

# March 2023



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| Sunday   | Monday                            | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                              | Friday                            | Saturday  |  |
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| <b>26</b> 1st Lent<br>9:30am Worship<br>Lead By Pr David Peterson<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>7pm Worship            | <b>27</b>                         | <b>28</b>  | <b>1</b> 3:45 Confirmation Class<br>6pm Lent Supper<br>7pm Lent Service                                  | <b>2</b>                              | <b>3</b>                          | <b>4</b>  |  |
| <b>5</b> 2nd Lent<br>9:30am Worship/Communion<br>Lead By Pr Alan Blankenfeld<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>7pm Worship | <b>6</b>                          | <b>7</b> 7:45am Fellowship<br>of Christian Students (Gr 9-12)<br>DHS Music Room  | <b>8</b> 3:45 Confirmation<br>6pm Lent Supper<br>7pm Lent Service<br>7:30 Boards Meet<br>8pm ALC Council | <b>9</b> 11am Good Sam Service        | <b>10</b> 2pm ALCW                | <b>11</b> |  |
| <b>12</b> 3rd Lent<br>9:30am Worship<br>Lead By Pr Alan Blankenfeld<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>7pm Worship          | <b>13</b> 5pm Women's Bible Study | <b>14</b> 7:45am Fellowship<br>of Christian Students (Gr 9-12)<br>DHS Music Room   | <b>15</b> 3:45 Confirmation Class<br>6pm Lent Supper<br>7pm Lent Service                                 | <b>16</b> ELCA Gather Bible Study 2pm | <b>17</b> HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY | <b>18</b> |  |
| <b>19</b> 4th Lent<br>9:30am Worship/Communion<br>Lead By Pr David Peterson<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>No Sunday School<br>7pm Worship     | <b>20</b>                         | <b>21</b> 7:45am Fellowship<br>of Christian Students (Gr 9-12)<br>DHS Music Room   | <b>22</b> 3:45 Confirmation Class<br>6pm Lent Supper<br>7pm Lent Service                                 | <b>23</b>                             | <b>24</b>                         | <b>25</b> |  |
| <b>26</b> 1st Lent<br>9:30am Worship<br>Lead By Bishop Hagmeier<br>10:30 Fellowship w/Bishop<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>7pm Worship     | <b>27</b> 1pm Operation Love      | <b>28</b> 7:45am Fellowship<br>of Christian Students (Gr 9-12)<br>DHS Music Room   | <b>29</b> 3:45 Confirmation Class<br>6pm Lent Supper<br>7pm Lent Service                                 | <b>30</b>                             | <b>31</b>                         | <b>1</b>  |  |
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## The Voice

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### *Baptismal*

Evaline Gronewold 3/3/2013  
Edger Wilkinson 3/5/2008  
Slayten Wilkinson 3/9/2008  
Jeffrey Davis 3/10/2013  
Charli McCune 3/15/2009  
Franklin Bouska 3/15/2015  
Elizabeth Albrecht 3/16/2008  
Arabel Aughenbaugh 3/20/2013  
Tyler Albrecht 3/22/2015  
Hunter Wipf 3/24/2013  
Emerie Orton 3/29/2015

### *Birthday's*

Jessica L. Halverson—3  
Jace Hojer—3  
Braxtyn Anderson - 3  
Daniel Albrecht—4  
Michelle Orton—4  
Lynora Albrecht - 4  
Jill Hoek—5  
Allan Larson—5  
Audrey Lembke—5  
Ross Peterson—6  
Nate Wilkinson—6  
Alyssa Block—8  
Judd Fox—8  
Steven C. Siver—8  
Riley Albrecht - 9  
Alli Flood—9  
Cortney Wendel—10  
Mike Martens—11  
Kelly Brodersen—12  
Jeff Gilbertson—12

Robin Gigov - 13  
Megan Albrecht—14  
Sarah Anderson - 14  
Lyla Lembke - 14  
Dayton Lembke—17  
Paul Larson—18  
Jeanne Denevan—18  
Steve Palmlund—19  
Terran Skyberg—19  
Monte Albrecht—20  
Courtney Scofield—20  
Mychelle Anderson—23  
Marcia Richards—23  
Juilitia Sundberg—23  
Mary Wilkinson—23  
August Mundhenke - 23  
Ann Feltman—24  
Sam Munger—24  
ReAnn Smith—24  
Steve Anderson—25  
Rod Feltman—26  
Dennis Holmlund—26



### *Wedding Anniversary*

Lyle & Helen Gehm—13

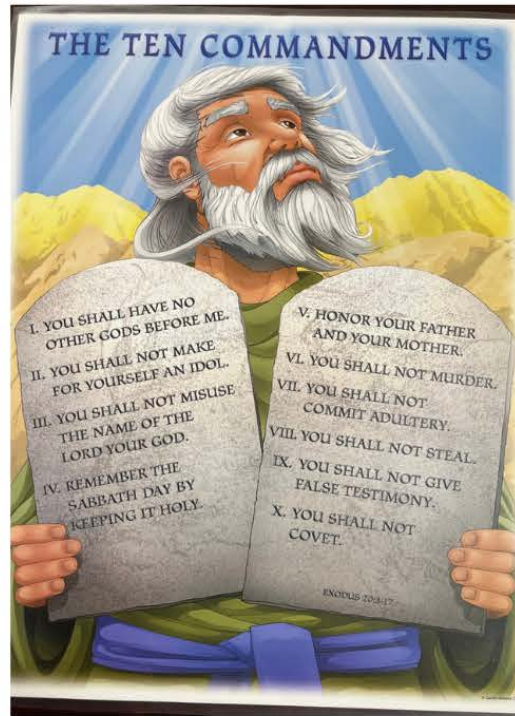


Ivy Peterson—26  
Samuel Gigov - 27  
Colt Wipf - 28  
Alexis Alderman—29  
Jared Tolzin—30  
Dylan Zell—31

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# THE TEN COMMANDMENT ASSEMBLY



God has created over 600 laws in the Old Testament. ALL are in some way tied into loving God or loving each other-not hurting each other, not being selfish, not causing heartbreak.



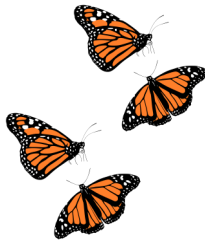
When Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important he replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is "Love your neighbor as yourself."



The Ten Commandments were created to show people what love looks like and how love acts. Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. People won't know us by our clothes, our houses or our cars because those things don't affect others like our behavior does. The Ten Commandments are about loving God and loving each other here on earth."

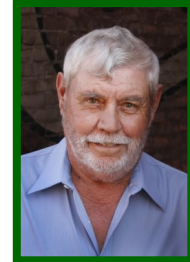
## JANUARY KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

|                             |                              |   |                           |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| <u>Non-Perishable Foods</u> | <u>Non-Foods In Need of:</u> | <u>Personal In Need of:</u>   | <u>January 2023</u>       |  |
| <u>In Need of:</u>          | Toilet Paper                 | Shampoo / Conditioner   | 23-Families               | Non-perishable food for the pantry can be purchased and left at      |
| Pasta (All Kinds)           | Paper Towels                 | Body Wash   | 23-New Families           | Maynards to be delivered.  |
| Ramen Noodle                | Kleenex                      | Liquid Soap   | 48-All People             | If you do not have time to shop, we can also use monetary donations. |
| Sugar / Salt / Pepper       | Laundry Soap                 | Disposable Razors   | 13- Children (17 & under) |  |
| Ketchup                     | Dryer Sheets                 | Shave Cream   | 11- Senior (60+)          |  |
| Juice / Coffee / Tea        | Dish Soap                    |   | 14 -Senior Boxes          |  |
| Peanut Butter & Jelly       |                              | **March is ALC's month to support the Kingsbury County Food Pantry, If you bring any items to the church we will make sure it gets to the pantry. | 207-Backpacks             |  |
| Canned Fruit                |                              |   | 40-DeSmet                 |  |
| Canned Meat                 |                              |   | 66-Lake Preston           |  |
| Cookies & Snacks            |                              |   |                           |  |
| Brownie./Cookie Mixes       |                              |   |                           | Our mailing  |



### IN COMFORT;

Our sincerest sympathies to the family of William "Will" Carlson. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers in the loss of their loved one.



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**“Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.” *Mark 8:31***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A common perception of Lent is that it is the season of gloomy, sad days; like the many days we have had with clouds and fog and darkness. While Lent reminds us of our mortality – “from dust we came and to dust we shall return” it also reminds us of something else – life and that is life through Jesus Christ. We began Lent in the grasp of winter with short days and long dark nights but we are headed for spring where we will have warmer and longer days and shorter nights. This prairie will blossom into life again.

On our journey through Lent, we remember that Jesus had his journey on earth and then on that Friday we celebrate as Good Friday he died on the cross but as winter will not hold this prairie hostage much longer death could not hold Jesus as God raised him and in doing so, we are also given the promise of life – abundant life. Easter Sunday is but a few weeks away and I hope that you are looking forward to celebrating this great victory of life over death.

In Christ,

Pastor David Peterson

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# March Volunteers



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---------|--|----------|--------|----------|
|   | Ushers:<br>Craig & Margaret Bjordahl<br>Brian & Dawn Bindert<br><br>Altar Guild-Diane Mollner |         | 1<br>Pastor/Lead-Stuart Twite<br>Musik-Lindsay Nolte<br>Acolyte-Jennifer Davis<br>Families: Serving-Currier, Davis, Gigov              | 2        | 3      | 4        |
| 5 2nd Lent<br>Pastor-Alan Blumkenfeld<br>Projection-Cheryl Palmlund<br>Sound-Cheryl Palmlund<br>Lector-Gale Anderson<br>Communion Assist-Kay K, Janet D, Rhona A<br>Musik-Julie Baszler<br>Video-DesaRae Cleveland<br>Acolyte-Jacob D, Sophia G | 6   | 7       | 8<br>Pastor/Lead-Stuart Twite<br>Musik-Lindsay Nolte<br>Acolyte-Allie Schaefer<br>Families: Serving-McCune, Schaefer                   | 9        | 10     | 11       |
| 12 3rd Lent<br>Pastor-Alan Blumkenfeld<br>Projection-Wade Hoefert<br>Sound-Wade Hoefert<br>Lector-Tammy Albrecht<br>Music-Mary Weerts<br>Video-Janet Brag<br>Acolyte-Bristol M, Charli M  | 13  | 14      | 15<br>Pastor/Lead-Stuart Twite<br>Musik-Lindsay Nolte<br>Acolyte-Courtney Smith<br>Families: Serving-Smith, B Wilkinson, & C Wilkinson | 16       | 17     | 18       |
| 19 4th Lent<br>Pastor-David Peterson<br>Projection-Amy Hoefert<br>Sound-Warren Rusche<br>Lector-Justin Smith,<br>Communion Assist-Musik-Devon Clubb<br>Video-Janet Brag<br>Acolyte-Cody Z, Rogan A  | 20  | 21      | 22<br>Pastor/Lead-Stuart Twite<br>Musik-Lindsay Nolte<br>Acolyte-Cody Zell<br>Families: Serving-Zell, Albrecht, Anderson               | 23       | 24     | 25       |
| 26 5th Lent<br>Bishop-Constance Hagmeier<br>Projection-Sharry Knock<br>Sound-Janet Brag<br>Lector-Samual Gigov<br>Communion Assist-Janet D, Beth A, Devon C<br>Musik-Jean Morrison<br>Video-DesaRae Cleveland<br>Acolyte-Rogan Albrecht         | 27  | 28      | 29<br>Pastor/Lead-Stuart Twite<br>Musik-Lindsay Nolte<br>Acolyte-Owen Anderson<br>Families: Serving-Deacons & Deaconesses              | 30       | 31     | 1        |

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## IT'S "TIN ROOF SUNDAY" SUNDAY

April 2nd

(after morning church service)

The Sunday School children are raising funds to purchase supplies for the congregations of Cameroon to build roofs on their churches. Each roof costs approximately \$8,000. The children want to help the children in Cameroon have a roof over their heads while attending church and Sunday School.

Please consider helping our children help the children in Cameroon.

We look forward to fun and good eats April 2nd.

Please put it on your calendar!!!



## Easter Lily's

Each year many friends and family provide a special Easter Lily in memory or in honor of someone special.

However, Pastor David is allergic to the Easter Lily. De Smet Flower will be happy to assist you in providing flowers.

This Easter Sunday, let's brighten the altar with colorful flowers. Tulips, Mums, or Bulb Plants are a perfect match! If you have any questions, contact Janet in the ALC office or Chad at DeSmet Flower.

**RED** is for the blood he gave;  
**GREEN** is for the grass he made;  
**YELLOW** is for his sun so bright;  
**ORANGE** is for the edge of night;  
**BLACK** is for the sins we made;  
**WHITE** is for the grace he gave;  
**PURPLE** is for his hours of sorrow;  
**PINK** is for a new tomorrow;



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# 2023 Easter Flower - Brighten the Altar

\_\_\_ I/We would like to furnish a flower for Easter.

\_\_\_ I/We would like to donate money to be used for confirmation camp.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Given In

Memory of: In Honor of: Just Because: (If you would like to provide flowers)

(Circle One)

Given to the Glory of God;

If you would like to furnish an Flower; please fill out this form and return to the church or email at [office@americanlutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@americanlutheranchurch.org) no later than Wednesday, April 6th, 2023.

Flowers may be brought to the church anytime during Holy Week.



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**The Bishop is Coming... The Bishop IS COMING!!**



**Join us on March 26, 2023**

**Bishop Constanze Hagmaier will be leading morning Worship with Communion.**

**Following worship; Bishop Hagmaier will lead a Ministry Site Study with the congregation. Explain the call process and review the Ministry Site Profile.**

**The congregation will be able to ask questions and express what they hope for our next pastor.**

**A letter is enclosed in this newsletter with more details about the Ministry Site Study.**

**American Lutheran Church**  
Regular Council Meeting – February 2023

Officers of the Congregation: President **Alan Hojer**, Vice-President **Robin Gigov**, Treasurer **Amy Hoefert**, Secretary **April Rusche**

Board of Trustees: Chair **Norm Koehlmoos**, **Glen Davis**, **Rich Abrahamson**, **Norm Whitaker**, Rustin Albrecht

Board of Parish Education: Co-Chair **Desa Rae Cleveland**, Co-Chair **Vicki Dylla**, **Tammy Albrecht**, **Darcie Tolzin**

Board of Deacons and Deaconesses: Chair **Devon Clubb**, Secretary **Janet Davis**, **Jake Anderson**, **Justin Smith**, **Kay Koehlmoos**, **Beth Abrahamson**, Rhona Albrecht, **Sam Gigov**

**Devotion** - lead by Alan Hojer

**Approval of Agenda** – Alan added an item to other business. **Rich Abrahamson** made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected. **Seconded by Norm W.**

**Secretary's Report** - Norm K. made a motion to accept the secretary's report as corrected Seconded by Jake A.

**Treasurer's Report** - Glen D. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Norm W.

Alan read an email from Pastor Blankenfeld about housing concerns. He reported that the synod will compensate ALC for the cost of a B&B.

### **1.Trustees Report**

- a. Norm Koehlmoos will serve a Chairperson.
- b. Norm reported that the east door of the education wing has been making an unusual noise and not locking.
- c. Norm K is working on the Disaster Recovery Plan and talking with Abi Van Regenmorter.
- d. Parsonage report: Norm W. has the keys and has made a working list of around 9 projects to work on.

### **2.Deacons and Deaconesses**

- a. Devon Clubb will serve as Chairperson
- b. Pulpit Supply: Stuart will lead evening services with the exception of Communion Sunday in which Pastor Peterson will take over.
- c. Ash Wednesday will be Feb. 22, March Communion dates will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- d. Bishop Costanza will be visiting on March 26.
- e. There will be no Easter lilies decorating the altar this year due to Pastor Peterson's allergies. We are exploring other options for flowers.

### **3.Board of Parish Education**

- a. Vicki and Des will Co-Chair
- b. No Sunday School on March 19.
- c. Applications for the Heritage Scholarship was sent to seniors and is due March 31.

- d. Confirmation Camp will be June 25-30 at NeSoDak. The cost will be \$475 and several students are interested in attending.
- e. Pastor Blankenfeld is planning to touch base with HS students

**4. Other Business**

- a. April reported that the Church Directory is moving forward.
- b. A discussion about constitution by-laws is tabled till March meeting
- c. The nominating committee still has 2 male spaces to fill on Deacons and one spot to fill on the Board of Education
- d. Improvement of constitution language concerning the office of Treasurer

**5. President**

- a. VP Robin reported that she has submitted the site profile for the Ministry Site Study
- b. Alan impressed upon the council the importance of maintaining a constant focus on local outreach to current and potential new members to grow our membership starting with the reintroduction of new member induction/recognition.
- c. Beth reminded the council of the upcoming deadline (Mar. 31) to use Thrivent Choice Dollars.

The next meeting will be held on March 8 2023, at 8:00 PM. Boards will meet following Lenten services

**Des made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jake. And was followed by the Lord's Prayer.**

April Rusche, Secretary

Approved as read/corrected on

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