

Announcements for January 30+, 2025

TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Lynnette Evanson, Bea Huber, Randy and Linda Holland, Mike and Vicky Ryles, Carol Fagerli, Holly Happe, Anita Bueling, Mollie Waldum, Larry Lovely, Denice Harris, Lana Sheen, and Karen Richards.

ONLINE GIVING: To make a gift to the ministry of American Lutheran church, check out the GIVE tab on our website using the QR code at the beginning of the bulletin or click on this QR code.

DONATION ENVELOPES are available in the hallway.



AMERICAN LUTHERAN EVENTS

Sunday February 2, 9am Worship, 10a Coffee & Adult Education
Tuesday February 4, LWR Quilting, 9a to Noon
Wednesday February 5, 9:30a Bible Study
Sunday February 9, 9a Worship, 10a Coffee & Council Meeting

February 2025 Spiritual Practice

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Our day-long prayer vigil in January was such a meaningful practice for so many people who participated, so we are going to do it again on Monday, February 24, 7:00am- 7:00pm. You are invited to sign up for a 30-minute time slot to come to ALC's sanctuary to pray.

Some of the participants in the January Prayer Vigil shared that during their time of prayer in the sanctuary they experienced peace, comfort, strength, encouragement, and God's love surrounding them. People said it was “spirit lifting”, restorative, wonderful, calming, and grounding. Others said it was nice to have silence and uninterrupted time to pray without all the distractions that are part of our daily lives. Many folks noted that they experienced God's presence in their time of prayer.

You can pray for our church, our community, your own needs, and our world in whatever way you choose. There will be some prayer stations set up as well as some guidance provided for those who want some suggestions on what to pray for or how to pray. The sign-up sheet is on the volunteer board.

Come experience this time of gathering together to pray!

LWR QUILTING: Calling all quilters and non-quilters to help every Tuesday from 9am-noon! Experience is not needed! Are you cleaning out closets? We can use donations of colored sheets (not twin size) and lightly used blankets.

SIGN-UP SHEETS: Please sign up as you are able.

- Spiritual Practices Vigil
- Sign up to bring treats for those who are using the hospitality room.
- To meet with Pastor Melissa, if you haven't done so already.

FEBRUARY BENEVELONCE: Loaves & Fishes provide free meals on a daily basis from 4-6pm for families and individuals in need. A "community help room" is available where food staples and other donated items are distributed Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 11 AM - 3 PM and as needed. Loaves & Fishes does not discriminate on race, color, national origin, sex, religious creed, disability, age, or political beliefs. Funded entirely by donations, most of our help is from volunteers.

Write "benevolence" on your envelope if you would like to help this worthy cause or click the "Give" tab on the church website.

DECEMBER BENEVOLENCE for the Elk's Christmas Basket Program in conjunction with Livingston Food Resource Center was \$330.

JANUARY BENEVELONCE will be going to the Warming Center.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: to give assistance for the fire plaguing California, donate by phone call 800-638-3522.

Checks or money orders can be mailed to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

PO Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Online: <https://give.elca.org/page/77859/donate/1>



The Montana Synod Hunger Team is working throughout the month of January to raise \$1000 for the Synod Hunger Fund. Pastor Melissa along with other members of the Synod Hunger Team (Pastors Kendra Wilde, Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, Jason Nicholson and Brenda Frelsi) are hoping to cover 1000 miles during the month of January, biking, walking, running, skiing or snowshoeing. The money raised will be used for grants for churches throughout the synod to assist people who do not have enough food to eat to allow them to even do daily tasks, let alone enjoy putting on extra miles. You can support Pastor Melissa's fundraising here: <https://venturemiles.org/myVM/PastorMelissa> OR support the whole team here: <https://venturemiles.org/myVM/montanawinter>. Thank you so much for helping our congregations feed hungry people in their communities!

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, February 2, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10 *I appointed you a prophet to the nations*

Psalms 71:1-6 *From my mother's womb you have been my strength*

1Corinthians 13:1-13 *If I speak without love, I am a noisy gong*

Luke 4:21-30 *Jesus says a prophet is not accepted in his hometown*

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, February 9, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13 *Isaiah says, Here am I; send me*

Psalms 138 *I will bow down toward your holy temple*

1Corinthians 15:1-11 *I am the least of the apostles*

Luke 5:1-11 *Jesus call the disciple to fish for people*

READING FOR SUNDAY, February 9, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10 *Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water*

Psalms 1 *They are like trees planted by streams of water*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 *Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died*
Luke 6:17-26 *Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry, woes on the rich and full*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Tuesday February 4, LWR Quilting, 9a to Noon
Wednesday February 5, 9:30a Bible Study

Sunday February 9, 9a Worship, 10a Coffee & Council Meeting
Tuesday February 11, LWR Quilting, 9a to Noon
Wednesday February 12, 9:30a Bible Study

Sunday February 16, 9a Worship, 10a Coffee & Adult Education
Monday February 17, 10a & 3:30p Loaves & Fishes
Tuesday February 18, LWR Quilting, 9am to Noon
Wednesday February 19, 9:30a Bible Study

Sunday February 23, 9a Worship, 10am Coffee & Adult Education
Tuesday February 25, LWR Quilting, 9a to Noon
Wednesday February 26, 9:30a Bible Study
Thursday February 27, 7p Agape

UPCOMING WORSHIP TEAMS

January 26 Curt & Dee Gosda
February 2 Dennis & Kitty Springer
February 9 Tena Versland, Dale & Gloria Guidi
February 16 Diane Mueller, Ian & Jenna Flatgard
February 23 Randy & Joan Mogen

March 2 Jane Haugen & Dana Latsch
March 5 Doug & Cookie Linsted
March 9 Jim & Bonnie Evanson
March 16 John & Diane West
March 23 Billie Roberts, Anna Smith, Karla Pettit
March 30 Dennis & Billie Kaye Harms

April 6 Dennis & Kitty Springer
April 13 Verne & Leslie Beffert
April 18 Don & Lana Sheen
April 20 Curt & Dee Gosda
April 27 Tena Versland, Dale & Gloria Guidi

May 4 Diane Mueller, Ian & Jenna Flatgard
May 11 Randy & Joan Mogen
May 18 Jane Haugen & Dana Latsch

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| June 1 | Jim & Bonnie Evanson |
| June 8 | John & Diane West |
| June 15 | Billie Roberts, Anna Smith, & Karla Pettit |
| June 22 | Dennis & Billie Kaye Harms |
| June 29 | Verne & Leslie Beffert |