

The Saviors Trumpet

Albion Lutheran Church

March 2026 A.D.

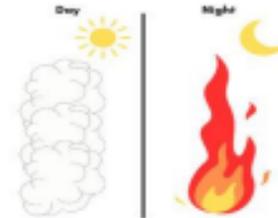


“By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud.... and by night in a pillar of fire.” Exodus 13:21

March is here! We are well into **Lent** and I hope you have been enjoying the Lenten suppers and services. **During these 40 days of**

Lent we are on a journey to the cross with Jesus.

Pillars of Cloud and Fire
Exodus 13:21-22



Along that journey we need **guidance**. I don't know about you, but I am easily distracted by the things of this world and I need the Holy Spirit to keep me on track! A wonderful hymn to help me with that is **“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah.”** Maybe you will find it helpful as a prayer as well.

The hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah,” is a prayer for divine guidance and provision. It reflects on God's guidance through life's journey, drawing parallels to the Israelites' journey in the wilderness, where God provided for them and led them by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The hymn emphasizes trust in God's strength and provision, especially during difficult times.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

*I am
the Bread
of Life*
John 6:35



When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
bear me through the swelling current,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.,

How are you progressing with **JOY** during this time of Lent? Typically, we think of Lent as a time of sorrow, reflection and somberness. But, **we do have the JOY of looking ahead to celebrating Christ's Resurrection as well as the anticipation of His return for His people.** As we progress along this journey of Lent and life, we can take comfort and JOY from the words of *Nehemiah 8:10*, *“The JOY of the Lord is my strength.”*

Have a great month of March and **keep looking up to Jesus!!** (Hebrews 12:2)

Tammy 😊



Lenten Schedule for 2026

- Sun., March 1st 9:00a Worship, 10:00a Fellowship
- Wed., March 4th 5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p Lenten Reflection
(Serving: Group C) THEME: Unleavened Bread
- Sun., March 8th 9:00a Worship, 10:00a Fellowship
- Wed., March 11th 5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p Lenten Reflection
(Serving: Group A) THEME: Daily Bread
- Sun., March 15th 9:00a Worship, 10:00a Fellowship
- Wed., March 18th 5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p Lenten Reflection
(Serving: Group B) THEME: More Than Bread
- Sun., March 22nd 9:00a Worship, 10:00a Fellowship
- Wed., March 25th 5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:45p Lenten Reflection
(Serving: Group C) 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



2026 Leaders of Albion Lutheran Church

Tammy Springer, Pastor

Officers:

President: Virgil Goltz

Vice President: Jim Hanson

Secretary: Rae Goltz

Treasurer: Lisa Moldan

Financial Secretary: Linda Larson

Deacons:

Nancy Rossbach

Neil Brekke

Doug Rossbach

Pat Hesse

Trustees:

Gary Parker

Brian Olson

Alan Brekke

Tanner Olson

Board of Education:

Sarah Brekke

Lisa Moldan

Ashley Brekken

Auditors:

Clair Berlin

Allan Lee

Nominating Committee:

Shannon Brekke

Neil Brekke

Carl Schultz

Sleepy Eye SHEAF: Gwen Rossbach

Watsonwan County Food Shelf: Sue Enger

Albion Church Council Meeting

February 3, 2026 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Virgil Goltz. Virgil welcomed those newly elected to the council.

Devotions were given by Pat Hesse.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

There was no treasurer's report. Next month in March, a 1st quarter report will be given.

It was noted that at the Annual Meeting, some people could not hear. We need to use the microphone.

Pastor's Report:

- Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18th with communion. Lenten suppers will start at 5:30, with services at 6:45 pm.
- February 22nd is pretzel Sunday and Listening Ears. Pastor Tammy will be doing the remainder of the services.
- Loren Brekke has been out when he can; Joan is more shut in right now. Please keep them in prayer. Sharon Finstad is now in a memory care unit in New Ulm-Ridgeway on German.
- Thanks to Rae Goltz for getting the secretary books up to date and organized.
- Updated calling lists were handed out-please make sure those you call get any messages. The updated church directory is available on the kitchen counter.
- Tammy has the KEYC closings set up for Albion services/activities.
- We need to designate a meeting time for discussion of the Augustana District and LCMC affiliation, as discussed at the Annual Meeting, possibly in April. To do some research, check out the LCMC link.

Old Business:

- There are new signs for the church showing fire extinguisher placement. Donated by the Goltz's.
- The steeple leaks again. We will have to wait for a rain to determine where it is leaking and what needs to be done for repair.
- The sink in the upstairs kitchen leaks a little when it is being used.

New Business:

- The outside security light has gone out. Jeremy Brekken has a lift and will fix it.

Next Meeting- March 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Devotions- Linda Larson

March Missions- Gideons

Motion made to adjourn M/S/C

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Thank you to Pat for serving.

Present at the meeting were: Virgil and Rae Goltz, Lisa Moldan, Linda Larson, Nancy Rossbach, Doug Rossbach, Pat Hesse, Brian Olson, Tanner Olson, Gary Parker, and Pastor Tammy

ALBION WOMEN OF THE WORD

February 5, 2026 at 2:00PM

11 women present

Bible study: In today's study led by Tammy, we learned in the second chapter of Nehemiah how he went to Judah to help rebuild the walls around Jerusalem. It was a very interesting study comparing what happened back then to what is happening now.

Meeting: was called to order by treasurer Cindy Brekken. Darcy Mosenden read the secretary's report from the January meeting. A few corrections to that: the Village Inn will be catering for funerals, and Lisa Moldan (instead of Frederickson). Susan Enger made a motion to accept the report. Pat Hesse seconded it, motion was passed.

Treasurer report: Cindy Brekken reported that there were no disbursements made during the month of January. Jean Knudson made a motion, seconded by Linda Larson, motion passed.

Correspondence: A thank you from Bob and Tammy for the Christmas goodies given to them. Kaydra had a card and letter from Janice Hamilton, will include address in newsletter.

Stewardship: Susan gave Janice a Mother-Daughter program from 1964 called "Patterns for Living". It looked like a sewing pattern envelope with details for life inside it. Joan Brekke made a list of the quilts that were donated to different organizations: 13 baby quilts were given to First Pregnancy in New Ulm, 5 quilts were given to Human Services in St. James, and 4 went to the Assisted Living Nursing Home in Sleepy Eye. Janice also asked about purchasing items needed for the mission quilts. Susan Enger made a motion to purchase them, Jean Knudson second, motion was passed. If you know where the two 3 ring binders (scrapbook) of Albion's history are located please let Janice know.

Pastor: Ash Wednesday is February 18th with Holy Communion. Supper will be served at 5:30 PM and service at 6:45 PM. The theme for Lent is "Bread for the Journey". There is an updated church directory on the counter. Sharon Finstad is at Ridgeway on German in New Ulm, address is on the counter in the kitchen.

Old/New Business: It was brought up to move the April meeting since the date is Maundy Thursday. April meeting will be the following week April 9th at 2 PM.

Next meeting is March 5th at 2 PM. Rae Goltz and Pat Hesse are hostesses.

Alter committee for February – Darcy Mosenden and Carlie Olson
March - Carlie Olson and Cali Rosenhammer
Fellowship serving for February - Group A; March-Group B
Lenten Suppers: Ash Wednesday - Group A
February 25th - Group B
March 4th - Group C

Meeting was adjourned by Jean Knudson and Darcy Mosenden, closed with Lord's Prayer and Table Grace. Lunch was served by Susan Enger and Nancy Rossbach: lots of delicious treats and candy.

Notes taken by Darcy Mosenden

A Thank You to the Albion Women of the Word

Thank you for blessing us this Christmas with the Special gift! We are very grateful and appreciative! Mostly, we thank God for YOU, and pray He will bless you in the new year as you have blessed us!

The cookies and fruit were delicious and much appreciated! Thank you!!

Philip 1:3-6

In Christ's love,
Tammy + Bob

DONATION THANK YOU'S!!

-The Neighborhood Pantry (formerly the Watonwan County Food Shelf), extends their thanks for the donations they received in 2025!

-The Sleepy Eye Area Food Shelf (S.H.E.A.F.), thanks Albion Lutheran Church for our donation of food items! They appreciate the donations!

Our donations allow both of them to continue providing vital services to people here in our communities

From Janice Hamilton

Please share my love with my Albion Friends. Hopefully I'll get to MN in late spring. I'm hoping to make the driving trip.

Your sister in Christ,
Janice

P.S. I love letters

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IMPORTANT NOTES

-DATE CHANGE: The April WOW meeting will now be held on April 9th at 2 PM

-The Bazaar is June 20th! If you are unable to be there to help out/work please let Tammy Springer or Cindy Brekken know as soon as possible. Thank you!

SHARON FINSTAD'S NEW ADDRESS

-Vista Prairie @ Ridgeway On German
-Room 105
715 S. German Street
New Ulm, Minnesota 56073

MARCH

Ushers

Nathan Frederickson
Alex Goltz
Carl Schultz

Snow Blowing

1-15th: Eric Knudson
16-31st: Allan Lee

ALCW Hostesses

Rae Goltz
Pat Hesse

Altar Committee

Carlie Olson
Cali Rosenhammer

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. March's mission is Gideons. Lenten offerings will go to area food shelves!

SUNDAY MORNING

FELLOWSHIP SERVING

- March - Group B
- April - Group C
- May - Group A
- June - Group B

EASTER BREAKFAST APRIL 5

- Group C - Prep work Saturday
- Group A - Serving
- Group B - Clean Up

Adult/HS Sunday School Class

Is utilizing a new format called “**A Biblical Perspective on Current Events.**”

Each week at 10:30am on Sunday mornings we will have an article of something that’s happening in our country or the world – events that don’t make the evening news but are still very important in our lives. There will be a Biblical perspective on that topic and, of course, plenty of discussion.

Anyone older than 8 th grade is invited to the class, no matter your age or stage!

The idea behind this topic is that if we are to be “*In the world and not of the world,*” (John 17:16) we need to be aware of what is going on in the world!

I really want to encourage you to join us for this class – the more people, the better the discussion!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Rae Goltz
- 3 Christopher Larson
- 8 Linda Larson
- 9 Dean Bakke
Courtney Rossbach
- 11 Cali Rossbach
Andrew Springer
Brad Carlson
Jorgen Brekken
- 12 Leigh Aspelund
- 15 Kaydra Berlin
- 16 Gerald Stevens
- 18 Shannon Brekke
- 19 Mathew Mosenden
- 20 Brandi Holmquist
- 22 Ashley Brekken
- 23 Sawyer Olson
- 29 Tanner Olson
- 30 Loren Knudson
Cindy Odegard

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

The scrapbooks Janic put together for the 150th Anniversary of Albion have gone missing! There are two 3-ring binders of Albion history and they seem to be nowhere! If you have seen them or can lend insight into where they might be, please contact Janice Brekke. Thank you!!!

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.

EASTER LILY SIGN UP

As in previous years we will have Easter Lilies around the sanctuary given in honor or memory of our loved ones and special persons. A sign-up sheet is located on the kitchen counter. Please do your best to have all orders wrote down and paid by March 16th or contact Lexi at 507-317-3635 or email Lexi at alexisbrekken06@gmail.com to work out a plan. The cost per plant is \$15. Payments can be placed in the offering envelope & designated, or mailed to the church. Thank you!

From Wycliffe Bible Translators: A Good Start to 2026

Dear Praying Friends – greetings from a balmy Yaoundé. We would like to update you as to life here and translation work. First off, we would like to express our sincerest gratitude for your support of this ministry for another year. This helps us assist various teams in Africa in their quest for printed scripture. Secondly, we would like to share that it seems that we are here in Cameroon for a reason. We live in times of change and, as such, are taking advantage of the opportunity to help various organizations work together more effectively. There are the short-term projects of helping teams check scriptures, or filing trimester reports, but there are also longer-term projects of feeding the engine of Bible translation in Africa.

It is a challenge to work with people across borders, who speak different languages (French, English, Lingala, Arabic, etc.), and who live in different countries (Cameroon, Congo-Brazza, Gabon, DR Congo, CAR). Whereas we cannot live in all the areas a given language is spoken, the work we do touches people within the larger region.

One recent opportunity I had was to sit in on a meeting held by a community from Northern Cameroon, (close to the border with Chad) as they began preparation of their New Testament. I value these occasions—even if at times I wonder how I could help them at all. We are amazed at how the Lord uses us to speak into the lives of others. I find that, in general, translation teams are in desperate need of simple technical assistance, as well as computer and literacy training. In this particular case, two of the three translators were of Muslim-background. Towards the end, I asked if I could pray for their safe journey back home, and found that they were very open to that.

Indeed, another team (Zulgo) I worked with a few weeks earlier took four or five days to make it back to their village. I dropped them off at the bus stop with a whole load of baggage on a Thursday afternoon. (We had been able to read through and correct 13 chapters of Genesis, in addition to Amos and Obadiah in the preceding weeks.) At the place where I was able to drop them off, they had to hire wheelbarrow boys to move their baggage to the station. Twelve hours later—they texted to say that the main road was blocked by truckers and they couldn't get through. Finally, the road was cleared, and trucks full of livestock and merchandise were able once again to move. They wrote on the following Tuesday afternoon that they had finally arrived in Maroua. Their village is another 2 hours by motorcycle from there. Again, I find it amazing to have the chance to hear their stories, to share with them about scripture, and to have had the opportunity to be a small part of their lives.

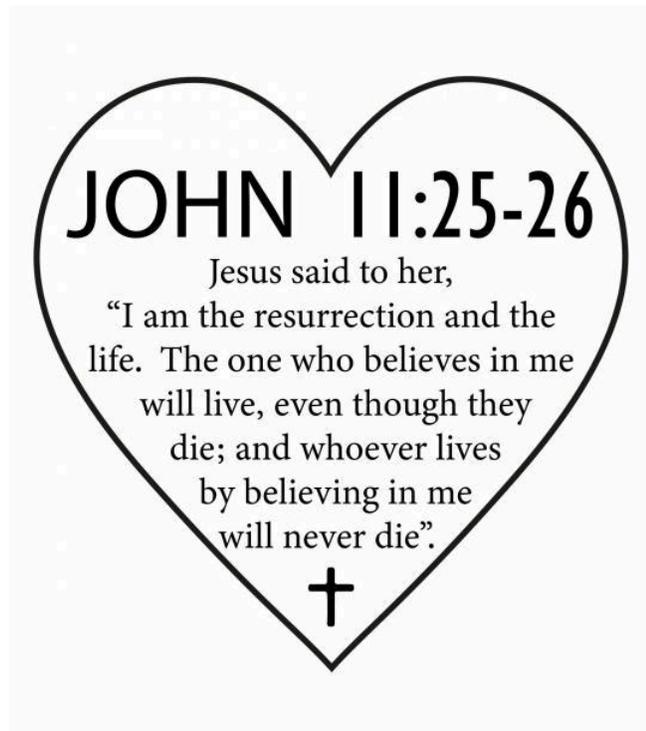
Kristin has been happy to be a part of organizing the school board and feels that she is also at the right place at the right time to be able to make a positive difference. She has put her organizational energies to work during a time when the school is facing a significant crossroads. The question facing them is: how can the school expand to serve the larger community while at the same time maintaining its values and remaining financially viable? Please continue to pray for organizational clarity for the school in 2026, as well as for a growing student body and the continued recruitment of long-term teachers. Among the families the school serves are families who have served in all the countries surrounding Cameroon. Pray for a spirit of peace to reign over the school. Pray that Kristin would have renewed energy for teaching the elementary-age children this next semester.

Pray for Tim as he continues his freshman year: he has been doing well overall. He is into music and sports and enjoys his classmates, teachers, and school activities. Elayna is moving through the junior year of her nursing program at UNW in Roseville, and Mimi finished her new grad program in L&D at Wilmar. Esther continues her job in graphic printing in Winsted. We are separated by many miles, but we look forward to a reunion again this summer.

Keep a new team (the Swo of Cameroon—same language chain as Bekwyel) in prayer as they apply principles they have learned to finish an initial Luke project. I assisted in training them this past month, along with mentoring some consultants-in-training.

This brings us to a final request: it has been a challenge this past trimester to find ways to fund the final publication steps for many projects, as well as to provide them with ways to go forward with translating the Old Testament. However, the Lord has provided some additional support.

Pray that He would open additional ways for us to print and avail people with access to the scriptures already prepared for the following communities: Kituba (>1,000,000 speakers), Teke-Eboo (>500,000 speakers), Bekwyel & Vili (both needing Old Testaments), as well as Doondo, Ngungwel & Teke-Tyee (New Testaments recently added to the Digital Bible Library).



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March Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>2nd Sunday in Lent</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 5:30p- Lenten Supper 6:45p- Worship	5 Stewardship Sewing 2pm- WOW & Bible Study	6	7
8 <u>3rd Sunday in Lent</u> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 AM Adult Class Radio Sunday	9 Stewardship Sewing	10	11 5:30p- Lenten Supper 6:45p- Worship	12 Stewardship Sewing	13	14
15 <u>4th Sunday in Lent</u> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 AM Adult Class Food Shelf Sunday	16 Stewardship Sewing	17	18 5:30p- Lenten Supper 6:45p- Worship	19 Stewardship Sewing	20	21
22 <u>5th Sunday in Lent</u> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 AM Adult Class	23 Stewardship Sewing	24	25 5:30p- Lenten Supper 6:45p- Worship	26 Stewardship Sewing	27	28
29 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 AM Adult Class Mission Sunday	30 Stewardship Sewing	31			-Bulletin announcements are due by Thursday at noon -Newsletter articles are due the 20th of each month	Lexi Brekken- (507)3173635 alexisbrekken 06@gmail.co m

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