

# February 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>6</b> 3rd yr Bible Presentaiton 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Confirmation Class 7pm Worship/Communion	<b>7</b> Mutual Ministry Committee 7pm	<b>8</b> Medary Conference 9-1 at American Lutheran-DeSmet	<b>9</b> 3:45 Confirmation Class 7:30 Boards Meet 8:00 Church Council	<b>10</b> 1st Call Cohart 1:30-4:30 at American Lutheran-DeSmet	<b>11</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Sunday School Sing 9:30am Worship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Confirmation Class No Evening Worship Service	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b> Pastor's Text Study 10:30-1	<b>16</b> 3:45 Confirmation Class	<b>17</b> 11am Good Sam Service with Communion	<b>18</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>19</b>
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<b>27</b> 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Confirmation Class Medary Conference Assembly @Trinity Lutheran Arlington2pm 7:00 Worship/Communion	Operation Love 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30pm	<b>1</b> Pastor's Text Study 10:30-1	<b>2</b> 3:45 Confirmation Class	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>		Notes <div>             Church Phone - 854-3684    Parsonage Phone - 854-3745              Church Email - office@americanlutherandesmet.org              Pastor's Email - pastor@americanlutherandesmet.org              Church Website - americanlutherandesmet.org           </div>				



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## The Voice

February 2022

### BIRTHDAYS

Jared Baszler—1  
Carol Geyer—1  
Brantlee Doyle—2  
Martina Albrecht—3  
Jackie Brown—6  
Blake Hojer—7  
Amy Scofield—7  
Ella Baszler—8  
Paul Bindert—8  
Megan Dylla—9  
Casey Harty—9  
Ivy Albrecht—10  
Hunter Wipf—10  
Tyler Albrecht—11  
Lynne Lee—14  
Arabel Aughenbaugh—15

Myrna Knadle—15  
Anastasia Dolan—16  
Jennifer Hojer—16  
Austin Salonen—16  
Stacey(Geyer)Sondreal—17  
Jacie McCune—17  
Slayten Wilkinson—17  
Aspen Aughenbaugh—18  
Betty Vincent—19  
Chad Abrahamson—20  
Alaina Albrecht—20  
Samantha Schaefer—20  
Jeff Albrecht—22  
Jon Albrecht—22  
Alexa Martens—22  
Shane Roth—22

August Mundhenke—23  
Greg Skyberg—23  
Sutton Bjorkman—24  
Craig Bjordahl—25  
DesaRae Cleveland—25  
Julie Anderson—27  
Cindy Finkbeiner—28  
Alan Hojer—28



### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY

Sullivyn Siver	2/2/2014
Landen Warner	2/10/2019
Adilynne Schaefer	2/12/2012
Brooks Baszler	2/13/2010
Rogan Albrecht	2/14/2010
Cortney Smith	2/15/2009
Brydon Voeltz	2/16/2014
Nash Clubb	2/19/2012
Ashley Coleman	2/19/2006
McKenzie Wendel	2/21/2016
Kalan Collins	2/22/2004

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Glen & Janet Davis—12

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## KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

In December the Food Pantry served 22 families, a total of 36 individuals, 4 of which were children, 15 were seniors. 9 out of 24 senior boxes came in for extra food. 90 backpacks (DeSmet 36 Lake Preston 54)

In need of; Hamburger Chicken or Tuna Helper, Boxed potatoes (not mashed), canned meat:tuna, chicken, spam. Also; syrup, jelly and honey, Saltine Crackers, Townhouse Crackers, Cheese-its, Ritz & Graham Crackers, Soup (any but no tomato). Non-Food Items; Toilet Paper, Keenex, Paper Towels, laundry soap.

Non-perishable food for the pantry can be purchased and left at Maynards to be delivered. If you do not have time to shop, we can also use monetary donations. Our mailing address is: PO Box 202,DeSmet SD 57231

Kingsbury County Food Pantry—2021 end of year										
2021	# Families Served	New Families	Adults	Children	Seniors	All	Vouchers	\$\$\$ Vouchers	Senior Boxes	Back Packs
January	23	23	17	14	16	47	0	0	22	93
February	19	6	19	6	9	34	0	0	22	175
March	18	1	17	8	6	32	0	0	22	114
April	13	1	3	1	14	18	1	50	22	104
May	16	1	5	2	15	22	0	0	24	112
June	18	0	12	5	11	28	1	45	21	0
July	23	5	17	11	16	44	1	50	22	0
August	23	4	16	8	17	41	0	0	22	46
September	22	7	17	6	13	36	0	0	23	143
October	25	5	16	5	16	37	0	0	23	134
November	40	4	29	8	22	56	0	0	21	142
December	22	0	17	4	15	36	0	0	24	90
Total	262	57	185	78	170	431	3	145	268	1153

### Extras;

Jan—Gave turkey Vouchers  
Feb-\$25 DeSmet Bucks  
Mar-Extra boxes for 6  
Apr-More Double  
May-More Double  
June-More Double  
July-75 DeSmet Buck  
(2 out of county)  
Aug-Colony Mayfield  
Produce  
Sept-Colony Mayfield  
Produce, 25 Beef Bucks  
Oct-Colony Mayfield Produce  
Nov-35 Turkey Vouchers  
Dec-80 X-mas Box, ICAP to  
Maynards & Wards



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## Shoveling the Snow Together

Recently I purchased a snow shovel for my driveway and sidewalk. Technically it is called a snow pusher. It is one of those more expansive shovels that has wheels attached to it. Turns out it works exceptionally well and allows me to do my driveway and sidewalk about 30 minutes faster than with the conventional shovel I was using before. But clearing the snow out of the driveway got me thinking about how it correlates to life.

In life we all go through difficult or hard situations. We always have God supporting us through them. Generally, we have people supporting us through them. If I (or you) am the driveway, the snow is the situation, then God working through the person helping me with the situation is the shovel clearing the snow off of me. However, you cannot get rid of all of the snow. Some of it will remain. That remnant that remains are the feelings or the lingering after effects of the situation. Eventually, the snow will fall again and I will have to do the same process all over.

Sometimes we choose not to clear the driveway off because there isn't very much snow. However, if a car symbolizing a small problem or situation drives on top of the snow, it compacts it down. Then after awhile that compacted snow may very well turn into ice. Because we chose not to deal with the situation in the moment, that ice builds under the freshly fallen snow. Maybe we forget it is there or pretend the problem has gone away since we cannot see it. But if we have yet to deal with the problem or situation, then it has not gone away.

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Because of what occurred at the Annual Meeting with the formation of the exploratory committee, this next year will be challenging. It's going to take everyone's honest opinions. It's going to be filled with hard conversations. We are going to need to respect the varying stances of everyone who worships at American Lutheran Church. We are going to need to honor the convictions of our members whether we agree or disagree. Though this entire process my door will be wide open for conversations.

We are going to need all of God's continuous support. We are going to need the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to help us formulate the words and actions we wish to convey. We are going to need to respond in a way that Jesus Christ calls us to do. To seek out the higher path in an effort to share the immeasurable love of the Triune God with the whole world. If we remain focused on our shared theological understanding of the Trinity, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, Law and Gospel, Justification by Grace and the Saving Work of Jesus Christ, we will find that our ministry will be enriched and our Gospel Message strengthened.

In humble service of the Triune God,

**Pastor Jonathan David Dolan**

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**Highlight from the Annual Meeting:**

- Update on the breezeway project and wheelchair lift
- Purchased new church database and working on updating membership information
- A motion was made to develop committee to look at how ELCA and American Lutheran align.
- A motion was made to change the Treasurer proposition to no term limit

Welcome to all the new Council Members and Elected Members:

President: Todd Wilkinson

Vice-President: Robin Gigov

Secretary: April Rusche

Deacons: Justin Smith

Deaconess: Rhona Albrecht

Trustees: Norm Koehlmoos

Board of Education: Vicki Dylla

Memorial Committee: Jennifer Albrecht

Christmas Committee: Mik & Randi Albrecht

Synod Assembly: Chuck Johnson

Nominating Committee: Gordie Skyberg, Beth Abrahamson, Norm Koehlmoos

Head Ushers: Dave Heller, Greg Skyberg

Financial Secretary: Arlys Akyberg

Thank you to all the outgoing Council Members and Elected Members:

President: Wade Hoefert

Vice President: Lindsay Nolte

Secretary: Robin Gigov

Deacon: Craig Bjordahl

Deaconess: Pam Hojer

Trustee: Rich Abrahamson

If you are interested; copies of the full reports of the American Lutheran Church Congregational Annual Meeting are located in the church office.



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2022

**OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

\*(1 Yr. Term/2 Yr. Term Limit)    \*\*(1 Yr. Term/5 Yr. Term Limit)

*President	Todd Wilkinson (1st)
*Vice President	Robin Gigov (1st)
*Secretary	April Rusche (1st)
**Treasurer (5 yr. term limit)	Amy Hoefert (5 <sup>th</sup> )
*Sunday School Co-Superintendents	Cheryl Palmlund (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Bonita Albrecht (2 <sup>nd</sup> )

**BOARD OF DEACONS & DEACONESSES**

(3 Yr. Term/2 Yr. Term Limit)

Gordie Skyberg	2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Greg Skyberg	2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Kathy Heller	2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Glenda Haines	2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Jacob Anderson	2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Matthew Rusche	2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Devon Clubb	2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Kay Koehlmoos	2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Justin Smith	2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Rhona Albrecht	2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> )

\*(5 Women/5 Men)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

(3 Yr. Term/2 Yr. Term Limit)

Greg Noem	2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Bonita Albrecht	2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Norm Whitaker	2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Chuck Johnson	2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Norm Koehlmoos	2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> )

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

(3 Yr. Term/2 Yr. Term Limit)

Dianne Mollner	2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Monica Roth	2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Desa Rae Cleveland	2023 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Darcie Tolzin	2023 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Vicki Dylla	2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )

**MEMORIAL & ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

(3 Yr. Term//2 Yr. Term Limit)

Janet Davis	2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Bette Poppen	2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Myrna Knadle	2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Joyce Jansen	2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Jennifer Albecht	2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> )

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE**

(3 Yr. Term/No Term Limit)

Gary & Caryn Pastian	2022
Perry & Wendy Sand	2023
Mik & Randi Albrecht	2024

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES**

(1 Yr. Term/No Term Limit)

Chuck Johnson	2022
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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

(1 Yr. Term/No Term Limit)

Gordie Skyberg
Beth Abrahamson
Norm Koehlmoos

**OTHER POSITIONS**

(1 Yr. Term/No Term Limit)

Financial Secretary - Arlys Skyberg

**USHERS**

(1 Yr. Term/No Term Limit)

Dave Heller - Greg Skyberg

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### February WORSHIP SERVICES

**Altar Guild**— Cheryl Palmlund

**Ushers** - Delmer Wolkow

<u>Date</u>	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Communion Assist</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
Feb 6	Amy Hoefert	Wade Hoefert	Tim Salonen	Jake Anderson	Sophia Gigov
Feb 13	Sharry Knock	Warren Rusche	Shane Roth	No Communion	Isaiah Roth
Feb 20	Bonita Albrecht	Bonita Albrecht	Tammy Albrecht	Greg Skyberg	Elizabeth Albrecht
Feb 27	Cheryl Palmlund	Cheryl Palmlund	Janet Davis	Glenda Haines	Lane Albrecht

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# GROWING IN FAITH

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN!



Hayden and Hunter receive their Spark Story Bible!



Confirmation students Logan and Megan help with the Sunday School assembly. Thank You for all your help!



Sunday School students made posters for their upcoming mission project..  
Share Your Blessings -You Can Make a Difference!



**American Lutheran Church**  
Regular Council Meeting – January 12th, 2022

Pastor: **Jonathan Dolan**

Officers of the Congregation: President **Wade Hoefert**, Vice-President **Lindsay Nolte**, Treasurer **Amy Hoefert**, Secretary **Robin Gigov**

Board of Trustees: Co-Chair **Greg Noem**, **Rich Abrahamson**, **Bonita Albrecht**, Chuck Johnson, **Norm Whitaker**

Board of Parish Education: Co-Chair **Desa Rae Cleveland**, Co-Chair **Vicki Dylla**, **Dianne Mollner**, **Monica Roth**, Darcie Tolzin

Board of Deacons and Deaconesses: Chair **Pam Hojer**, Co-Chair Devon Clubb, Secretary **Glenda Haines**, **Jacob Anderson**, Craig Bjordahl, Kathy Heller, **Kay Koehlmoos**, **Matt Rusche**, **Gordie Skyberg**, **Greg Skyberg**

**Devotion** - lead by Pastor Jonathan

**Approval of Agenda-** **Amy Hoefert** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Jake Anderson** seconded. The motion passed.

**Secretary's Report** The minutes of the previous meeting 12/8/2021 were presented. **Gordie Skyberg** moved to approve the minutes. **Amy Hoefert** seconded. The motion passed.

**Treasurer Report** The treasurer's report for the month of June 2021 was presented. **Greg Skyberg** moved to approve the report as presented. **Norm Whitaker** seconded. The motion passed.

**Pastor's Report**

- Led Christmas service at The Village
- Completed a Rough Draft of Spring Confirmation Curriculum

**Old Business**

- I. President
  - a. Nominating Committee: Gordie Skyberg, Beth Abrahamson, Norm Koehlmoos, Jonathan Dolan, Pam Hojer, and Greg Skyberg
- II. Job Committee
  - a. Organist: Julie will do every other week; Mary Weerts will do 1 week/mo; Still have a week or two to fill
- III. Outreach Committee
  - a. Cookie Cheer plates will be assembled and delivered to shut-ins Sunday, December 12th
  - b. Cards will be sent to those out of town.
  - c. Janet will start sending out cards in January
- IV. Trustees
  - a. Budget - insurance is up
- V. Deacon's and Deaconesses
  - a. Marie - Retirement Celebration; will do a prayer during service
  - b. Annual Meeting Spaghetti Dinner
  - c. Glow sticks were ordered for Christmas Service

- VI. Board of Education
  - a. Christmas Program - great turn out
  - b. SS Materials ordered and sorted out for teachers by Superintendents
  - c. Confirmation meals - Dec 1 - 10 served; Dec 8th - 11 served; Dec 15th - 15 served; Dec 22nd - 15 Numbers did not include those that were serving for the first two. For those that come to eat - do you like having the meals or do you come because you feel obligated to?
- VII. Technology
  - a. BreezeCRM - Members are sorted and families have been grouped together - next step is updating Member info
  - b. Church Directory/Pictorial - for 2022 - who is in charge of this? Set up a committee
  - c. Would like to ask the company if we can have individual photos or family photos for the Church Database.

## New Business

- I. Outreach Committee
  - a. Ordering additional Anniversary & Birthday Cards to be sent out throughout the year
  - b. Send about 30 cookie trays and people expressed thankfulness
  - c. Will help call and update members about the database
  - d. Looking for suggestions for outreach
- II. Job Committee
  - a. Will talk with Julie Bazsler about filling out a schedule. Lindsey Nolte will sub.
- III. Trustees
  - a. Any thoughts on a new sign AED for the south side of the church?
  - b. Looking into blinds in conference room and cove base in lower Ed unit
  - c. Breezeway update - outstanding billable services will be paid once received
  - d. Rock will be installed on the pillars in the spring
  - e. Bookcase - lending library
- IV. Deacon and Deaconess
  - a. Acknowledge members who will be termed out this year and review those going off next year.
  - b. No Service Evening February 13th
  - c. Looking into way to improve church attendance for Advent and Lent Services - add to annual meeting
  - d. Amy Zell is interested in starting Church Youth Group
- V. Board of Education
  - a. Review Confirmation curriculum for Spring semester
  - b. Looking into Confirmation Camps this summer
- VI. Technology
  - a. Zoom for annual meeting - setup and test
- VII. President
  - a. Constitutional Change - a motion was made to change the Treasurer proposition to no term limit by **Desa Rae Cleveland**. Seconded by **Greg Noem**. Motion carried -add to annual meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 9th, 2022, at 8:00 PM. Boards will meet at 7:30 prior to the meeting.

There was a motion for adjournment by **Greg Noem**. **Vicki Dylla** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Robin Gigov, Secretary

Approved as read/corrected on \_\_\_\_\_