park.

An announcement about Christmas donations to Bremwood will be put in the LAMP.

Old Business

Pulpit supply is covered up to the end of the year.

Mary Adams will be lay leader for November 27, 2022.

Sue Hoey will be lay leader for December 18, 2022.

After discussion about updating names in the Celebrations section of the LAMP, it was decided that we wish to include and celebrate everyone. If there is someone's name that needs to be added, please let the church secretary know.

Correspondence – none.

Deacon Assignments for December

4 – Sue Hoey

11-

18- Sue Hoey

24 –

25 – Sheila Collins

Cindy Gosse made a motion to adjourn. Second by Barb Hayek. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held January 15th with an inclement weather date of January 22nd. The budget hearing will be January 8th following the worship service.

Fellowship hosts: Please sign up to host fellowship time on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.

Peanut Butter Donations for Jesup School: Families are so appreciative of the peanut butter donations from local churches. Peanut butter is packed monthly in 50 backpacks. 26 families benefit weekly from this program. **Please leave donations in the shopping cart in the narthex.**

Lutheran Social Services partners with individuals, churches, and the Synod to bring critical human services to Iowa's children and families. For more information contact LSI's Deb Whitford at 563-676-2065 or deborah.whitford@lsiowa.org.

Holy Communion: At American Lutheran we rejoice with each person that joins us for worship in person or online. We do need to keep records of members that are partaking in the sacrament of Holy Communion because the NEIA Synod requests it and because our constitution requires it. If you have communed with us from a distance any time in 2022, we request that you send an email to the church secretary; secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org by Dec 31st to help us update our records. We will then ask for communication in the form of an email to the church secretary once per year for those communing online moving forward.

Please keep in your prayers: Stephanie Winkelpleck, Dennis Bushkofsky (cancer), Danny Kopplin.

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

Thank you: *The family of Jim Kleiner wants to thank ALC for all your prayers, thoughts and kind words during our Dad's illness and passing. A special thank you to Sue Hoey for making all of the arrangements for his service. We very much appreciate everything during this difficult time. And We rejoice in knowing he has journeyed home. - Barb Mostek, Ed Kliener, Mike Kleiner, and Dale Kleiner*

Thank you: *To everyone at ALC- thank you so very much for all the thoughts, prayers, cards & notes for me since my surgeries in June. It was a very long 5 months and I am happy to say that I am finally feeling like myself again! Still have a ways to go until I am 100%- but am almost there! So very thankful and blessed to have so many people looking out for me. And for supporting my mom too- Thank you all.-- Renee McAtee*

EVENTS

Sunday worship services will be at **10:00AM from December-March**

Worship Wednesdays: 6:15 on January 4th and 18th

Confirmation: Wednesdays at 4pm.

Women's Bible Study: January 12th at 9:30am.

LWR Quilting meeting: January 9th and 16th at 1pm

Council Meeting: January 9th at 6:30pm

Prayer Shawl: Is no longer meeting regularly. Please contact Sharon McAtee if you or a loved one is need of a Prayer Shawl.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday January 15th, with a snow date of Sunday January 22nd.

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Military members: 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) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

Jan. 1 – Pastor Luther Thoresen

Jan. 8 – Pastor Tom Jones

Jan. 15 – Pastor Dan Mixdorf

Jan. 22 – Pastor Phil Borleske

Celebrations

January Birthdays

Charles Clayton	1/1	Kimberly Conner	1/13	Ella Frush	1/20
Paula Clayton	1/3	Gavin Putnam	1/13	Greg Lysne	1/20
Angie Pederson	1/3	Clayton Wolf	1/13	Sara Rigdon	1/21
Kendall Ricklefs	1/4	James Crow	1/14	Olivia Frush	1/22
Rayla Tonne	1/6	Tami Hill	1/14	Jordyn Bergman	1/23
Kendall Rachuy	1/7	Kenny Olson	1/14	Beverly Hill	1/23
Alan Renner	1/7	Jan Rachuy	1/14	Chris Waring	1/23
Andrea Anhalt	1/8	Creed Rolison	1/14	Stella Johnson	1/25
Mike Loyd	1/8	Judy Anderson	1/15	Skylar Masteller	1/26
Robert Clayton II	1/10	Collin Clayton	1/16	Jenna Amling	1/27
Connie Gosse	1/10	Grayson Pearce	1/17	Ron Gosse	1/27
Chad Hill	1/10	Amber Wiskus	1/17	Renee McAtee	1/27
Cyndi Nuehring	1/10	Sara Borland	1/18	Larry Thompson	1/30
Clyde Schmit	1/11	Jesse Blad	1/19	Ray Zummak	1/30
Joe Crow	1/12	Amy Rahe	1/19	Zach Erpelding	1/31
				Lainey Mostek	1/31

January Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Andrea Anhalt	1/1/2005	18
James & Jennifer Anderson	1/10/2008	15
Robert & Paula Clayton I	1/13/1962	61
Wayne & Doris Natvig	1/13/1972	51
Andy & Tina Dalziel	1/16/1981	42
Gene & Debra Putnam	1/16/1971	52
Harold & Denise Clayton I	1/25/1975	48

January Baptisms

Elston Goodenbour	1/1	Ryan Becker	1/13	Jason Thompson	1/21
Kaye Jones	1/1	Katie Stalheim	1/13	Katie Clark	1/22
Kathy Rachuy	1/3	Jodi West	1/13	Lori Mattson	1/22
Madeline Bistline	1/4	Grace Witt	1/13	Amanda Phillips	1/22
Kash Niichel	1/5	Cole McLeod	1/15	Sara Harrington	1/23
Chloe Simmons	1/7	Connie Gosse	1/16	Brandy Furler	1/24
Kohl Nuehring	1/8	Michael Mostek Jr.	1/16	Jacob Clark	1/25
Charlotte Jones	1/9	Angie Maus	1/17	Rayla Tonne	1/25
Kyle Nuehring	1/10	Jillian Schares	1/17	Brian Hayek	1/26
Marcy Ruckdaschel	1/10	Harper Fox	1/19	Christy Phillips	1/26
Rachel Menuey	1/11	Erica Soppe	1/19	Robert Derifield	1/27
Lynette Renner	1/11	Clyde Schmit	1/20	Danny Kopplin	1/30
Ruby Schutte	1/11	Emily Clark	1/21		
		Andy Dalziel	1/21		

