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MARCH

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	01	02	03	04
First Sunday in Lent 10am Worship and Communion			4pm Confirmation 6:15 Worship Wednesday 7pm Lenten Mid Week Service (ZION)	9:30am Women's Bible Study		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Second Sunday in Lent 10am Worship and Communion (Council Installation)		9:30am LWR Quilting Meeting in Fellowship Hall	4pm Confirmation 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Mid Week Service (ALC)			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Third Sunday in Lent 10am Worship and Communion	6:30pm Council Meeting		4pm Confirmation 6:15 Worship Wednesday			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Fourth Sunday in Lent 10am Worship and Communion		9:30am LWR Quilting Meeting in Fellowship Hall	4pm Confirmation 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Mid Week Service (ALC)			
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
Fifth Sunday in Lent 10am Worship and Communion/Blessing of Quilts and Care Kits			4pm Confirmation 6:15 Worship Wednesday			
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
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Deacons/Readers

March 5: Sue Hoey Deacon / Reader
 March 12: Sheila Collins Deacon /
 Keaton Lysne Reader
 March 19 : Maureen Even Deacon /
 Reader
 March 26: Christy Phillips Deacon /
 Reader

Ushers Captains

Eric & Traci Clark
 Kenny & Terri Schares

LAMP NEWSLETTER



LSI ARTICLE AND STORY

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March 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month! Take time this month to recognize social workers in your life and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa, we want to give thanks to all our social workers who do such important work every single day. Without you, LSI wouldn't be able to provide the essential services that Iowa families need.

Our social workers provide a variety of services to families in Iowa, such as crisis child care, in-home programs and classes for parents. These services provide families the support and education they need to care for their young children.

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.

Social Work is Rewarding Work

A child saying "mom" for the first time at 3 years old, a parent getting a job that brings them joy – these are successes that are important to Mallory Berkenpas, Service Coordinator in LSI's Early Childhood department in Sioux City.

Mallory has been an employee of LSI for more than a decade, and has held many different roles in supporting children and families. "My heart lies in working with children and families and prevention work, because I've seen the value in it. I see how important it is. I wish more people knew and understood and valued the work that is done in the early childhood period because it is so crucial," said Mallory.

She expressed that one of the most rewarding parts of her job is being able to see, experience and walk this journey alongside these families, who along the way, make these small or big strides – whatever that means for them.

"Maybe the child says 'mom' for the first time at 3 years old, which is something that has happened in our program. That's a big win for this child that didn't speak from zero to three years old, and did because of the interventions we helped that family find," said Mallory. "All of those successes are so important to me and also my staff – being able to see them grow, build their skill set and feel good about their work."

"Social work can be so hard... so I think being able to see those small and big wins along the way is important," said Mallory.

**American Lutheran Church
January Council Meeting
January 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, Cindy Gosse, and Sheila Collins. Joining on Zoom was Mitchell Hayek. Christa Leach, Barb Hayek, and Beth Stanek were absent.

Sue led devotions by playing a Christmas music video performed by interns at Orchard Hill and Nazareth Lutheran churches and concluded with prayer.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of December was \$18,781.26. We are short \$101.00 for the budgeted amount for Synod Benevolence. Cindy will talk to financial secretary Mike Waring about meeting that commitment. Sheila Collins made a motion to transfer \$8,781.26 to the General Savings and Emergency Fund. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried. Sheila Collins made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2022 council meeting with one correction and the Budget Hearing notes. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – An email invitation will be sent for the soup lunch following the Annual Meeting on January 15, 2023.

Memorial – Use of undesignated funds is on hold until there is more information from the technology committee.

Parish Ed – No report.

Presidents – No report.

Property – Church: Shirley Bergman will contact electrician Dave Becker to repair lighting on the outside sign. The two sensors in the basement will be returned to Church Mutual Insurance company at their request. Shirley will ask about winter thermostat settings during the week and on Sundays.

Parsonage: Primrose Heating and Air Conditioning has replaced the main floor toilet and snaked the toilet and basement drains. The 20-year-old dish washer has a bad seal. We will stop running it and plan on replacing it when a new Pastor moves in.

Scholarship – In the future we would like to be able to consider giving a full match scholarship.

Technology – The secretary's computer will be replaced after the Annual Meeting.

Worship and Music – The committee will be meeting this month to choose hymns. Shirley Bergman will attend a ministerial meeting January 17 to plan the February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday service.

Carolers from ALC and FPC visited four homebound residents and Winding Creek Meadows on December 18, 2022. Allyssa Hoey will perform special music in worship prior to the Annual Meeting on January 15, 2023. A noisy offering will be collected that day for her upcoming mission trip to Jamaica.

Youth – No report.

Call Committee – The Call Committees from ALC and ZLC will meet to review surveys and match goals.

New Business

Nominees are being sought for the Nominating Committee and two open council seats.

Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the following changes to the budget which were agreed on at the Budget Hearing: Increase the snow removal budget from \$2,500 to \$6,000, increase the EPIC Scholarship from \$600 to \$1,200, delete the line item for Pastor's Retiree Support, and delete the line item for

Miscellaneous Expenses. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Pastor Steve Brackett of the NEIA Synod was contacted to outline who are qualified Pastors for a wedding this summer at ALC. He advises that it be an ELCA Pastor or a Pastor from a denomination with which we have a full communion agreement. An online ordained Pastor is unacceptable. Council agrees to follow these guidelines.

Council approved a request by Mary Adams to use the fellowship hall for a class reunion on July 8 for a \$50.00 payment.

Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the transfer of Tricia, Anthony, and Natalie George from ALC to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Old Business

Lay leaders are needed for Lenten services. Sue Hoey may be available.

Pulpit supply is filled for Sundays through April.

Correspondence - None.

Deacon Assignments for February

5 – Sheila Collins

12 – Sue Hoey

19 –

26 – Cindy Gosse

Sheila Collins made a motion to adjourn. Second by Cindy Gosse. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Personal Care Kits: Our spring Lutheran World Relief project will be putting together personal care kits. Items needed for each kit are: **1 light-weight bath size towel, 2 bath-size bars of soap, 1 adult toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb and 1 metal fingernail clippers.** A suggestion would be that you provide items for one personal care kit. A table located in the Lower Narthex is set up to receive your donations. We were able to supply 45 kits last year. Can we meet or exceed this number? **Please bring your items by Sunday, March 19th.** The kits will be blessed along with our quilts during worship service on March 26th. The 2023 Spring Ingathering will be April 15th. Thank you for your generous support of this mission work.

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.

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

EWALU: For those interested in attending camp EWALU this summer, registration packets are available via request from Jessica (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, Danny Kopplin, and Emelia Dahl Jacobson.

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

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.

2023 Council Members

The 2023 Council will be installed on March 5th. We ask God to Bless them as they lead our congregation and thank them for serving on the Council.

Christy Phillips, President

Beth Stanek, Vice President

Sheila Collins, Secretary

Cindy Gosse, Treasurer

Shirley Bergman

Barb Hayek

Mitch Hayek

Sue Hoey

EVENTS

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

Worship Wednesdays: 6:15 on March 1st, 15th, and 29th

Confirmation: 4pm on Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study: March 2nd 9:30am

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

Council Meeting: Monday March 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:

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

March Birthdays

Jeff Niichel	3/1	Eric Olson	3/12	Haley Borland	3/22
Monette Colton	3/2	Charles Clayton III	3/13	Amanda May	3/22
William Schutte	3/3	Alicia Collett	3/13	Hannah Stalheim	3/22
Anthony Bahe	3/4	Lukas Pearce	3/13	Alaena Milner	3/23
Wendell Erpelding	3/4	Hannah Mihm	3/14	Elyse Putnam	3/24
Lydia Emme	3/6	Kendall Clayton	3/15	Ryan Even	3/27
Shawn Even	3/7	Kayla Schutte	3/15	Brenda Schmit	3/28
Hunter Johnson	3/7	Piper Zelle	3/15	Jennifer Wilson	3/28
Shirley Bergman	3/8	Easton Hill	3/16	Jamisyn Amling	3/29
Autumn Rolison	3/8	Nathan Schares	3/16	Mark Collett	3/29
Steffen Hoey	3/9	Brooklyn Jacobsen	3/17	Mike Mostek Sr.	3/29
Rachel BJORHEIM	3/10	Mitchell Hayek	3/20	Tyler Hoey	3/30
Craig Schutte	3/10	Melanie Distler	3/21	Allie Renner	3/30
Mike Waring	3/11	Mayci Morrissey	3/21	Niel Franti	3/31
Collin Gosse	3/12	Donald Williams	3/21	Andrew Mattson	3/31

March Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Cindy Gosse	3/14/2009	14
Bryan & Rayla Tonne	3/16/1991	32
Kenny & Therese Olson	3/22/1975	48
Keith & Janet Wright	3/28/1957	66

March Baptisms

Blake Bagenstos	3/1	Clayton Wolf	3/17	Cindy Kayser	3/26
Olivia Frush	3/1	Michael May	3/18	Teri Schares	3/26
James Mattson	3/5	Madison Ruckdaschel	3/19	Adam Hill	3/27
Tyler Ohl	3/5	Camden Seehase	3/19	Amanda Hill	3/27
Neva Erpelding	3/8	David Haack	3/22	Larry Phillips	3/27
Cara Zanker	3/8	Kayla Haack	3/22	Collin Clayton	3/28
Wayne Natvig	3/9	Marcy Gosse	3/23	Bonnie Duffy	3/28
Ella Frush	3/10	Brady Wilson	3/23	Ralph Hill	3/28
Kayla Putnam	3/10	Cody Clayton	3/24	Carmen Nuehring	3/28
Ray Zummak	3/10	Joe Crow	3/25	Janet Wright	3/28
Brinley Bergman	3/11	Sue Rigdon	3/25	Braylen Seehase	3/29
Creed Rolison	3/16	Kimberly Conner	3/26	Jeryn Loyd	3/30

