

The Savior's Trumpet

Albion Lutheran Church

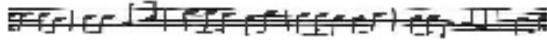
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ALBION NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FOR JANUARY 2026

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth...." Psalm 100:1

Happy New Year! The Savior has been born!



In this New Year, the hymn that came to mind is "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." Every year I choose a new word to focus on for the year, and my word for 2026 is "JOY." This hymn seems to express that perfectly! The word JOY can be broken down as follows:

J Jesus

O Others

Y Yourself

Perhaps you would want to join me in focusing on JOY this year? Joy reminds me to focus first on Jesus, secondly on others and lastly, myself. Or maybe you have another word that God is leading you towards? Either way, I pray you will **keep your focus on Him as you work your way through the days ahead in 2026.**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'r's before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Praising You eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

The hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" was written by Henry Van Dyke in 1907 while he was serving as a guest preacher at Williams College. He was inspired by the beauty of the Berkshire Mountains, which he described in the hymn. Van Dyke expressed that the hymn was intended to be sung to the music of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, which he believed would enhance the hymn's joyful expression. The hymn was first published in 1911 in Van Dyke's collection of poems, and it has since become one of the most popular hymns in the English language, reflecting themes of joy, hope and divine light.

January is a great month to curl up with God's Word and a cup of hot something to reflect on what He might be calling us to for the New Year. Or, just "have a little talk with Jesus" and "tell Him all about your troubles...." He will always be there to listen! His mercies are new every morning and GREAT is His faithfulness! Have a JOY-filled month of January! :)



Tammy

ALBION CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 2, 2025 7 PM

Present: Neil Brekke, Doug Rossbach, Jim Hanson, Virgil Goltz, Linda Larson, Lisa Moldan, Nancy Rossbach, Gary Parker, Pat Hesse

Absent: Jeremy Brekken, Brian Olson, Alan Brekke

1. Devotions by Virgil Goltz

2. Secretary Report given by Lisa Moldan. M/S/C to approve report as is.

3. No Treasurer Report. Q4 and Annual Report

4. Pastor's Report

 a. 500 views on our online service Sunday (!!).

 b. Christmas Program is 12/21

 c. Christmas Eve 4:30 pm Communion and Candlelit Service

 d. Adult Sunday School Attendance and discussion has been robust! Join us if you are able!

 e. Missions for 2026 can be proposed for review and scheduling into 2026.

5. Old Business:

 a. Fire Extinguishers have been maintenance. There were six. Five of them can be recharged. The yellow one can be used and won't be able to be replaced. We picked up two additional 10# extinguishers that need to be placed—along with conversation about visibility and locations.

 i. Trustees will address getting our fire extinguishers into visible and useful Locations: Kitchens, Furnace, Altar Candle

 b. Social Media & Outreach Coordinator & Secretary:

 i. Lexi Brekken has accepted the position. Pastor Tammy will work closely with her to transfer responsibilities.

 c. Sound System:

 i. Will continue to work with Tammy's mic and possibly replace the lectern mic. Good improvement so far. If anyone is interested in learning how to work with the sound system, speak to Jeremy or Lisa.

6. New Business:

 a. Calling List:

 i. Will revise once our new members are installed in 2026.

 ii. KNUJ & KEYC can be notified once we get an admin account for their cancellation.

 b. Snow Blowing List:

 i. Will be updated this year. A Signup will go on the kitchen counter for November – March. Tammy will announce at service and post in bulletin.

 c. Retirement Recognition for Cindy Mosenden will be Dec 28th during fellowship. Tammy & Kathy Wellmann will serve lunch.

 d. Budget needs to be presented to January Council mtg for approval

 i. trustees meet Jan 11th to go through the budget.

 ii. Council Meeting will be Jan 13th

 iii. Annual Meeting Jan 18th

- e. Nominating Committee:
 - i. Wendy Carlson's secretary position needs to be filled. Anyone interested in taking this position should reach out to Neil Brekke for nomination.
 - ii. 2027 will be a year of higher turnover.
- f. Pastoral Leadership Going Forward:
 - i. Perhaps we need to look at a committee to explore and plan for pastoral leadership beyond the Springers. Pastor Tammy is willing to serve as long as she is able! However, the pool of pastors available to any/all churches is stretched beyond capacity.
- g. LCMC:
 - i. Tammy is investigating whether or not there is a financial requirement to be affiliated? Do we wish to continue our support of them?
- h. Closure:
 - i. Next Meeting is Jan 13th 7 pm. Devotions by Jim. Missions for December is Our Daily Bread Devotionals. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Lisa Moldan, Acting Secretary



ALBION WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW) DECEMBER 7, 2025

We had our annual pot luck dinner following the worship service. There were 60 plus in attendance. Lots of good food and fellowship as we enter the Christmas season.



The Sunday School children put on their annual Christmas program on December 21st. It was titled "Not so Silent Night" written by Ben Cosper. They did a great job and we are so proud!

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual meeting will be January 18 at 10:15 AM,, following the worship service.
REPORTS ARE DUE. Please get them to Lexi Brekken as soon as possible. Deadline is January 11.

RADIO SUNDAY

Thank you to all who sponsored a radio service in 2025. A new year is upon us and we have been fortunate to have so many people willing to sponsor a broadcast and share our church life. Our Sunday service is broadcast on 105.9 FM on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 9 AM. If you'd like to sponsor a broadcast, sign up on the sheet in the kitchen. You can send payment to the church address marked "radio broadcast".

ADOPT A CHILD IN PRAYER

In December we revealed our names to our prayer child in our Christmas cards. Names were again put out in December to be drawn for this year. If you have not already done so, please choose an envelope with your child's name for this year. Please sign your name with the envelope code number in the notebook provided. The reason for this is that if your prayer partner's name gets lost or forgotten, it can be found again.

You may wish to remember your youth on special occasions such as holidays, birthdays, confirmations, when they receive their Bibles from the congregation or even if you see "your" youth mentioned in the newspaper. We emphasize that no gifts be involved. Keep your identity a secret possibly signing your card to them "Your friend at Albion". At the end of the year, you may reveal your name and we will draw new names.

We hope that by covering our youth with prayer, they will feel loved and be more connected to the church and that they will know their church family cares about them.



It's a Small World

**The most played song in the world,
written in 1964 during the Cuban Crisis**

It's a world of laughter
A world of tears
It's a world of hopes
And a world of fears
There's so much that we share
That it's time we're aware
It's a small world after all

It's a small world after all
It's a small world after all
It's a small world after all
It's a small, small world

There is just one moon
And one golden sun
And a smile means
Friendship to ev'ryone
Though the mountains divide
And the oceans are wide
It's a small world after all

It's a small world after all
It's a small world after all
It's a small world after all
It's a small, small world

WINTER PARKING

Please consider parking in the back lot during the winter. This will give the volunteer shoveling people time to get the rest of the side walks done.

Wishing all of you a Happy New Year!

HANDBOOK 2026

Health:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in factories.
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy
5. Make time to pray
6. Play more games
7. Read more books than you did in 2025
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minutes walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
13. Don't over do. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
16. Dream more while you are awake
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with His/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone
Don't hate others.

MINNESOTA DOXOLOGY

In Minnesota, this is how we sing the Doxology on weekends when it's going to feel like -43 degrees.

Praise God from whom all Blizzards flow
Praise Him at 35 below.
Praise Him in snow drifts 10 feet deep.
Praise Him though winter makes us weep.
It's cold.

20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

Society:

25. Call your family often.
26. Each day give something good to others.
27. Forgive everyone for everything
28. Spend time w/ people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
30. What other people think of you is none of your business.
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

Life:

32. Do the right thing!
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
34. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
35. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
36. The best is yet to come..
37. Your Inner most is always happy. So, be happy.



I want to thank everyone for your help and support over the last 26 years. I've worked with 7 pastors during this time, each with their own way of doing things. (I guess that means I trained 7 pastors). They were all a joy to work with. I've learned a lot and am grateful for the time we had. -Cindy

Now please give your support to your new secretary, Lexi Brekken. I know she'll do a great job!!

Happy New Year!!

SEWING RESUMES!!

Monday sewing will resume in January. We will work on anything from rag tearing & sewing, baby quilt making or relief quilting. If you would like to help but can't come on these days, feel free to pick something up to work on at home.



The Annual meeting of the Albion Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 18th, 10:15 a.m.

The Annual meeting of the Albion Cemetery Association will be held Sunday, January 18th following the Albion Lutheran Church annual meeting.

In case of a cancellation, they will be held the following Sunday.

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a concern you wish to have on the "prayer chain", please call Pastor Tammy or Pastor Bob

Tammy: 507-381-0016

Bob: 507-381-0015

Tammy will send out a group text

SUNDAY BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

If you want someone added (or removed) please contact
Lexi Brekken 317-3635

As we are all in need of prayer, we ask that you not leave a name on the list indefinitely.

JANUARY

USHERS

Brian Olson
Rob Mosenden
Keith Brekken



SNOW BLOWING

1-11 Allan Lee
12-21 Gary Parker
22-31 Chuck Parker

ALCW HOSTESSES

Jeri Hanson
Lisa Moldan

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Cindy Mosenden
Darcy Mosenden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Janice Bernloehr
- 5 Phoebe Wiken
- 9 Tammy Springer
- 14 Doug Rossbach
- 15 Joshua Wiken
- 19 Hannah Brekke
- 20 Lisa Moldan
- 23 Wayne Rossbach
Donna Schultz
- 24 Gary Parker
- 28 Thomas Basmoen
- 29 Adrian Frederickson
- 30 Sharon Lee
- 31 Andrew Mosenden
- 31 Oliver Brekke



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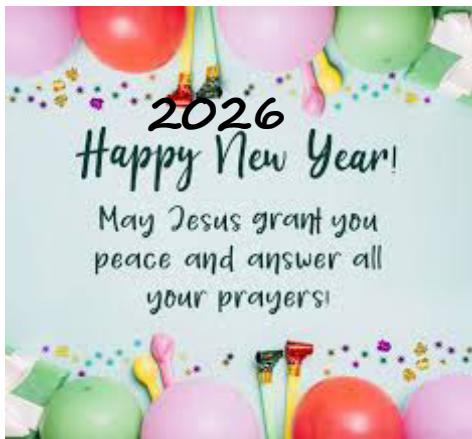


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bulletin announcements are due by Thursday noon Call Lexi Brekken (507) 317-3635 Newsletter articles are due the 20th of each month	2 	3 Happy New Year! Here's to a year of good health, lots of love, and plenty of laughter.
4 <u>2nd Sunday after Christmas</u> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School	5	6	7	8 WOW & Bible Study 2 PM	9	10
11 <u>Baptism of Our Lord</u> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship Trustees meet on budget 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 Adult Class Radio Sunday	12 Stewardship Sewing	13 7 PM	14	15 Stewardship Sewing	16 	17
18 <u>2nd Sunday after epiphany</u> 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy 10:15 AM Annual Meeting Potluck Dinner Food Shelf Sunday	19 Stewardship Sewing	20	21	22 Stewardship Sewing	23 	24
25 <u>3rd Sunday after epiphany</u> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 Adult Class 	26 Stewardship Sewing	27	28	29 Stewardship Sewing	30	31

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