



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Saturday, December 21, 2024 – Sunday, January 5, 2025

Saturday December 21

6:00 pm Worship

Sunday December 22

NO Sunday School

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship with birthday cake served

Tuesday December 24 Christmas Eve

NO Quilting or Noon Bible Study

5:30 pm *Festival Candlelight Worship*

11:00 pm *Festival Communion Candlelight Worship*

Wednesday December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am *Festival Communion Worship*



Saturday December 28

6:00 pm Worship

Sunday December 29

NO Sunday School

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday December 31

NO Quilting

12:00 pm Noon Bible Study

Wednesday January 1 New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

NO Confirmation Class or Adult Bible Study

Saturday January 4

6:00 pm Communion Worship

Sunday January 5

9:30 am Communion Worship

10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

10:45 am Sunday School in Youth Room



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
December 21 & 22, 2024
PASTOR - STEVEN BRANDSRUD

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Visit the ALC Website www.alc-huron.org

WORSHIP SCRIPTURE READINGS

Advent 4 December 21 & 22

1st Reading Micah 5:2:5a

Psalm Luke 1:46b-55

2nd Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Christmas 1 December 28 & 29

1st Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm Psalm 148

2nd Reading Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Luke 2:41-52



Thank you ❤️

Wow! What a blessed Monday we had this past week! It was a day filled with the sharing of smiles, laughter, fellowship, & joy as 15 people joined together in our church Fellowship Hall to prepare over 70 plates of goodies that were distributed to brighten the days of others. We had over 28 people furnish more than 100 dozen cookies/candies & other treats to put on our Christmas treat plates & 16 people who delivered them. We thought we might be short of drivers, however people called & some came down to Fellowship Hall that morning and said, "Could you use someone to deliver?" Of course, we said yes!! **THANK YOU** to each of you who helped us with this special project to spread Christmas joy to others -It is a blessing to be able to share God's love with others and let them know we care.

God bless you all and Merry Christmas!

If you have a high school senior who will be graduating this coming spring, please contact the church office (605-352-8514 ext 1) and let Melinda know the date and from what school. We would also like to know the school colors.



Items for the 2024 Annual Report are to be in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2025. Please have them copy-ready or contact Melinda in the church office for help with creating a digital version (Word, Open Office, pdf, etc.).

The Altar Flowers for this weekend are given by Faith Welch in honor of her father, Eldon Dahl's 90th birthday (December 21) and her parents, Eldon & Doris Dahl's wedding anniversary (December 27.)

*[Doris invites everyone to **enjoy birthday cake & coffee** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following this Sunday's 9:30 am morning worship service.]*

The Radio Broadcast of the 9:30 am Sunday Worship service is a gift from ALC Endowment Board spreading the good news to our listening audience.

Open Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast Dates

Dates available to provide Altar Flowers are
all of January and February 9, 16 & 23

Dates available to provide Radio Broadcasts are
January 5, 12 & 26 and February 9, 16 & 23

ALC Christian Learning Center Preschool Happenings

Our **last fall school day** was Thursday, December 19. We ended the semester with our classroom Christmas parties. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6.



Thank You to those who have so generously donated to the CLC Caring & Sharing Tree. The tree in the Narthex will remain up until Sunday, January 5, 2025. You may continue to take ornaments, purchase the items listed and return them to the tree, CLC or church office.

and
Thank you to all who bought items during the CLC South Dakota Popcorn Fundraiser.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, Miss Nicole & Miss Dana.



From ALC Christian Learning Center Board: Along with our church Parish Planning Council, the congregation will also be electing persons to serve on our ALC Christian Learning Center Board at the annual congregational meeting early in 2025. ALC/CLC Board terms are for 2 years. The CLC currently has seven members on its board. Three terms will expire as of January 2025. Please note

that it is NOT necessary to have children enrolled in the preschool to serve on the board. CLC Board officers must be members of American Lutheran Church and are determined by the full CLC Board at their first meeting following the congregational meeting each year. If God is calling you to serve on our preschool board, please contact the CLC President, Candi Briley at 605-680-5009, CLC Secretary, Heidi Evans at 605-350-5278, or leave a message with the CLC Director, Nicole Gerber 605-352-8514 ext. 2.

The American Lutheran Church Women (ALCW) & ALCW Executive Board do not meet in January. They will meet again on Thursday, February 6.

Quilters & Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study Class will not meet during the next two weeks. They will resume on January 7 & 8.



Tuesday Noontime Bible Study will not meet on December 24.

We will resume on December 31 at 12:10 pm. Our current session is a twelve-session video series, "12 Daring Women of the Bible," which examines the lives of twelve daring women in the Bible and what we can learn from them. All are welcome to join in-person or virtually. Consider inviting a friend! Contact Kim Rieger if you have questions.

We continue to do Facebook live streaming for those who are not able to join the "In Person" worship. Our services are also broadcast on 95.3 KOKK radio, on the internet at <https://huronradio.com> or on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/American-Lutheran-Church-105519481089895> You may also find a link to the service on our internet site at www.alc-huron.org.

Facebook News If you would like something posted on the church's Facebook page, please contact the church office at 605-352-8514.ext 1 or alc@midconetwork.com. If you don't already follow us, like us at <https://www.facebook.com/American-Lutheran-Church-105519481089895>.

Your regular offering is important! Please consider mailing your offering to ALC 155 4th Street SE, Huron, SD 57350. You may also drop it off at the church office. Your ongoing support is appreciated!

Please Note: Any ALC contributions you would like credited to your 2024 giving for tax purposes should be in the church office **before noon on Tuesday, December 31, 2024.**

2025's Offering Envelopes may be picked up in Narthex. Please double-check the name on the label (not just the number) to be certain you have the correct box especially if you are picking up a set to deliver to someone else.



Thought to Ponder

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." C.S. Lewis

