

ALBION NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FOR FEBRUARY 2026



"I am the living Bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever." John 6:51

It's **February** and **Lent** is just around the corner! **Ash Wednesday is on February 18th** this year. **Albion will be holding weekly Lenten suppers (5:30pm) and worship services (6:45pm) on Wednesdays.** Our theme this year will be "**I Am the Bread of Life.**" During these 40 days of Lent, we are on a journey to the cross with Jesus. We will look at what the Bible has to say about bread and see how bread was present at the most significant events of the Old and New Testaments.

In light of that, the hymn I have chosen to highlight for this month is "**I Am the Bread of Life.**" Its popularity stems from its message of resurrection, which is so strong in these words of Jesus. We so need that message of hope.

I am the Bread of life,
You who come to Me shall not hunger
And who believe in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me,
Unless the Father beckons.

Chorus: And I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

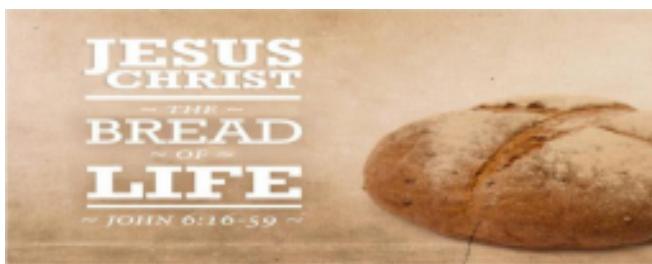
The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this Bread,
you shall live forever, You shall live forever.

The Bread that I will give
is My flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this Bread
You shall live forever,
You shall live forever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man,
And drink of His blood,
and drink of his blood
You shall not have life within you.

The hymn "I Am the Bread of Life" was composed by Suzanne Toolan in 1966. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Burlingame, California in 1950, where she taught chorale at Mercy High School. Toolan wrote the words to the hymn in 1964 during her time in between classes. Toolan claims to have discarded the original copy before being inspired by a student to keep it. She originally presented the hymn in its final form at a diocesan music educators' conference in 1966. It has been popular across many different cultures and languages.

How are you doing on the JOY theme for the year? This month of February can bring great JOY into our lives as we **meditate on the love God has for us in sending His only Son to pay the price of our sin so that we can live eternally with Him.** No greater joy than that!!! Have a blessed month! Keep Looking Up to Jesus!!



Tammy 😊



Lenten Schedule for 2026

Wed., Feb 18th	5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, w/ communion THEME: Bread for the Journey
Sun., Feb 22nd	9:00a Worship, 10:00a PRETZEL SUNDAY Fellowship
Wed., Feb 25th	5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p Lenten Reflection THEME: Welcome Bread
Sun., March 1st	9:00a Worship, 10:00a Fellowship
Wed., March 4th	5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p Lenten Reflection THEME: Unleavened Bread
Sun., March 8th	9:00a Worship, 10:00a Fellowship
Wed., March 11th	5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p Lenten Reflection THEME: Daily Bread
Sun., March 15th	9:00a Worship, 10:00a Fellowship
Wed., March 18th	5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p Lenten Reflection THEME: More Than Bread
Sun., March 22nd	9:00a Worship, 10:00a Fellowship
Wed., March 25th	5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p Lenten Reflection THEME: Abundant Bread
Sun., March 29th	9:00a PALM SUNDAY Worship, 10:00a Fellowship
Thurs., April 2nd	7:00p MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service THEME: Betrayer's Bread
Sun., April 5th	7:30a Breakfast, 9:00a RESURRECTION Worship THEME: The Bread of Life

January 18, 2026

Albion Lutheran Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Virgil Goltz at 10:02 am.

Pastor Tammy Springer gave the opening prayer.

Minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting were read by acting secretary, Lisa Moldan. It was m/s/c/ to approve last year's minutes as read.

Pastor Bob gave the Pastor's report. He spoke on the bible verse, "Great is thy faithfulness...all I have needed thy hand has provided" (Lamentations 3:23) and his theme for last year, Trust and Thrive in 2025. Pastor Bob urged us to trust God to abide, guide, and provide as we move forward. Pastor Bob thanked the congregation for stepping up and helping with service leadership, as well as transitioning smoothly to interim Pastor Tammy in October as he retired from 15 years of service to Albion. He thanked Cindy Mosenden for her 26+ years of service as church secretary, and he concluded with Philippians 1:5 "confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it in Christ Jesus!"

Lisa Moldan gave a Treasurer's Report and Proposed the Budget for 2026. 2025 was largely a year of regular, Sunday offering income and normal operating business expenses with neither any significant memorial gifts, nor any extensive repair and maintenance bills. We operated at about a \$12,000 net income in 2025. It was m/s/c to approve these reports as printed.

Virgil extended a call to Pastor Tammy to fill our full time pastor position. Pastor Tammy spoke to her willingness to serve, if that is the will of the congregation. Pastor Tammy responded with the following options 1. Call Tammy as a full time pastor. 2. Call Tammy as an interim pastor as we form a committee and look for options beyond the Springers as they may plan to move closer to their children and grandchildren. Discussion followed on LCMC affiliation and lack of support and communication from them, and likewise our lack of interest in participating in their meetings and agendas. Our future decisions lie in whether we want to retain our absolute autonomy.

Keith Brekken made a motion (and it was seconded and carried) to hire Tammy as our Full Time Pastor and form a Call committee at the same time to make preparations for post-Springer ministry.

Shannon Brekke from nominating committee lead discussion on the ballot. Virgil executed voting procedures. It was m/s/c to have Shannon fulfill a second term on the nominating committee. Keith motioned to cast a unanimous ballot. It was seconded and carried. February 1st will be installation of our new officers and Pastor installation.

Jim Hanson discussed the call committee forming—if you have interest in participating in this endeavor, please get a hold of a council member.

It was m/s/c to adjourn the Annual Meeting and move into the Cemetery Board Meeting



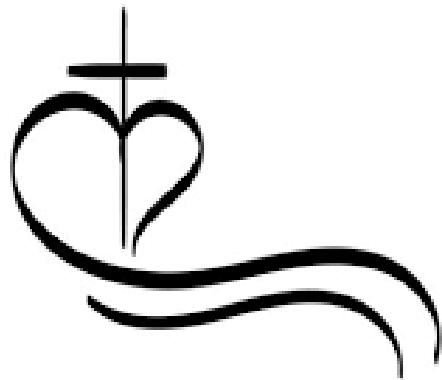
Tuesday Jan 13th 2026

Albion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda 7 pm

Present: Pat Hesse, Linda Larson, Doug Rossbach, Gary Parker, Jeremy Brekke, Pastor Tammy Springer, Nancy Rossbach, Lisa Moldan, Jim Hanson, Virgil Goltz, Brian Olson.

Absent: Neil Brekke, Alan Brekke

1. Call meeting to order. Devotions by Jim Hanson.
2. Secretary's Report. M/S/A to approve minutes as recorded.
3. Treasurer's Report M/S/C to approve report and present to annual meeting.
4. 2026 Budget M/S/C to propose budget to annual meeting.
5. Pastor's Report:
 - a. Installation of New Council Members will be Feb 1st.
 - b. Feb 1st will be Communion. Lent begins Feb 18th (Ash Wednesday) will be Communion downstairs.
 - c. Mission plan for 2026 M/S/C to accept proposal.
 - d. Springer's Gone March 14th. Will be a Listening Ears Sunday.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Fire Extinguishers are hung. Take a look around church and locate them—they are far more visible now! Thanks Trustees for taking care of this! There are 4 on each floor.
7. New Business
 - a. Council is in charge of Serving Potluck on Sunday
8. Next Meeting: 7 pm February 3rd, Pat Hesse will have devotions & lunch. Closed with the Lord's Prayer



Great are the works of the Lord.

Women of the Word

January 8, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President, Jeri Hanson (14 Present)

Bible Study By: Tammy Springer opened with a devotional reminding us that Jesus is the bread of life. Today we began our study of the book of Nehemiah.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for the end of 2025 was read and passed. **Secretaries Report:**

There were no minutes for December. There was no meeting. We enjoyed a pot luck Sunday dinner instead.

Stewardship:

A quilt is up for stitching now; please come Mon or Thurs mornings to stitch. Mission quilts are still in process. Many have been tied and many options are still there for putting together. Any ideas are welcome. It was fun to hear happenings of many years ago such as an Albion Youth hayride, and choir practice at Irving Hagen's new house (1984).

Pastor's Report:

Lent is coming up soon. Remember to keep those on the prayer list or any shut-ins on your mind, and for our country. Annual meeting coming up January 18th with potluck after presented by the Council.

Old Business/New Business:

Bazaar for 2026 was discussed. We really need more people to come. On-line buying was discussed. We will also probably be working with the Village Inn for some catering for the dinner. Meeting was adjourned. Kaydra Berlin/Linda Larson/pass

Lord's Prayer and Table Prayer were said and lunch was served by Lisa Frederickson and Jeri Hanson. Thank you girls for the really real tasty fruit pizza(s) and lemon bars!

Sharon Lee, Secretary

John 16:1 I have told you these things so that you won't fall away.

Grow in Christ



ADOPT A CHILD IN PRAYER

Please consider adopting one or more of our children to pray for throughout the year. Take an envelope and register your name and its code number in the notebook provided. No gifts are involved, just a card to let them know their Albion friends are thinking and praying for them.

GIVING AND SHARING...

MISSIONS NEAR AND FAR

The last Sunday of each month is designated "MISSION SUNDAY". A door offering will be taken and will go to a different mission each month. February's mission is our local food shelves.

36th ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL

Join us to tackle hunger in our local communities! We coordinate efforts to tackle hunger through our digital platform of fundraising services created to support food charities large and small. Mobilizing grassroots resources including churches, schools, civic groups and caring individuals, this movement has created over \$198 million worth of support that stays completely local.

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.

FEBRUARY

Ushers

Jeremy Brekken
Jorgen Brekken
Sawyer Olson

Snow Blowing

1-15th: Brian Olson
16-28th: Nate Frederickson

ALCW Hostesses

Sue Enger
Nancy Rossbach

Altar Committee

Darcy Mosenden
Carlie Olson

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 5 Judson Brekke
- 6 Shirley Flatau
- 7 Cindy Brekken
Taryn Hellings
- 8 Janet Chamberlain
- 13 Lorena Butler
Isla Frederickson
- 14 Jason Froehling
- 17 Nancy Aspelund
- 20 Joseph Parker
- 21 Beverly Bakke
- 22 Karla Johnson
- 24 Dean Aspelund
Isaiah Butler
- 28 Carl Schultz

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February Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>4th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 AM Adult Class	2 Stewardship Sewing	3 7pm- Church Council	4	5 Stewardship Sewing 2pm- WOW & Bible Study	6	7 2pm- Aubri & Jake Rossbach's Baby Shower
8 <u>5th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School Radio Sunday Souper Bowl	9 Stewardship Sewing	10	11	12 Stewardship Sewing	13	14
15 <u>6th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School Food Shelf Sunday	16 Stewardship Sewing	17	18 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 5:30p- Lenten Supper 6:45p- Worship w/ communion	19 Stewardship Sewing	20	21
22 <u>7th Sunday after epiphany</u> 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School Mission Sunday Pretzel Sunday	23 Stewardship Sewing	24	25 5:30p- Lenten Supper 6:45p- Worship	26 Stewardship Sewing	27	28
-Bulletin announcements are due by Thursday at noon -Newsletter articles are due the 20th of each month Lexi Brekken- (507)-317-3635 alexisbrekken06@gmail.com						

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