



# PARISH LIGHT

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
A BEACON OF GOD'S LOVE, A HOME FOR ALL PEOPLE

January 2012

## BE IT RESOLVED IN 2012, THAT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL....

***"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19***

Often at the beginning of a new year, individuals and sometimes groups take time to examine themselves, weighing the things that they are engaged in against the good that it does for them and the society as a whole. If, in the examination process, it is determined that a life modification is necessary, it is then that a resolve is put in place to make changes which allows for a person or group to start out the year with eyes set in a different direction.

With that in mind ....

Be it resolved that our church, American Lutheran, make changes where necessary in our spiritual lives by setting our mind on Christ. Let us focus our congregational vision on a mission and ministry that is truly Christ led. And let us do this by:

1. beginning every congregational meeting in prayer, always asking that God will guide our way and provide us with the wisdom to make right choices.
2. looking at each and every issue that comes before us through the words and wisdom of Christ Jesus.
3. using Luke 4:18-19 as the scripture basis for our plan for ministry and mission in 2012 as we move forward in a compassionate faith.

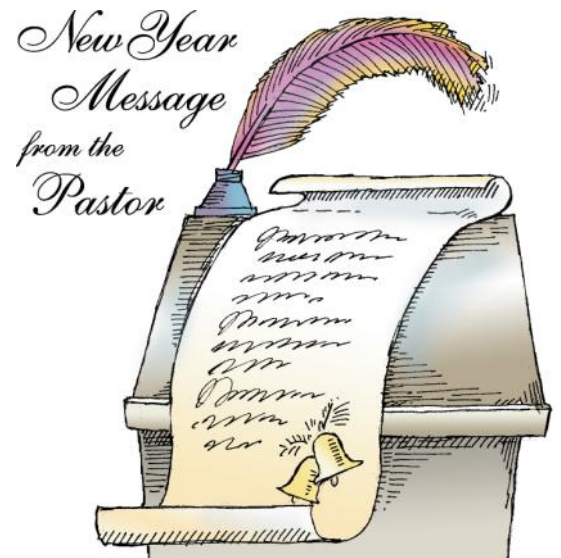
Be it resolved that we, as a congregation, do not allow ourselves to be caught up in rehashing the past, but rather learn from our congregational history, so that we can work faithfully in the present, while always fixing our eyes toward the eternal future glory with Christ and all the saints in paradise.

Be it resolved that we strive to :

1. gather weekly for joyful worship,
2. grow spiritually through personal and corporate study of God's Word,
3. and then go faithfully out into the community to share God's graciousness with our friends and neighbors.

DEAR MEMBERS OF ALC--

*Thank you for the gift card. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thanks also for the hospitality that you have shown Carol and me.  
Merry Christmas! Pastor Carl & Carol*



2012 will be a wonderful year for American Lutheran as we, together, in the name of Christ Jesus, work to be *a beacon of God's love and a home for all people.*

*In Christ,  
Pastor Carl*

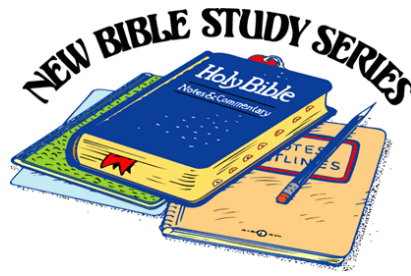
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# BOOK OF FAITH INITIATIVE BIBLE STUDY



## JONAH

The book of Jonah paints a picture of a God who pushes God's people to go beyond religious and ethnic boundaries to share the love and mercy of God with all of God's desire to save all people. Jonah offers a vision in which God's love and mercy is not only available to the people of Israel, but to other peoples as well.

This **4-session** Bible study takes 4 big questions based in the text and challenges participants to explore this book thoughtfully together.

Wednesday Bible Study  
 10:00 to 11:30 am

Thursday Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 to 8:30 am

January 4 & 5  
 Where Was Jonah Going? (Jonah 1:1-17)

January 11 & 12  
 What Was Jonah Praying? (Jonah 2:1-10)

January 18 & 19  
 What Was Jonah Saying? (Jonah 3:1-10)

January 25 & 26  
 What Was Jonah Thinking? (Jonah 4:1-11)

# LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
1-Jan	Isa 61:10-62:3	Ps 148	Gal 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
8-Jan	Gen 1:1-5	Ps 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
15-Jan	1 Sam 3:1-10	Ps 139:1-6,13-18	1 Cor 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
22-Jan	Jon 3:1-5	Ps 62:5-12	1 Cor 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
29-Jan	Deut 18:15-20	Ps 111	1 Cor 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28



*I would like to thank the ALC church council and congregation for the Shady Beach Gift Card. It was very thoughtful, and greatly appreciated. Thank you all!*

Mary Bjordahl

*Thank you to the American Lutheran congregation for the gift certificate to Shady Beach. It is much appreciated.*

Carol Ydstie



**Annual Meeting**  
**January 29**  
**10:00 am**

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST & CAMP SUNDAY

The event we all look forward to:  
**CAMP SUNDAY FOLLOWED BY PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**



The annual pancake breakfast will be held on January 22 in the fellowship hall. Serving will begin after the worship service and will continue until noon or so. Proceeds are for the benefit of the Camping Ministry at American Lutheran.

This is an opportunity for the men in our congregation to be a part of an enjoyable event. We have a good time mixing, cooking and serving cakes. Anyone interested in helping please contact Carol in the office at 432-5566, or sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact will be made the week of the event to set up times and duties.

# January Love In Action

Al & Kathy Mathiason  
 Boyd & Kathy Sussex  
 Jim and Karen Davis  
 Keith & Diane Grabow  
 David & Lynelle Thyne  
 Steve & Tonya Schlueter  
 Matt & Amber Paysen  
 James & Deanna Stickland  
 Darien & Jennifer Waniorek  
 Lewis & Waneta Heaton  
 Charles & Margaret Mehlhaff  
 Peter & Bonnie Mogard  
 Dennis Schnaser  
 David & Ruth Gulck  
 Charlotte Farrell  
 Rosann Kasuske  
 Michael & Karen Smith  
 David & Carmen Van Veen  
 Keith Borah  
 Vernon & Rhonda  
 Christopherson  
 Bob & Antonette Boone  
 Dean & Shelley Smith  
 Lance Hamman  
 Richard & Carol Whitlow  
 Michael & Nancy Pauli  
 Neil & Cheryl Pauli  
 Clayton & Shirley Olson  
 Don & Margaret Van Veen  
 Luke & Wendy Boerger  
 Robert Beyer  
 Kristi Bunting  
 Wayne & Karen Jaquet  
 Troy & Karla Kastrup  
 Owen Spanton  
 Steven & Christine Farrell  
 Craig & Brianna Kirchberg  
 Gene & Jan Boerger  
 Mark & Emily Mueller  
 Ryan & Charity Sammons

## MUSIC NEWS

**C**hancel Choir will rehearse on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of January, the 4th & 18th, at 7:00 PM. We will sing for worship on Sunday, January 8.

The Note-a-bells will rehearse every Wednesday at 5:15. They will share special music on January 22.

Ministry of Music Singers will rehearse on Sunday, January 22 at 10:15 and Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00. We will sing special music on Sunday, January 29.

**A**llelu group... We haven't gotten together for quite some time. Pr. Carl has a special service planned for January 22, which is also Camp Sunday. We would like to invite those who would enjoy helping lead worship that Sunday. Do you play drums or guitar? We would love for you to share your gifts with us. Please contact Pr. Carl or Carol.

Thank you to the Chancel Choir for the Triple Dip gift certificate. Music is such a part of our lives. We are so blessed to share our gifts with you. Jon & Carol Ydstie

## EDUCATION HOUR AND TLC

**F**ollowing the construction theme from Rally Day the kids have been building their attendance walls. Each Sunday they attend, they get a 'brick' to add to the wall outside the classroom doors. The following pre-school thru 6th grade kids have had perfect attendance: Lucas Johnson, Laura Johnson, Amber Unzen, Nathan Loutsch, Daniel Thiele; Jr High: Andrew Mears Jordan Thiele.

### Sunday School will resume on January 8th



December found the TLC kids focused on the real story of Christmas. Pastor Carl did a Christmas IQ test for us along with a fun skit about the birth of Jesus. Cody and the younger kids read a great book about the importance of Jesus' message for us while the older kids practiced for their parts in the Christmas program.

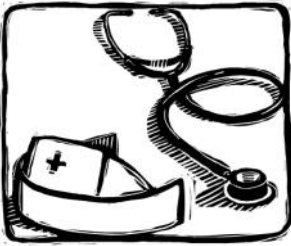
We had fun making krumkake with Betty Torness and Kathy Mathiason. Carol Forman and Jim Davis stopped by this month to help. Bailey Storm joined us and was a big help making ornaments with the kids. Thanks to those who donated to the care package for Oaks and to Susan Stinson for getting it mailed. All of you are much appreciated. The kids are making some great new friends.

We ended our month with a pizza party after TLC. The pizza and goodies provided for us were awesome. We had a great turnout!. From all of us to all of you we hope your Christmas was blessed with peace, joy and the love of our Lord and Savior.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

**S**et a new goal to draw closer to the Lord in 2012! One way to reach this goal is through studying His Word. Community Bible Study (CBS) is hosting a Visitor's Night on Monday, January 9th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at ALC. Men, women, and high school students are welcome to this study of the Gospel of John. For more information, contact Janet Liebe (605-695-7940) or Camille Reynen (432-7928).

## Parish



**Nurse  
Diana Dirksen**

**Blood pressures  
will be taken Jan  
15th**

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**B**ible study **CIRCLE** will meet for the **DECEMBER** Bible study on Tuesday, January 17 and for the **JANUARY** Bible study on Tuesday, January 31, continuing the study of Mark. Peace Circle meets at noon in the conference room (Sunday School wing). **ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**

The **BOOK DISCUSSION** group will be meeting every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the church library. Discussions will last no longer than an hour.

All are welcome to join the group and are encouraged to bring another book lover along to the discussions. Meetings are not formal and all readers are welcome to attend.

January – Still Alice, Genova

February – Land of the Burnt Thigh, Kohl

March – The Richest Man in Town, Smith

April – The Dead Don't Dance, Martin

## PASTOR CARL INSTALLED DECEMBER 18



## Confirmation

at American Lutheran

Confirmation begins again

- on Wednesday, January 11, 2012
- at 3:30 to 5:00 pm
- for all American Lutheran Youth
- grades 6 to 8.

Pastor Carl will lead the youth in a study of Lutheran Catechism, beginning with an in depth look at the Ten Commandments.

For more information on the Confirmation program, please call Pastor Carl at 432-5566

## Senior High Monthly Meeting

January 25

7:30 pm at

Pastor Carl's home

## Sunday Morning

Share your faith the way Jesus did! Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in.

Come and join in weekly discussion in the Youth Room starting January 8<sup>th</sup>.  
10:15 to 11:15 am

For all Senior High Youth  
Young Adult  
and the Young at Heart

For more info contact Pastor  
Carl  
or Jonathan Ydstie

## Camp Sunday

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Come and hear about summer church camp opportunities from NeSoDak's Teri Geyer.

The ALC youth will lead worship  
and Allelu the music



Join us as we  
**CONNECT**  
our families

Please be a part of our new family directory program—we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

### Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

Dates to schedule photography sessions:

Wednesday, February 15 - Friday, February 17  
from 2:30-9:00

Saturday, February 18 from 10:00-4:30

Tuesday, February 21 - Friday, February 24  
from 2:30-9:00

Saturday, February 25 from 10:00-4:30



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating



Exciting products turn your portraits into cherished memories

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# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Cody Dorneman (b) Sarah Grabow (b) Dillon Lichtsinn (b) David Thompson (b) Christopher Walters (b)	2 Greg Grimm (b) Janelle Kelly (b)	3 Keith & Diane Grabow (w)	4 Deb Pauli (b)	5	6 Becky Gomer (b)	7
8 Doug Dohrer (b) Rosemary Goetschius (b) Mark Granquist (b) Jason Stinson (b)	9 Robert Biersbach (b) Shaylee Pekelder (b) Daniel Volkenant (b)	10 Monica Fischer (b) Katie LaRoche (b) Jennifer Roggenbuck (b)	11	12	13 Rebecca Welberg (b)	14
15 Theresa Granquist (b) Mervyn Larson (b) Brett Storm (b)	16 Michael & Monica Gruba (w) Holly Neuharth (b)	17 Patty Hamman (b)	18 Ryan & Whitney Saxton (w)	19 Pam Gomer (b) Trevor Stickland (b)	20 Robin Cook (b) Suzanne Unzen (b)	21 Mandy DeLong (b) Melody DeLong (b) Susan Leddy (b)
22 Spencer Boerger (b) Garret Christopherson (b) Brady Gomer (b) Karmen LaRoche (b) McKenzie Severson (b)	23 Karen Smith (b)	24 Jeremy Johnson (b)	25 Jeremy Johnson (b)	26 Peg Dohrer (b) Renee Howell (b) Ken Johnson (b) Emily Madsen (b)	27 Olivia Barlund (b) Alan & Linda DeLong (w) Samantha Madsen (b) Jamie Pekelder (b)	28 Jonathan Ash (b)
29 Gail Selgeby (b)	30 Marjorie Keller (b) Madison Tesch (b)	31 Lois Buhler (b) David Dorneman (b) Ardell Searcy (b)				

We are missing birthdays and anniversaries for several of you. Please contact the church office so we can include everyone.

# JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NEW YEARS DAY 9:00 Worship/KMSD/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 6:30 Strikes for Sam @Top Hat Lanes	2 Office Closed	3	4 10:00 Bible Study 5:00 Note-a-bells 7:00 Chancel Choir	5 7:00 Men's Bible Study	6	7
8 9:00 Worship/KMSD/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Education Hour	9 5:30 CBS Leaders 7:00 CBS 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 9:00 Quilting	11 10:00 Bible Study 3:15 TLC 3:30-5:00 Confirmation 5:00 Note-a-bells 6:00 Church Council	12 7:00 Men's Bible Study	13	14
15 9:00 Worship/KMSD/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Education Hour 10:00 Blood Pressure Checks 1:00 Shooting Stars	16 5:30 CBS Leaders 7:00 CBS 7:00 Boy Scouts	17 9:30 Pastor's Conference Meeting at ALC 12:00 Love Circle December lesson	18 10:00 Bible Study 3:15 TLC 3:30-5:00 Confirmation 5:00 Note-a-bells 7:00 Chancel Choir	19 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Book Discussion Group	20	21
22 CAMP SUNDAY 9:00 Worship/KMSD/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Education Hour 10:00 February Love in Action Pancake Breakfast	23 5:30 CBS leaders 7:00 CBS 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 9:00 Quilting	25 10:00 Bible Study 3:15 TLC 5:00 Note-a-bells 7:30 HS Youth Group @Parsonage	26 7:00 Men's Bible Study	27	28
29 9:00 Worship/KMSD/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Education Hour 10:00 Annual Meeting	30 5:30 CBS leaders 7:00 CBS 7:00 Boy Scouts	31 12:00 Love Circle January lesson	JONAH Bible Study begins January 4			

## YOUTH SERVE SCHEDULE

	ACOLYTE	BULLETIN DELIVERY	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
1-Jan	Garytt Tostenson	Maddy Foss	Maddy & Mackenzie Foss Taylor Kathman
8-Jan	Mackayla Schuelke Kasi Schleuter	Brady Gomer	Brady & Brock Gomer Gretchen & Kirsten Biersbach
15-Jan	Bailey Storm	Steven Grabow	Steven Grabow Alex Pauli
22-Jan	Sarah Grabow	Jordan Hins	CAMP SUNDAY - PANCAKES
29-Jan	Tannah Kathman	Trevor Stickland	Trevor Stickland Katie Loutsch Claire Kastrup