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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10am Worship and Communion			4pm Confirmation 6:15 Worship Wednesday			
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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Worship and Communion		9:30am LWR Quilting Meeting in Fellowship Hall	4pm Confirmation	9:30am Women's Bible Study		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Worship and Communion	6:30pm Council Meeting		4pm Confirmation 6:15 Worship Wednesday			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:00am Worship and Communion		9:30am LWR Quilting Meeting in Fellowship Hall	4pm Confirmation 6pm Soup Supper 6:40pm Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal 7pm Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service (ALC)			
26	27	28	01	02	03	04
First Sunday in Lent 10am Worship and Communion			4pm Confirmation 6:15 Worship Wednesday 6pm Soup Supper & 7pm Lent Service (Jubilee)			
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<p>Deacons/Readers February 5 Deacon: Sheila Collins/Reader: Suanne Westpfahl February 12 Deacon/Reader: Sue Hoey February 19 Deacon/Reader: Maureen Even February 28 Deacon/Reader: Cindy Gosse</p>	<p>Ushers Captains Bryan & Rayla Tonne</p>
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LAMP NEWSLETTER



LSI ARTICLE AND STORY

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February 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI

At LSI, loving our neighbor is an essential value that we continuously work and grow towards. This Valentine's Day, take time to share with your friends, family and neighbors how important they are to you. February is a time of giving, a time of love and a time of gratitude. Share with those around you how much they mean to you and the impact they have had on you.

It's also a time when we want to thank you, the congregations that so generously support the work of LSI throughout the year. We are blessed by your love and support. Your generosity has continued to offer hope and healing to lowans of all ages.

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.

Love Your Neighbor

At LSI, loving our neighbor is an integral value. Our staff continuously work towards loving their neighbors and investing their time, energy and resources into helping their neighbors.

"I love getting to know my LSI colleagues and teammates, and I feel fortunate to be surrounded by such talented, passionate and inspiring individuals," said Nick Wuertz, Director of Immigrant and Refugee Community Services (IRCS). "The team around me makes me better, and by getting to know my team and understanding their unique skills and perspectives, I feel I can love and support them in sharing those gifts with others on our team, our clients and the broader community."

Barbra Jotzke-Torrier, Director of Philanthropy, shared that loving her neighbor means treating others with respect. "It means remembering my way is not always the best way, and certainly not the only way to live, love, make a home or be a part of a family." Barbra shared that her job at LSI has given her the opportunity to share people's stories and to connect people with programs they are passionate about.

"Loving my neighbor means caring for them and being there for them in good times and hard times," shared Patrick Karemera, a Resettlement Caseworker. "Loving my neighbor through my job is about welcoming our new neighbors from all over the world who flee their homes in hopes of a better life."

As Nick shared, loving your neighbors is complex and requires you to take the time to get to know them on a personal level. This Valentine's Day, we invite you to take that step and get to know your neighbors.

American Lutheran Church December Council Meeting December 11, 2022

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

Sue led devotions from *Christ in Our Home*.

Treasurer's Report – The November transfer of \$3,776.69 from checking to the General Savings and Emergency Fund was not made until December 2 so the balance in the checking account is actually \$13,665.71. Barb Hayek made a motion to transfer \$3,665.71 to the General Savings and Emergency Fund this month. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried. Shirley Bergman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 council meeting as written. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

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

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – Sign-up sheets for fellowship hosts are posted on the bulletin board outside the fireside room.

Memorial – The committee met on November 29, 2022. There is \$1,228.88 of undesignated funds in the account. The committee suggests possible use of these funds could include at least one wireless microphone or community needs. The council felt the undesignated funds should be used for ALC needs.

Parish Ed – The Children's Christmas Program is December 18, 2022.

President's – ALC and ZLC agree to alternate Lenten services like last year.

Property – Church: The nativity scene has been set up and worship times changed on the outside sign. One bank of ceiling lights have been replaced with LED bulbs in Pastor's study. A new rebate program to be offered by MidAmerican Energy in 2023 will be reviewed.

Parsonage: The parsonage continues to be checked on and maintained twice a month. Mike Mostek will do snow removal in exchange for storing a car in the detached garage.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – Council approved outsourcing technology problems when necessary. Cindy Gosse will talk to

Heartland Technology about which of their current internet packages is best for our church. Cindy will move forward on the previously approved computer purchases. Mike Waring is not using the laptop missing the number keypad for livestreaming (as stated in the October minutes). He has purchased a laptop sufficient to do the job at his own expense.

Worship and Music – The youth and volunteers from the congregation decorated the church for Christmas on November 20, 2022. Hymns have been chosen through January 15. Jessica Saunders has volunteered to sing at the Christmas Eve service. Caroling with First Presbyterian Church will take place on the afternoon of December 18.

Youth – The Youth made thank-you bags for the volunteers in the church. These were very much appreciated.

New Business

Barb Hayek made a motion to give the Thanksgiving offering to the Independence Area Food Pantry and split the Christmas offering between LSI and EWALU. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

The Budget Hearing will be January 8, 2022 after worship (11:00 am). The Annual Meeting will be January 15, 2022 with an inclement weather date of January 22, 2022.

Old Business

The Ministry Site Profile from the Call Committee asks for the goals of the congregation from the Council's perspective. These goals include:

1. Increase worship involvement and youth participation
2. Empower committees
3. Encourage inactive members to reengage
4. Property improvements as needed (new or repaired roof when necessary)

The Ministry Site Profile's request for a dollar amount for Pastor's salary was modified to say commensurate with Synod Guidelines for years of experience.

Pulpit supply continues to be worked on.

A budget workshop will be held following the adjournment of this council meeting.

Correspondence

A thank you was received from the Independence Area Food Pantry for the donation of 26.6 lbs. of food and 37.1 lbs. of nonfood on August 16, 2022.

Deacon Assignments for January

- 1 – Sheila Collins
- 8 – Sue Hoey
- 15 –
- 22 –
- 29 –

Barb Hayek made a motion to adjourn. Second By Cindy Gosse. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins,
Secretary

ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE HOSTED BY ALC

Wednesday February 22nd, 2023

6pm Soup Supper

6:40pm Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal

7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Lent Begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year Lent services will begin Wednesday, February 22nd. American Lutheran Church will be hosting an ecumenical service at 7:00 pm with a soup supper prior to the service at 6:00 pm. Each congregation including First Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Barclay Presbyterian, St. Athanasius and Zion Lutheran/American Lutheran Church will be providing a soup, loaf of sandwiches and a dessert. During the Lenten season Zion Lutheran and American Lutheran Churches will be alternating every other Wednesday Lenten services with a soup supper at 6:00 pm and Holden Evening Prayer service at 7:00 pm .

Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting :
March 1st,
March 15th
March 29th.

American Lutheran Church will be hosting:
February 22nd
March 8th
March 22nd
April 6th (Maundy Thursday)

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary for anyone who would like to supply soups or a meal of your choice for February 22nd, March 8th and March 22nd. We would also need assistance in setting up prior to the suppers and cleaning up after the suppers. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you from the Hospitality Committee.

LENTEN SERVICES

6pm Soup Supper

7pm Lenten Service

March 1st (Zion Jubilee)

March 8th (ALC)

March 15th (Zion Jubilee)

March 22nd (ALC)

March 29th (Zion Jubilee)

April 6th (ALC)- Maundy Thursday

***No Soup Supper on Maundy Thurs*

10:00 worship at ALC December-March. When provided, treats will be in the Fireside Room at the rear of the sanctuary.

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

2022 ALC LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS

The ladies of American Lutheran Church once again spearheaded projects for Lutheran World Relief in 2022. The following projects were generously supported by members of ALC:

- Spring Ingathering – 41 quilts and 45 personal care kits
- Fall Ingathering – 39 school kits

The totals for 2022 for the Northeast Iowa Synod are: 8,852 quilts, 4,837 school kits, 3,147 personal care kits, 1,558 baby care kits, 199 fabric kits and 65 blankets. These are amazing totals! The 2023 Spring Ingathering will be April 15th and the Fall Ingathering will be October 14th. Redeemer Lutheran, Waverly, will be the host for both. We will once again be delivering our finished quilts on April 15th along with personal care kits. ALC has used Lent as the time to collect items needed for these. Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Personal care kits include the following items: **1 light-weight bath size towel, 2 bath-size bars of soap, 1 adult toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb and 1 metal fingernail clippers.** As you shop during the next few weeks, you may want to consider purchasing these items. A suggestion would be that you provide items for one personal care kit. A collection point will be established during the Lenten season. Thank you for your continued support in carrying out the mission of ALC to nourish the world by faithfully sharing the gifts Jesus Christ has given us.

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.**

EPIC SCHOLARSHIP: 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 returned by March 1st, 2023 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

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 from LSI: Thank you for your generous donation of Christmas Gifts for the youth LSI serves on the Bremwood Campus. Please thank Mary Adams for organizing and delivering these gifts.

We're truly blessed to have you as a ministry partner as we respond to the love of Jesus Christ through compassion and service.

You are invited to a "Somewhat Silent Saturday" for the beginning of Lent! This event will be March 4, 2023, 9 am - 4 pm at St John Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, IA. The day will include 1) Morning and Evening Prayer Services; 2) Sessions for Centering Prayer; 3) A brief Centering Prayer seminar; 4) Creative time with options (such as to walk a Labyrinth or to use a hand/sand labyrinth; journaling, letter writing, etc.; to participate in Jo-Yo, that incorporates journaling and yoga; to learn about "Breath as Prayer;" to be in dialog with another pilgrim about your life journey; or to contemplate outdoors or in the sanctuary). The only cost for this event is a donation for expenses such as the meal and facility usage. The event itself will be led by local members of Contemplative Outreach of Northeast Iowa. If you are planning to attend, please Email CONElowa@gmail.com with your name and phone number no later than Monday, February 27. No further registration is needed. More details will be shared with those persons who register.

Thank you to our outgoing council member: Christa Leach, we appreciate your service on the leadership team.

Thank you to our current council members: Sue Hoey, Shirley Bergman, Sheila Collins, Cindy Gosse, Mitch Hayek, Beth Stanek, Barb Hayek, and Christy Phillips.

EVENTS

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

Worship Wednesdays: 6:15 on February 1st and 15th

Confirmation: 4pm on Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study: February 9th at 9:30am

LWR Quilting meeting: February 7th and 21st at 9:30am

Council Meeting: Monday February 13th 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.

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

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

Jan. 29 – Pastor Dan Mixdorf
Feb. 5 – Pastor Phil Borleski
Feb. 12 – Pastor Dan Mixdorf
Feb. 19 – Pastor Dan Mixdorf
Ash Wed. – ALC hosts Ecumenical service
Feb. 26 – Pastor Tom Jones
Mar. 5 – Pastor Paul Nelson
Mar. 12 – Pastor Phil Borleske
Mar. 19 – Pastor Phil Borleske
Mar. 26 – Pastor Dan Mixdorf
Apr. 2- Pastor Michael Sherer

Celebrations

February Birthdays

Wayne Natvig	2/1	Jaylon Dahl	2/10	Kayla Haack	2/22
Blaire Zummak	2/1	Kyler Lysne	2/10	James Anderson	2/24
Isabelle Distler	2/4	Jessica Irvine	2/11	James Mattson	2/24
Neva Erpelding	2/4	Maisie Niichel	2/11	Glen Anderson	2/25
Kayla Putnam	2/4	Adaline Schares	2/11	Brinley Bergman	2/25
Doug Shaffer	2/4	Jim Gosse	2/12	Robert Derifield	2/25
Charlie Stanek	2/6	Jeryn Loyd	2/13	Luke Gosse	2/25
Wendi Bjorheim	2/7	Kaye Reil	2/13	Larry Phillips	2/27
Justin Gosse	2/7	Luke Hunziker	2/15	Marcy Gosse	2/28
Shane Anderson	2/8	Camden Seehase	2/18	Myles Neegaard	2/28
Anthony George	2/8	Steel Rolison	2/20	Tiffany Vogel	2/28
Heather Bergman	2/9			Angie Loyd	2/29

February Wedding Anniversaries

Jeff & Wendi Bjorheim	2/7/1997	26
Jack & Nikki Hemmer	2/8/1997	26
Randy & Iva Ruehs	2/14/1981	42
Donald & Lorelei Williams	2/14/1993	30
Don & Dawna Smith	2/23/1985	38

February Baptisms

Neva Winkelpleck	2/2	Gavin Putnam	2/17
James Crow	2/5	Mike Schares	2/17
Angie Pederson	2/5	Steph Winkelpleck	2/17
Tracy Versluis	2/5	Kaye Reil	2/18
Jan Rachuy	2/6	Jaima Tonne	2/18
Robin Clayton	2/11	Sara Rigdon	2/19
Tessa Clayton	2/11	Kyle Wilson	2/19
Travis Clayton	2/11	Heather Bergman	2/23
Susan Emme	2/12	Jesse Blad	2/24
Kendall Ricklefs	2/12	Joe Rolison	2/24
Andrea Anhalt	2/14	Braden Knight	2/26
Jordyn Bergman	2/15	Hannah Knight	2/26
Kendall Rachuy	2/16	Jenna Amling	2/28
Carrie May	2/17	Harper Westpfahl	2/28
Lukas Pearce	2/17	Amy Rahe	2/29

