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10:30 Fellowship	5pm Women Bible Study					
NO Sunday School						
7pm Worship						
7:30 FCA/Youth Group						
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2	3	American Lutheran				
9:30am Worship/Comm		PO Box 31 - 411 4th St SW, De Smet SD 57231				
10:30 Fellowship		Church Phone - (605) 854-3684 Parsonage (605) 854-3745				
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### Baptismal

Audi Currier	1/6					
Tanner Tolzin	1/7					
Daisy Wipf	1/7					
Hayden Larson	1/13					
Hunter Larson	1/13					
Garret Smith	1/15					
Bella Wilkinson	1/17					
Vaughn Siver	1/17					
Rydr Klosterbuer	1/24					
Jaden Hojer	1/25					
Grayson Peterson1/25						
Lane Albrecht	1/27					
Kenna Currier	1/31					

# <u>Birthday's</u>

Rogan Albrecht-1 Delmer Wolkow-1 Harper Anderson—3 Pr David Peterson - 3 Judy A. Wolkow-3 Cheryl Wilkinson-4 Mackenzie Zell—5 Isaiah Roth – 6 Rich Abrahamson-7 Tricia Holland—8 Melissa Kruger-8 Angie Baszler – 9 Brent Coon - 9 Hudson Feltman - 11 Alexa Amundson—11 Vivian Bjordahl—11 Karly Brodersen—11 Jerald Keller—12 Dawn Bindert - 13 Kendra Elkins – 13

Hannah Gillen - 13 Devon Clubb—14 Brynn Hojer – 14 Kaylee Hojer – 14 Dan Orton – 14 Victoria Dylla—16 Darcie Tolzin—17 Dawson Wendel – 17 Clifford Gever-18 Edger Wilkinson-18 Lavonne Bjordahl—19 Mia Gehm—20 Bobbi Hauck-21 Galen Behm-22 Emma Johnson – 22 Ashley Coleman – 24 Grant Griffith - 24 Melissa Ingalls-24 Brydon Voeltz – 25 Caitlyn Brag – 26 Matthew Rusche—26 Kelsey McCune-27





Kelsey McCune—27 Emerie Orton - 27 Damon Wilkinson—28 Mark Hojer—29 Clara Mae Fox—30

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#### **KINGSBURY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**

Non-Perishable Foods In Need of: Canned Veggies, Chicken Instant Mashed Potatoes Snacks; Popcorn, chips, cookies, box mixes of cakes, brownies Cereal-Sugar free & Kids cereal Crackers Jelly Juice, Tea, Coffee Mac & Cheese Pancake Mix & Syrup Pork & Beans

<u>CLEANING PRODUCTS:</u> Any Cleaning Products

PERSONAL ITEMS; Lotion-Hand & Body **Body Soap** Toothpaste Shampoo & Conditioner Grooming Items **Feminine Products** Shaving Kits Non-Foods In Need of; Paper Towels **Toilet** Paper Kleenex Paper Plates Fabric Softeners Liquid Hand Soap **Tall Trash Bags** 

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, De Smet SD 57231

www.kings bury county food pantry.org

#### DROP-OFF;

October 2024

**5-New Families** 

(17 & under)

12-Senior (60+)

**13-Senior Boxes** 

235-Backpacks

140-DeSmet

95-Lake Preston

78-All People

29-Children

**36-Families** 

If you can not get to the pantry on Tuesday afternoon to drop off donations, feel free to bring to the church and we will make sure the pantry gets them.

\*\*PLEASE NOTE JANUARY IS ALC'S MONTH TO SUPPORT THE KCFP.

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# GROWING IN FAITH

2024

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Program

"Once Upon a Mangei: " A Paper Bag Pageant" By Tracy Wells

December 22, 2024, the Sunday School Students led services with their annual Christmas Program

Presented by the:

Funday School

Students

# **GROWING IN FAITH**



Vicki Dylla



January

The first time you came to ALC, what brought you here? My family. I have been a lifelong member of ALC. My parents made sure to pass down their faith and beliefs to my brothers and I growing up. Now my husband and I are doing the same for our own children.

#### What continues to bring you here each week?

My faith and wanting to grow my love for God! It is the one day that we can all be together in our busy lives, so I enjoy bringing my kids to church with me and my hope is to have them grow their faith like I did when I was their age.

# You are currently the Chair on the Board of Education, why do you enjoy that position?

I have been on the Board of Ed for six years now. I have enjoyed serv-

ing on this board as I love to encourage kids to come to Sunday School, and to get the youth more involved in our church. It's a joy to see the little children understand the lessons that we teach in Sunday school, especially if they pay attention to Pastor's sermon and catch little bits here and there to bring it all together so they understand.

# *Outside of ALC, tell us a little about yourself (job, interests, hobbies, etc.)*

My husband, Chad, and I have 4 children, whom all attend school here in De Smet. Our kids keep us very busy in attending all of their extra-curricular activities. If I'm not busy coaching volleyball, or cheering on my kids in all of their other sports during the school year and summer time, we love to spend time at our family's lake cabin. That is our one place to truly relax and enjoy family time.

# What do you like to see for the future of ALC?

I would love to see our membership grow and welcome all in with us! Our church family is growing all of the time and I would enjoy to see that our youth are becoming more involved in all aspects of our services here. We are growing and moving in the right direction with Pastor Nate leading us down the right path for all to love and grow our faith in God here at ALC.



Update from our Missionary Pr Andrew in Papua New Guinea at their seminary's graduation this last month.

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Benny, a rep from graduating class, addressing our grad assembly

Pr Andrew with a Bachelor of Theology student whose thesis he supervised (named Junior), plus his family.



# THANK YOU FROM BETTE POPPEN

As we turn the calendar to a New Year, I extend a heartfelt thank-you to our Meals on Wheels volunteers this past year: Mark and Lisa Hinkley, Norm and Kathy Whitaker, Ron and Deb Skyberg, Greg and Arlys Skyberg, Cheryl Palmlund, Gordie and Marilyn Skyberg, Larry and Joyce Jansen, Stan and Gale Anderson, and Glenda Haines. I also want to thank Myrna Knadle who called for volunteers when it was our church's turn to deliver meals. Your time and devotion to this important community outreach is very much appreciated!



Volunteers Needed to Deliver Meals on Wheels: We will be needing additional volunteers due to changes in the delivery schedule. Volunteers from ALC and other churches take turns on a weekly basis, along with American Bank and Trust. It takes about an hour to deliver meals to about 10-15 people living in their homes or apartments in De Smet. The meals are prepared at Ward's Bakery and are picked up for delivery at 11 a.m.

Please consider volunteering for this much -needed service to help our senior citizens get a hot, nutritious meal on a regular basis. For more information, contact the church office or Bette Poppen. Thank you.

# Thank you Confirmation Mentors!

We want to say a huge thank you to our Confirmation Mentors for all the faithful conversations that occurred during Advent with our Confirmands! We pray that through a simple conversation, the Holy Spirit can move and inspire.



Thank you Mentors!

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Happy New Year ALC!

Do you remember the year 2000? If you do, can you believe that was 25 years ago! How is that even possible!

As we begin another New Year, what are you looking forward to? What goals do you have for 2025? What dreams do you envision? What do you want to accomplish this year? How will 2025 be different than previous years?

What will 2025 bring?

For some, the 2025 calendar brings feelings of excitement and possibility. For others, it may bring feelings of being overwhelmed by a new year's vastness and unpredictability. One thing that I have found fun and helpful is to pick a word and/or Bible verse to help focus and center my entire year. I usually pick out something that I want to emphasize in life, so that it becomes a kind of mantra for the entire year.

Let me give you some examples:

- JOY "Rejoice always" 1 Thessalonians 5:16
- LOVE "Do everything with love" 1 Corinthians 16:14
- FAITH "The righteous will live by faith" Romans 1:17b
- GRATITUDE "Be thankful in all circumstances" 1 Thessalonians 5:18a

Go ahead and give it a try. What is one word that you want to center your 2025? And/or, what is a Bible verse that you want to lean into in 2025? Take some time to think about it, and let me know what you pick!

Happy New Year friends! I am excited to see how and where God continues to be present and move around our amazing congregation and community! God is with us. God is stirring. All praise and glory to Him!

In Christ,

Pr. Nate

Message

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT American Lutheran Church

# Greetings everyone,

Two years ago, Gordie Skyberg called me and asked if I would be your president. I said "Yes" and Gordie said "Really!" What Gordie didn't know about was a conversation that I had with Pam earlier in the week. She asked me if I would like to serve on the council and I said the only position that I would welcome a call for is President. But I also told her not to tell anyone. I felt a calling to serve and I felt compelled to fill one position. I can't say I was surprised when Gordie called but I was amazed though how the Lord reaches us in mysterious ways and if we are willing to listen and see, we are being called all the time. I can go into example after example of how a prayer or a thought has been answered too me in the last two years. Each time I tell those stories, people gasp but I just smile.

It truly has been a pleasure to serve with such dedicated and committed council members over the last two years. I have looked forward to every meeting as the efficiency and productivity of the meetings are at a high level because of the dedication of the council members involved and the leadership of Pastor Nate. My position has been actually pretty easy. I have been able to be a Coach and a Student all at the same time.

I strongly encourage everyone to make a special effort to attend the ALC Annual meeting in January. We will have some major votes that will impact the ALC constitution. But most of all, volunteer and be willing to serve. ALC is absolutely in an offensive mode as Pastor Nate leads us in the Missions of our Church.

It have been a pleasure and honor to serve as your President. Respectfully, Alan Hojer

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As we prepare for 2025 make sure to mark your calendars for the ALC Annual meeting, which is scheduled for 1/19/2025 (in case in inclement weather a meeting make-up date will be on 1/26/2025).

This year there is a lot on the agenda including the 2025 budget, council elections, committee reports and much more.

We have two constitutional changes that we will be acting upon at our 1/19/25 Annual Meeting.

First- A committee was formed to review our ALC Constitution and to make sure that our Constitution contained the required updates consistent with the ELCA model constitution. This committee brought forth several updates. If you would like to review these updates prior to the Annual Meeting, please stop into the Church office.

Second- is a Proposed Bi-Law to be added to the ALC Constitution:.

We will be voting on both the model constitution and Proposed Bi-Law at the Annual meeting of ALC on January 19th, 2025. Both votes will be done by ballot. In order to cast a ballot, per our constitution, you have to be an active voting member of ALC, and you must be present to vote. If you have any question, contact any ALC Church Council members.

I hope many of you will plan to take time out of your busy schedules and attend this year's Annual Meeting. Please, take an active role in our church's future.

After the meeting, the Deacons and Deaconesses will be serving their annual spaghetti dinner. Please stay and enjoy!

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A resolution for Amendment to the By-Laws of American Lutheran Church, DeSmet, SD.

American Lutheran Church, as a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Confesses that all Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, without error in its truth (John 14:6) and intent (John 20:31), and the only authoritative source and norm for proclamation, faith and life (2 Tim. 3:16-17). American Lutheran Church further confesses that the Bible, as God's inspired Word, declares that Jesus, the Son of God, came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL NOT CALL A PASTOR WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE, PROCLAIM AND TEACH THAT THE BIBLE IS GOD'S INSPIRED WORD, WITHOUT ERROR IN ITS TRUTH AND INTENT, AND THAT JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, IS LORD AND SAVIOR OF ALL.

# **Model Constitution:**

If you would like to view the proposed model constitution or to receive a copy of the changes we are to vote on. Please contact Janet at the ALC office or email office@americanlutherandesmet.org.

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# American Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 11, 2024

### Time started: 8:02pm

Officers of the Congregation: President Alan Hojer Vice-President Stuart Twite, Treasurer Amy Hoefert, Secretary Janet Brag. Board of Trustees: Chair Norm Koehlmoos, Glen Davis, Rustin Albrecht, Wade Hoefert, Gale Anderson. Board of Parish Education: Co-Chair Vicki Dylla, Tammy Albrecht, Jackie Griffith, Traci Smith, Bonita Albrecht. Board of Deacons and Deaconesses: Chair Devon Clubb, Janet Davis, Jake Anderson, Justin Smith, Kay Koehlmoos, Beth Abrahamson, Rhona Albrecht, Sam Gigov, Daniel Bettin, Gordie Skyberg. Pastor Nathan Bandorf. Visitors –Brian Bindert Zoom-none

#### 1. Devotion-

Pastor Nate provided devotions a sermon from Martin Luther and read a Advent readings from John I

### 2. Approval of Agenda

a. A Change to have Brian Bindert, to explain the changes to the insurance to church insurance coverage to the beginning of the agenda.

a. Add Model Constitution to the Presidents report.

b. Norm K, Motion to approve the agenda with the changes norm, Seconded by Beth A.

#### 3. Church Insurance

- a. Norm K explained the history of our recent changes.
- b. Brian Bindert was available to answer any questions.

#### 4. Secretary's Report-

a. Dan B made a motion to approve the November Minutes. Gordie S seconded. Motion passed.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

- a. Amy H explained the monthly income, expenses.
- b. Approval of Treasurers Report- Wade H made a motion to approve the report. Norm K seconded. Motion passed.
- 6. Pastor's Report-Pastor Nate reported on several items;
  - a. Thrivent Rep Logan recently gave a presentation about retirement. They are discussing a future presentation to HS students about college saving.
  - b. Confirmation Fun night was Nov 27. Youth played games, ate supper and created Thanksgiving bags for their service project and distributed to the Village, Good Sam, Teachers at LIW, & De Smet Fire & Rescue. The Youth Group & Confirmation Christmas Party is planned for next week.
  - c. The Advent worship and confirmation mentorship is going well. Receiving lots of positive feedback.
  - d. Dec 29 is a First Communion celebration
  - e. January he is planning to lead an Adult class and gave details about it.
  - f. Recent Activities; Thrivent Luncheon 11/18, Good Sam 11/21, Confirmation Thanksgiving Event 11/27, Confirmation Classes, 11/24, 12/4, 12/11, Advent Suppers & Worship 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, Youth Group 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8.
  - g. Upcoming Activities; Good Sam Service, confirmation & Youth Group Christmas Party, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Caroling Worship 12/29.

# 7. Trustees –

a. The 2025 proposed budget was passed around. Norm K explained changes. Discussion. Wade H Motion to approve 2025 budget 2-Tammy A

b. Church water softener-Warne Appliance installed last week. Working great.

c. Carport- waiting to install the roof, currently it is too cold. Dale Thomsen is helping and is doing an amazing job. Hopefully to be finished soon.

d. Snow Removal- Dennis H has stepped down from the task, Stuart has been filling in on shoveling.

e. Balcony Chair Lift-Norm and Alan described the bid and the meeting with AEL. Discussion.

# 8. Deacon and Deaconess

- a. Communion will be Jan 5 & 19
- b. Working on fellowship for Dec 29.
- c. lectors is being scheduled
- d. Annual meeting and spaghetti dinner, is being planned

# 9. Board of Education

a. Christmas Program-on Dec 22 during worship. Planning is going well. Planning on setting up the stage after next Wednesday.

# 10. Other Business Items

- a. Date has been set for the Annual Meeting Date- Jan 19 snow make-up date-Jan 26.
- b. Missions funds of \$8000-Cameroon \$1000, Nicaragua \$1000, Angel Fund \$2000, St Dysmas \$1000, SD Rural Ministry \$1000, KCFP \$500, Banquet \$500. Papua New Guinea \$1000. Dan B Motion to approve the Mission spending Seconded by Beth A.
- c. Database-Notices for text messages. Janet B gave an explanation to the recent text alerts from ALC. The database company we use had some privacy law changes where we needed to get permission from each person to send messages. In order to get text alerts from ALC you need to respond "yes" to the message. At this time there is 215 people that the church has their cell number. Out of those 91 responded yes, 124 either responded "no" or has no response. Only those who respond with a "yes" will get any alerts going forward.

# 11. President

- a. Discuss the Process for the Council Approved Proposed bylaw. Required to give a 30 day notice and currently working on the letter that will be mailed to all voting members.
- b. Continued Discussion about the ALC Outreach Ministry- Pastor and Alan are working on a plan.
- c. Annual meeting report deadline.- Due December 30. Audit will be done by Brian Bindert.
- d. Model Constitutions Update-Stuart mentioned their task was to Update ALC constitution with the ELCA constitution. Changes are required a 30 notice to the congregation.

# 12. Adjournment-Wade H made a motion to adjourn, Jake A Seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be January 8, 2025 at 8pm.

Ended: December 11, 2024 at 8:56pm

# 13. Lord's Prayer

Janet Brag Council Secretary Approved as is/Corrected

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Altar Guild—		Ushers -				
Date	Projection	Sound System	Lectors	Communion	Acolytes	Music .
Jan 5	Ashley Coleman	Janet Brag	Greg Skyberg	Devon Clubb Beth Abrahamse Dan Bettin	Hayden Anderson on Sutton Bjorkman	Lindsay Nolte
Jan 12	Sharry Knock	Janet Brag	Tammy Albrecht	No Comm	Lily Cleveland	Mary Weerts
Jan 19	Cheryl Palmlund	Cheryl Palmlund	Beth Abrahamson	Jake Anderson Kay Koehlmoos Gordie Skyberg	Blake Coon	Lindsay Nolte
Jan 26	Bonita Albrecht	Bonita Albrecht	Neva Clubb	No Comm	Nash Clubb	Beth VanderWal