

# January 2022

| December '21 |    |    |    |    |    |    | February '22 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>                     | <b>1</b> New Year's Day |
| <b>2</b><br>9:30am Worship/Communion<br>No Sunday School<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>No Confirmation Class<br>7pm Worship/Communion                                  | <b>3</b><br>Mutual Ministry Committee<br>7pm                    | <b>4</b><br>Pastor's Text Study 10-2   | <b>5</b><br>3:45 Confirmation Class   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>Pastor's Day Off  | <b>8</b>                |
| <b>9</b> 3rd yr Bible Presentaiton<br>9:30am Worship/Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>10:45 Confirmation Class<br>7:00 Worship/Communion | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>Medary Conference 11-4<br>Sinai Lutheran  | <b>12</b><br>3:45 Confirmation Class<br>7:30 Boards Meet<br>8:00 Church Council | <b>13</b><br>5th Annual Interfaith Day<br>At Capitol in Pierre | <b>14</b><br>Pastor's Day Off | <b>15</b>               |
| <b>16</b><br>9:30am Worship/Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>10:45 Confirmation Class<br>7pm Worship/Communion                           | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br>Pastor's Text Study 10:30-1   | <b>19</b><br>3:45 Confirmation Class<br>Both Classes                            | <b>20</b><br>11am Good Sam Service<br>with Communion           | <b>21</b><br>Pastor's Day Off | <b>22</b>               |
| <b>23</b> Annual Meeting<br>9:30am Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Annual Meeting<br>10:45 No Confirmation<br>7:00 Worship                              | <b>24</b><br><br>Operation Love 1:00<br>Women's Bible Study 5pm | <b>25</b><br>Pastor's Text Study 10:30-1   | <b>26</b><br><br>3:45 Confirmation Class  | <b>27</b><br>10am Village Service<br>with Communion            | <b>28</b><br>Pastor's Day Off | <b>29</b>               |
| <b>30</b> Annual Meeting Makeup day<br>9:30am Worship/Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>10:45 Confirmation Class<br>7pm Worship/Communion |   | Notes<br><div> <b>Church Phone</b> - 854-3684    <b>Parsonage Phone</b> - 854-3745<br/> <b>Church Email</b> - office@americanlutherandesmet.org         </div> |   |  |                               |                         |



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## The Voice

January 2022

### BIRTHDAYS

Rogan Albrecht—1  
Delmer Wolkow—1  
Haylee Brodersen—2  
Lisa Dolan—2  
Matthew Gilbertson—2  
Harper Anderson—3  
Sherry Mohror—3  
Judy A. Wolkow—3  
Cheryl Wilkinson—4  
Mackenzie Zell—5  
Jaelynn Martens—6  
Isaiah Roth—6  
Rich Abrahamson—7  
Tricia Holland—8  
Melissa Kruger—8  
Angie Baszler—9  
Alexa Amundson—11  
Vivian Bjordahl—11

Karly Brodersen—11  
Jerald Keller—12  
Donna Poppen—12  
Kendra Elkins—13  
Devon Clubb—14  
Brynn Hojer—14  
Kaylee Hojer—14  
Dan Orton—14  
Victoria Dylla—16  
James Poppen—17  
Darcie Tolzin—17  
Dawson Wendel—17  
Clifford Geyer—18  
Edger Wilkinson—18  
Lavonne Bjordahl—19  
John Albrecht—19  
Mia Gehm—20  
Bobbi Hauck—21  
Galen Behm—22  
Emma Johnson—22

Ashley Coleman—24  
Grant Griffith—24  
Melissa Ingalls—24  
Jeff Mundhenke—24  
Lance Siver—24  
Brydon Voeltz—25  
Caitlyn Brag—26  
Matthew Rusche—26  
Kelsey McCune—27  
Emerie Orton—27  
Michael Burgers—28  
Damon Wilkinson—28  
Mark Hojer—29  
Clara Mae Fox—30

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Tanner Tolzin       | 1/7/2007  |
| Garret Smith        | 1/15/2012 |
| Bella Wilkinson     | 1/17/2010 |
| Jackson Tolzin      | 1/18/2004 |
| Kenna Currier       | 1/31/2010 |
| Lane Albrecht       | 1/27/2008 |
| Gabriel Aughenbaugh | 1/18/2009 |
| Rydr Klosterbuer    | 1/24/2015 |
| Jaden Hojer         | 1/25/2015 |
| Audi Currier        | 1/6/2008  |
| Vaughn Siver        | 1/17/2016 |
| Daisy Wipf          | 1/7/2018  |
| Hayden Larson       | 1/13/2019 |
| Hunter Larson       | 1/13/2019 |

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Jason & Tristin Gruenhagen—6  
Alan & Heidi Smith—7  
Dennis & Karen Holmlund—31

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## *"Fill Your Heart This Christmas"*

December 19, 2021 the ALC Sunday School held their annual Christmas Program.



### *Congratulations*

To all the kids  
and teachers for  
all your hard  
work! It was a  
beautiful  
program, you all  
did a wonderful  
job!

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## **Authenticity and Vulnerability in Pastoral Ministry**

In my November and December Voice articles I wrote extensively on authenticity. For November, I spoke about trying to be our authentic selves. I revealed some character traits about myself to let you learn more about who I am as a child of God. I invited you to do the same with those whom you are close with or if the Spirit inspired you, to do so with me. For December, I followed up by inviting all of us to re-discover the authentic Jesus Christ by participating in a challenge to read one of the four Gospels before attending Christmas Eve Worship. Janet also worked diligently to daily post to ALC's Facebook page one chapter from the Gospel of Luke.

After writing about authenticity for two months, I chose to be vulnerable in my Christmas Eve Sermon. I preached about the struggles I had trying to balance academics and social life in my undergrad. While it was not explicitly stated, it was inferred that I prioritized social life over academics. The result of this decision led to me failing 3 classes in my undergrad. This led to another series of decisions; withdrawing from college; working at Menards; becoming a CNA; being fired and eventually going back to college, all while trying to discern how God was at work.

By virtue of my vocation as a pastor, I am afforded the opportunity to theologically interpret passages from Holy Scripture each week through the public proclamation of a sermon. Thus, there are times when not only I but pastors in general, choose to share something about ourselves publicly from the pulpit to further interpret the Gospel for our contemporary lives. Pastors do so in an effort to create an entry point for our parishioners. When these vulnerable stories are shared in such a public way, many times someone who has never walked into pastor's office shows up because they heard (maybe for the first time) that their pastor is also a human being who has struggles just like the rest of the congregation. (P.S. You are welcome here.)

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So, if you hear me preaching or teaching about something that is vulnerable and reveals something authentic about my life or character, it's never done in a way to say "Oh, look at me." It's always done from a place of humility in an effort to invite you into our shared ministry here at American Lutheran Church. In the end, it allows us to walk alongside one another and reveal the ways God is working in our lives. Thus, I promise by the Spirit's leading, to "tend the flock of God that is in [my] charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have [me] do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. [I will] not lord it over those in [my] charge, but [will] be an example to the flock." (1 Peter 5:2-3)

in humble service of the Triune God,

*Pastor Jonathan David Dolan*

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**Thank You to all the  
volunteers that help  
deliver the  
Meals on Wheels.**

**Myrna Knadle-  
Community Mission**

**IN COMFORT;**

We express our Christian  
sympathy to the family of  
Ronnie Bjordahl.

Please keep his family in your  
prayers as they mourn the death of  
their loved one.



**Worship Online:**

If you are unable to attend worship  
services, they can be viewed online.  
[americanlutherandesmet.org](http://americanlutherandesmet.org)

Or Facebook on the "American Lutheran  
Church - De Smet, SD" facebook page.

# Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting  
of Congregation of the American Lutheran  
Church will be held on  
Sunday, January 23rd, 2022  
Following the morning  
worship service.  
Spaghetti Dinner to  
follow meeting.



## Looking for Ushers

**If you would  
like to volunteer. We are  
looking for additional  
ushers for the 2022  
year. Please contact  
Greg Skyberg, if you're  
interested!**

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### **KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**

**The KCFP would like to thank ALC for suppling the pantry for November with donations and money.**

In November the Food Pantry served 40 families, a total of 56 individuals, 8 of which were children, 22 were seniors. 142 backpacks (DeSmet 45 Lake Preston 97)

In need of; Canned tuna, chicken & spam, Hamburger Chicken or Tuna Helper, Peanut butter, syrup, jelly and honey, Saltine Crackers, Townhouse Crackers, Cheese-its, Ritz & Graham Crackers. Non-Food Items; Toilet Paper, Keenex & Paper Towels.

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

### ***The ALCW Harvest Festival***

on November 7 was a huge success with so many from our congregation and the community coming out to enjoy the homemade soups, bread and desserts. The delicious noon luncheon served approximately 180 adults and children. The bake sale and silent auction were also generously supported by those donating items to sale, along with everyone who purchased something to take home from the Festival. Altogether the Festival raised \$4,500 to support ALCW projects serving the needs of our church, our community, and the world! For more information about ALCW contact Bette Poppen, Mission Growth Officer.

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**JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Altar Guild—** Merle & Bette Poppen

**Ushers -** Wade & Amy Hoefert

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Projection</u> | <u>Sound System</u> | <u>Lectors</u>     | <u>Communion Assist</u> | <u>Acolytes</u>  |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Jan 2       | Bonita Albrecht   | Bonita Albrecht     | Gale Anderson      | Glenda Haines           | Cody Zell        |
| Jan 9       | Wade Hoefert      | Wade Hoefert        | Delmer Wolkow      | Greg Skyberg            | Own Anderson     |
| Jan 16      | Cheryl Palmlund   | Cheryl Palmlund     | Warren Rusche      | Kay Koehlmoos           | Charli McCune    |
| Jan 23      | Amy Hoefert       | Bonita Albrecht     | Tristin Gruenhagen | <i>No Communion</i>     | Cortney Smith    |
| Jan 30      | Sharry Knock      | Warren Rusche       | Brian Bindert      | Gordie Skyberg          | Carter Wilkinson |

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**American Lutheran Church**  
Regular Council Meeting – December 8, 2021

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 Johnathan

**Approval of Agenda-** **Pam Hojer** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Rich Abrahamson** seconded. The motion passed.

**Secretary's Report** The minutes of the previous meeting 09/08/2021 were presented. **Greg Noem** moved to approve the minutes. **Desa Rae Cleveland** seconded. The motion passed.

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

**Pastor's Report**

- Pastor Jonathan will be on vacation from Dec. 28 - Jan. 1. Pastor Gary Anderson will be on call
- Please send yearly reports to the office in early January for preparation for annual meeting

**Old Business**

- I. President - none
- II. Job Committee
  - a. Continued discussion about possible organists. Marie Rusche's last day is Dec 26th. Mary Wartz will start once a month. Julie Bazsler will play every other week. Pam will reach out to Marie and set up a time to celebrate.
- III. Outreach Committee - none
- IV. Trustees
  - a. The budget for next year continues to be discussed.
  - b. Thank you Dave Heller for two cabinets in the conferences room
  - c. Updates on breezeway construction
  - d. Insurance Company did a walkthrough and two minor changes were made
- V. Deacon's and Deaconesses - none

VI. Board of Education - none

VII. Technology

- a. BreezeCRM - database cleanup complete; Staff are working with Breeze and will be updating member information
- b. TV Stand - arrived and new tv will be installed on the stand.

## New Business

I. 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 next month

II. Job Committee

- a.

III. Trustees

- a. Budget will be presented at Annual Meeting
- b. Budget Committee - motion to approve budget as presented by **Greg Skyberg. Kay Koehlmoos** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Deacon and Deaconess

- a. Marie Rusche retirement Celebration
- b. Advent Meal on December 22
- c. Annual Spaghetti Meal in January; free will offering goes to scholarship fund
- d. Ordered glow sticks for Christmas Eve services for little ones vs. candles
- e. Annual meeting will be January 23rd
- f. No evening services on Dec 19th and Dec 26th

V. Board of Education

- a. Christmas Program - December 19th
- b. Order Sunday School material for next year
- c. Confirmation classes are serving meals - 10 served on Dec 1; 11 served on Dec 8th

VI. Technology

- a. Church Directory/Pictorial - We usually do this every five years. Next time would be 2022
- b. Would like to ask the company if we can have individual or family photos for the Church Database?
- c. Data and Plan for Annual meeting. We will plan to do zoom and in person.

VII. President

- a. Nominating Committee: Gordie, Bonita, Austie, Jonathan, Pam, and Greg

The next meeting will be held on January 12th, 2021, at 8:00 PM. Boards will meet at 7:30 prior to the meeting. Members can meet at the church or via Zoom. Annual meeting January 23rd.

There was a motion for adjournment by **Greg Noem. Desa Rae Cleveland** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Robin Gigov, Secretary

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