

June 2023



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30am Worship Lead by Stuart Twite 10:30 Fellowship 7pm Worship	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:30am Worship Lead By Pr David Peterson 10:30 Fellowship 7pm Worship	12	13	14 7:30 Boards Meet 8pm ALC Council	15	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:30am Worship/Communion Lead By Pr David Peterson 10:30 Fellowship 7pm Worship/Communion	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:30am Worship Lead By Pr David Peterson 10:30 Fellowship 7pm Worship Confirmation Camp	26 1pm Operation Love 5pm Women's Bible Study Confirmation Camp	27 Confirmation Camp	28 Confirmation Camp	29 Confirmation Camp	30 Return from Confirmation Camp	1
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The Voice

June 2023

Baptismal

Miles Voigt 6/1
Jaelynn Martens 6/5
Brinley Wilkinson 6/7
Josiah Roth 6/17
Owen Palmlund 6/17
Ivy Peterson 6/19
Kayd Williams 6/19
Vada Albrecht 6/19
Gage Pommer 6/21
Hailey Lee 6/21
Alexis Alderman 6/22
Dylan Zell 6/26
Braxtyn Anderson 6/26
Brady Pommer 6/29

happy
BIRTHDAY

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Dale Currier—1
Carter Wilkinson—1
Kayd Williams—1
Michelle Janssen—2
Diana Munger—2
Nicholas Wilkinson—2
Joyce Thompson—4
Darlene Carlson—6
Lisa Hinkley—6
Rena Luitjens—7
Dale Blegen—8
Rena Collins—9
Raychel McKeever—9
Brenda Gehm—10
Sharry Knock—11
Derek Lee—11
Herb Rusche—12
Ashley Warner—12
Ainslee Schaefer—14
Angela Steffensen—14
Joyce Mackey—15
Amanda Dylla—17
Marilynn Gehm—17
Tucker Anderson—18

B I R T H D A Y 'S

Tucker Vincent—19
Dianne Petersen—20
Traci Smith—20
Glenn Wendel—20
Austie Albrecht—21
Griffin Clubb—21
Tristin Gruenhagen—21
Scott Wendel—21
Loryn Gehm—22
Christina Brown-Mack—22
Tracy Noem—23
Sharon Wendel—23
Monica Roth—24
Amy Wilkinson—25
Bradley Bindert—26
Janice Schardin—26
Riley Orton—26
Matt Currier—27
Dave Heller—27
Dan Wilkinson—27
Randi Albrecht—28
Britney Coleman—28
Donna Palmlund—28
Sandra Tellinghuisen—28

Wedding Anniversary

Stan & Gale Anderson—2
Rich & Beth Abrahamson—3
Geoffrey & Shantell Langland—3
Andy & Cathy Alderman—3
Lance & Rena Luitjens—3
Chris & Kammy Haines—5
Cliff & Judy Poppen—5
Pastor Jonathan & Lisa Dolan—7
Jason & Kari Pommer—10
Matthew & April Thompson—12
Mark & Kim Strickler—13
Jerry & Shirley Keller—14
Shane & Monica Roth—14
Galen & Elaine Behm—19
Blake & Jennifer Hojer—20
Sam & Connie Geyer—21
Tim & Jessica Skyberg—22
Ryan & Jackie Griffith—23
Cliff & Marcene Smith—25
Dan & Amy Wilkinson—26

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APRIL KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

<u>Non-Perishable Foods</u>	<u>Non-Foods In Need of:</u>	<u>April 2023</u>	Non-perishable food for the pantry can be purchased and left at Maynards to be delivered.
<u>In Need of:</u>	Paper Towels	21-Families	If you do not have time to shop, we can also use monetary donations.
Mac n Cheese	Kleenex	2-New Families	Our mailing address is:
Pasta (All Kinds)	Toilet Paper	57-All People	PO Box 202, De Smet SD 57231
Pancake mix & Syrup	Laundry Soap	14- Children (17 & under)	www.kingsburycountyfoodpantry.org
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Fabric Softener	13- Senior (60+)	
Canned Chicken & Tuna	Liquid Hand Soap	20 -Senior Boxes	
Tuna Helpers	Dish Soap	128-Backpacks	
Ketchup	Lotion (Hand/Body)	60-DeSmet	
Pickles	<u>ALL PERSONAL</u>	68-Lake Preston	
Cookies & Snacks	<u>Care Items</u>		
Crackers (Saltines & Snack)			
Cooking Spray (Non-Stick)			



The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him. PROVERBS 20:7

IN COMFORT;

Our sincerest sympathies to the family of Glen "Tex" Anderson. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers in the loss of their loved one.



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GROWING IN FAITH

GOD HAS GREAT PLANS FOR YOU!



Mother's Day Sunday School Program



Each student gave a flower to their mom

The Mother's Day Song
You planted the love deep in my heart long ago.
The kind of special touch that only a mother could know.
What started as a tiny seed now grows and grows in me each day.
For you planted the love in my heart that will bloom always.
Before I was born you even knew what my name would be.
You were praying prayers and dreaming dreams for me.
From the day I came into your life, You must've known that I would learn to love from you.

Author Unknown

Thank You!



On May 7th, the Sunday School Students sold their flowers that they planted for "Seeds of Hope". \$400 was raised and will be used for seeds to raise crops in Nicaragua.

The Magnificent
Seven

**Congratulations to the
Confirmation Students who
professed their faith in Jesus Christ
through the Affirmation of Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation**



(Back Row Left to Right) Stuart Twite, Cody Z, Carter W, Owen A, Pastor David Peterson
(Front Row Left to Right) Jennifer D, Charli M, Cortney S, Sophia G

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have
given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

John 17:11

Luke 10:2 *“He (Jesus) said to them ‘the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

While we always find a reason to celebrate especially on Sunday mornings, we had additional reasons on Sunday, May 21st. On this Sunday seven very fine young women and men of our congregation became confirmed members of American Lutheran Church. These young adults as members and students, have trekked to the church Wednesday afternoons for instruction, worshipped with us, assisted during worship services, read and studied God’s word at home and at class, and provided service to the community over the last two years. On May 21, 2023 these seven bright and energetic individuals made public profession of their faith, the faith into which each was baptized.

It is right and important for us to take some time and celebrate, not what we have accomplished, but what God has accomplished through using the hands, voices, and resources He has given to us and his church. Now is not the time to say we are finished and send them on their way to fend for themselves in the world. We are to continue to provide opportunities for these newly confirmed members as well as all members to help them live out their faith, the faith given and sustained by God.

Another reason to celebrate is the congregational vote to call Pastor Nathan as the next pastor at American Lutheran. Let us all prepare to welcome Pastor Nate and his wife Sarah with his daughter Izabella (Izy) to our community of faith and the De Smet community.

God bless you and your family as we continue our journey.

Pastor David Peterson

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Greetings,

When Janet asked me if I would like to make some comments in the newsletter, my first thought was Yes, because as part of the Leadership of the church as voted by you we need to actively communicate to the congregation to continue to reinforce the activity and purpose of the church.

In the first council meeting in which I presided as your president, I shared with the council a following thought. I intend to have an intense focus on outreach to our current members and others within our community. We need to nurture the faith of our current members and share why American Lutheran is a place that anyone in our community can and should consider as they are looking for their spiritual guidance. We have a great story and we have the resources to support this outreach effort.

As of this writing, the congregation did vote to extend a call to Pastor Nathan Bendorf. From me, Pastor Nathan is a great choice for us, he will be of great support to this outreach effort.

Thanks and may God bless all of you.

Alan Hojer

ALC Council President

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We are pleased to announce that Pastor Nathaniel David Bendorf has accepted the call here at American Lutheran Church in De Smet. Pastor Nate's first Sunday will be July 9th, 2023.

Below are two messages from by Pastor Nate;

Dear American Lutheran Church –

I am beyond excited for my family and I to be joining your faith-filled congregation and wonderful community. I have seen the fingerprints of God throughout this entire call process and truly believe God has brought us together as we seek to impact His Kingdom by proclaiming Jesus every day in faith and obedience.

As we begin our journey together, I am confident God will lead and guide us as we seek to follow Christ alone, by grace alone, through God's Word alone. We pray for God's will to be done.

I am truly grateful for this opportunity and am excited to see how and where God moves! Thank you for your prayers and discernment in this process, and for calling me to be your next pastor. I thank God for His wisdom and will in bringing us together.

To Him be the glory forever!

In Christ, Pr. Nathaniel (Nate) D. Bendorf

Introduction:

Hello! My name is Pr. Nate Bendorf. I am married to my beautiful wife, Sarah, and we have one daughter, Izabella (Izy). I have been an ELCA pastor for ten years and was the Director of Youth Ministries for a Lutheran Church for almost five years. We have lived throughout Minnesota, recently serving a church in northern MN for just under eight years where I focused on Youth and Family Ministry. The past few years, we have served a church near Daytona Beach, FL. As a family, we love the outdoors (hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, etc) and enjoy being involved in the community (school, volunteering, coaching, serving on boards, etc.). We hold to Scripture as our source and norm in all areas of life and try to live by the model of 'Loving God & Loving People' (based upon Matthew 22:37-39). We are currently in the long process of adopting a child from Bulgaria! We believe this is a calling from God and are very excited as we seek to respond in faith and obedience. We thank and glorify God for His grace found in Christ alone!

Pastor Nate, Sarah, and Izzy

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Julie has done so much for each and every one of us at American Lutheran and in many different ways for many, many years!

NOW she needs our help; An account has been set up at American Bank & Trust, De Smet, for Julie Baszler to assist her with medical expenses.

Anyone wishing to help Julie may take donations to the bank or mail them to American Bank & Trust, PO Box 150, De Smet, SD 57231. Checks may be made to:

“Julie Baszler Medical Expense Account”. Thank you!

Dear Stuart,

Thank You so much for taking the time out of your busy schedule to teach the confirmation classes this year. Since January, you taught every Wednesday (When the weather cooperated) to 13 junior high students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and you did a wonderful job!

A special Thank You to Austie Olson for teaching the classes in December and to all the parents who helped in classes, supported the confirmands, cooked the Advent or Lent suppers or assisted your student with their homework.

Every spring when each student is congratulated on their Affirmation of Baptism, there is a sense of relief as they complete this step in their life. It should also be a congratulatory to the parents, grandparents, family members and all those who supported each student along the way.

So Congratulations and Thank You to all the Parents, Grandparents, Sponsors, family members, friends and all those who supported the confirmands along the way!



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JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES

Altar Guild— Melva Peterson

Ushers - Greg & Cheryl Noem, Warren & April Rusche

<u>Date</u>	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Communion Assist</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
June 4	Bonita Albrecht	Bonita Albrecht	Janet Davis	No Communion	Allie Schaefer Bella Wilkinson
June 11	Amy Hoefert	Wade Hoefert	Joyce Jansen	No Communion	Rogan Albrecht
June 18	Sharry Knock	Janet Brag	Tristin Gruenhagen	Beth Abrahamson	Kenna Currier Jacob Davis
June 25	Cheryl Palmlund	Cheryl Palmlund	Janet Brag	No Communion	Bristol McCune



American Lutheran Church
Regular Council Meeting – May 9, 2022

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**, **Jackie Griffith**, Darcie Tolzin

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

Visitor – Janet Brag

Devotion – Led by Alan Hojer

Approval of Agenda- Glen made a motion to approve the agenda. Rich seconded. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Glen made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by Norm K. - Motion passed

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report for the month of April 2023 was presented. Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report by Dan and was seconded by Rich -Motion passed

Pastor's Report – NA

Old Business

1. Trustees Report

- a. Update on Disaster Recovery Plan – nothing to report
- b. Parsonage Report - HUGE Thank You to Greg Skyberg for taking care of the parsonage lawn and other outdoor chores
- c. Call Committee - ALC hosted pastoral candidate for three days
- d. East door on Ed Unit maintenance - Norm recommended changing the pass code on the first of August every year.
- e. Other - Ladies have chosen basement carpet which will be installed in 4-6 weeks. There will be an estimate for painting/fixing the wall in the fellowship room on June 8.

2. Deacon and Deaconesses

- a. Pulpit Supply - set for the immediate future. Stuart will cover June 4 and July 9.
- b. Communion Assistants - There will be one line for the summer starting June 4.
- c. New member induction - Looking at September for this
- d. Administrative Assistant Day - April 24, Janet was given a gift card to the Cowboy and Mercantile as a thank you for all her hard work.
- e. Digital music as an option when no one can play - Des will check on pricing
- f. Other - "Plus One" out of Huron inquired about doing a "Baby Bottle" fundraiser

3. Board of Education

- a. Approval of 7 students meeting requirements to be confirmed on May 21. **Amy made a motion to approve the 7 students and was seconded by Des. Motion carried**
- b. The last day of Sunday School will be May 14, Mother's Day
- c. Confirmation Camp travel arrangements - from June 25-30, 3 students going to camp NeSoDak. Vicki will discuss with Stuart.
- d. VBS date and volunteer sign up - Discussion about one of the last weekends in July as a possibility.
- e. Missions for Sunday School - Seeds for Hope raised \$400

4. Other Business Items

- a. One Bible was sent to the prison for the "One Bible Can Change Our World" Project
- b. Synod Assembly is set for June 2nd and 3rd. Tristin Gruenhagen and Bonita Albrecht have been delegates in the past.

5. President

- a. Call Committee has selected Pastor Nathan Bendorf - Congregation will vote on May 21
- b. Open Council appointments - One deacon is still needed
- c. Update on first draft presentation of procedure for submitting to the Church Council proposed changes to by-laws of American Lutheran Church is being checked over by Todd Wilkinson

Glen Davis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jake Anderson

April Rusche, Secretary

Approved as read/corrected on

American Lutheran Church

Special Council Meeting

May 3rd, 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**,
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Board of Deacons and Deaconesses: Chair **Devon Clubb, Janet Davis, Jake
Anderson, Justin Smith, Kay Koehlmoos, Beth Abrahamson**, Rhona Albrecht, Sam Gigov, **Daniel
Bettin**

Call Committee Members: Todd Wilkinson, Robin Gigov, Daniel Betting, Sherry Knock, Norm
Koehlmoos, Linda Geyer, Greg Skyberg

I. Call to Order: President **Allen Hojer** called to order the Special Council Meeting of American
Lutheran Church Council on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

II. The purpose of the meeting was for the call committee to update on the church council on
the progress of the call process and make a recommendation that will need to be voted on by
the council. The council went into executive session for the opportunity to meet with the
candidate via zoom.

III. Alan Hojer moved the meeting into executive session at 7:32 PM

IV. Alan Hojer moved the meeting out of executive session at 8:42 PM

V. A motion was made by Daniel Betting to the recommended pastor to serve as the pastor of
American Lutheran Church. Desa Rae Cleveland seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

VI. Vikki Dylla made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jake Anderson seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Robin Gigov
Vice-President/ Secretary Pro Tem

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American Lutheran Church
Special Congregational Meeting
May 21st, 2023

1. **Call to Order** – Robin Gigov, Vice President & Call Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order 10:50 AM.
2. **The reading of the call of the meeting:** *American Lutheran Church in De Smet, SD will be holding a special congregational meeting to vote on extending a call to Pastor Nathaniel Bendorf.*
3. **Define a Voting Member & Quorum** – Todd Wilkinson, Call Committee Co-Chair outlined the voting process.
4. **The Nominating Committee presents its findings** – Todd Wilkinson presented the findings and asked Call Committee Members to share.
5. **A motion is made by the ALC Church Council that the congregation elect Pastor Nathaniel David Bendorf to serve as the pastor of American Lutheran Church on May 21, 2023 and that the congregation is asked to concur with the call.**
6. **Discussion** – Todd Wilkinson opened the meeting up for discussion. The congregation thanked the Call Committee for their diligence and hard work.
7. **Vote by written ballot – Call Committee Members** – Robin Gigov, Sherry Knock, Greg Skyberg handed out and collected ballots. The motion to elect Pastor Nathaniel David Bendorf to serve at pastor and American Lutheran Church passed with a majority vote 79 to 1.
8. **Adjournment** – Desa Rae Cleveland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting at adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Robin Gigov
Vice-President/ Secretary Pro Tem

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