

# Announcements for December 12-31, 2024



**DO THE GOOD THAT IS YOURS TO DO** We are each uniquely gifted, called, and equipped for the good that is ours to do in the world. In the center is the cross, symbolizing Christ's impact, and surrounding it are individuals reaching out and shining their particular light in the world.

## 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, Gary Hart, Curt Gosda, and Karen Richards.

**ONLINE GIVING** Check out the GIVE tab on our website using the QR code at the beginning of the bulletin or click on this QR code.



## AMERICAN LUTHERAN EVENTS

Wednesday December 11, 9:30am Bible Study  
Sunday December 15, 9am Worship, 10am Coffee & Informational Session  
3pm Elevate Montessori Christmas Program  
Monday December 16, Meals on Wheels  
10am & 3:30pm Loaves & Fishes  
Wednesday December 18, Meals on Wheels  
9:30 Bible Study  
Friday December 20, Bell ringing at Town & Country  
Sunday December 22, 9am Worship, 10am Coffee  
Tuesday December 24, 6pm Christmas Eve Worship  
Thursday December 26, January newsletter articles are due  
Sunday December 29, 9am Worship

**DIRECTORY UPDATES:** a number of our congregants have moved or changed their information. If you would like updated addresses before the 2025 Directory comes out, give Annette a call on Tuesday or Thursday between 1pm and 3pm.

**BUILDING TASK FORCE:** This Sunday after church as the Building Task Force will have an informational session regarding issues with the church building and proposed solutions.

**ELEVATE MONTESORRI:** You are invited to the Elevate Montessori Holiday Program on **Sunday, December 15** at 3:00 pm in ALC's sanctuary. Celebrate the season with a short program of songs from the toddlers and early childhood friends followed by light appetizers and treats. Please bring some cookies or other Christmas treats to share. This is an excellent opportunity for us to get to know these young families in our community. Please join us to celebrate and share hospitality with them.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS:** Along with our weekly worship, there are many different ways for you to engage with our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany series, Words for the Beginning! Pick up a printed copy of the Daily Devotional, or see Pastor Melissa's email for a digital copy. Each Sunday pick up a packet to make your own quilt square and engage in other activities and reflections on your own, with a friend or family member, or with your kids or grandkids. Take a quilt design Advent Calendar for a word to reflect on each day. For those on Facebook, follow along for a Photo-a-day challenge that corresponds with the Advent Calendar. **Please consider sharing your quilt and story on December 29.**

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** American Lutheran Church is assigned one week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) to deliver Meals on Wheels about every other month. ALC's next delivery days are THIS WEEK December 16, 18, and 20. Our dedicated crew is struggling and would like some additional volunteers. Please see Dale or Gloria if you are feeling a nudge to help with this ministry and sign up at the back of the church!

**DECEMBER BENOVELONCE** is for Elks' Holiday Food Basket Program in conjunction with Livingston Food Resource Center. This program provides Christmas food baskets for those in need in our community. Last year over 400 baskets were picked up or delivered in Park and Sweet Grass counties.

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

- Sign up to bring treats for those who are using the hospitality room.
- Bell ringing
- Meals on Wheels
- Altar Care
- **Quilt & quilt story**—let Pastor or Annette know

**SAVE THE DATE:** Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 6pm.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Annual Reports are due January 6, or earlier!

**SPIRITUAL PRACTICES:** will resume after the new year.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent**

Do the good that is yours to do: Luke 3:7-16 | Isaiah 58:9b-12

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Hope is worth the risk: Matthew 1:18-25 | Luke 1:46-55

**READINGS FOR**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Monday	December 16, Meals on Wheels 10am & 3:30pm Loaves & Fishes
Wednesday	December 18, Meals on Wheels

9:30 Bible Study

Friday December 20, Bell ringing at Town & Country  
Sunday December 22, 9am Worship, 10am Coffee  
Tuesday December 24, 6pm Christmas Eve Worship  
Thursday December 26, January newsletter articles are due  
Sunday December 29, 9am Worship

Sunday January 5, 9am Worship  
10am Council Meeting  
Coffee & take down decorations

Monday January 6, Annual Reports are due  
Wednesday January 8, Bible Study  
Sunday January 12, 9am Worship  
10am WELCA

Wednesday January 15, 9:30 Bible Study  
Sunday January 19, 9am Worship  
10am Annual Congregation Meeting & Potluck

Monday January 20, 10am & 3:30pm Loaves & Fishes  
Wednesday January 22, 9:30 Bible Study  
Newsletter articles are due

Thursday January 23, 7pm Agape  
Sunday January 26, 9am Worship  
10am Coffee

Wednesday January 29, Bible Study

**UPCOMING WORSHIP TEAMS**

December 15 Jim & Bonnie Evanson  
December 22 Doug & Cookie Linstead  
December 24 Gary & Annette Hart  
December 29 Dennis & Billie Kay Harms  
January 5 Billie Roberts, Anna Smith, & Karla Prettit  
January 12 Verne & Leslie Beffert  
January 19 Dennis & Kitty Springer  
January 26 Don & Lana Sheen  
February 2 Curt & Dee Gosda  
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 9 Doug & Cookie Linstead  
March 16 John & Diane West  
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

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