

American Lutheran Church

January/February, 2024



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WEDNESDAY:
February 14th-
Worship with Holy Communion
and the imposition of ashes at
noon and 7:00pm

Annual Meeting



will take place on **Sunday, January 28 at 9:30 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Agenda items will include a vote on the **2024 budget**, and reports from various

committees. The **pre-annual meeting meeting** will take place **January 21 at 9:30** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Come to look over the budget and ask questions.

Adult Forums

Jan. 21 **Pre-Annual Meeting Meeting:** we will discuss the past year in the life of the congregation, review the budget, get an update from the

capital campaign committee and discuss other matters pertinent to the life of the congregation. Since no official business is carried out at this Forum, we will use the whole hour for discussion, questions, and answers.

- Jan. 29 **Annual Meeting:** will include a vote on the 2024 budget, and pastors' and committee reports.
- Feb. 4 **Boy Scout Troop 10:** For many years, American Lutheran has sponsored Troop 10. They will use this time to update the congregation on their activities and also serve as ushers and greeters.
- Feb. 11 **Waffle Bar:** On the Sunday before the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14), come and join in fellowship and take part in our initial waffle bar.
- Feb. 18 **Coffee Fellowship**
- Feb. 25 **To be announced**

Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop-In Center is hosting its 19th annual Souper Bowl Fundraiser on Friday, February 9, 2024. Serving times will be 11:00-1:30 and 4:00-6:30. Cost is \$30 and you get to enjoy a bowl of hot, delicious soup made by a local restaurant, and take home a unique piece of art (bowl, plate, mug, etc.) crafted by a local potter or wood turner. Dine in a relaxing atmosphere and enjoy lighthearted chatter in your midst. Gift certificates are available, as well as take-out.

This event takes place at American Lutheran Church, 5



Lewis Avenue, which features plenty of parking and spacious seating.

All proceeds from this event will benefit programs at Angela's Piazza. We are a welcoming, accepting place where women come to learn to live safer, better lives free from addictions and violence by discovering self-confidence, courage and hope through domestic violence programs and programs that encourage spiritual and emotional healing.

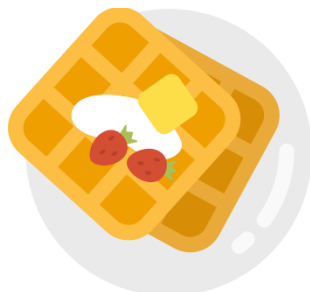
Please contact Amy Aguirre at (406)255-0611 Monday-Friday, 9-5 if you have any questions.



It's almost that time of year again..... **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!** Please come to church on Sunday, February 11th, and help our youth raise money for the local high school food pantries. The food pantries serve as an important support system for homeless youth in Billings, and are run solely on the money and goods that they receive through donations. Show support for your 'Souper' Bowl team by placing a donation in your team's soup pot. If you don't have a team, don't worry, show your support for the commercials - we'll have a soup pot for them as well! The ALC youth truly appreciate your help with this worthy cause! Please feel free to send any questions to rochelle@amluth.org.

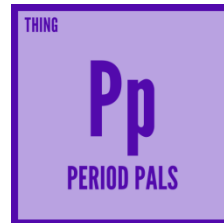
Waffle Bar Sunday

Who doesn't like waffles? Let's get stuffed before we enter into the lean Lenten season. We'll gather between services for **waffles** with **all of the toppings** **February 11th**.



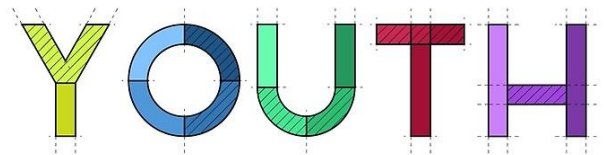
Period Pals

We will once again be supporting a non-profit service in Billings which distributes feminine hygiene products to women and girls who are



below the poverty line or homeless. Currently, Period Pals consists of four women volunteers who have approached different organizations to have a product drive that will benefit six local

charities who serve the population in need. We are honored to be one of the organizations involved. During the month of **February**, we will be **collecting donations of pads and tampons**. Donations can be left in one of the two cupboards in the front entry. **We will be collecting the month of February.** If you have questions, please call the church office, or email Sydne@amluth.org.



Below, please find the youth schedule for the months of January and February. Please email rochelle@amluth.org if you have any questions.

January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
9:30 – 10:15 Sunday School

January 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

5:30 – 6:30 Kid’s Club
7:00 – 8:00 Youth Group/Confirmation

February 4th, 11th, and 25th

9:30 – 10:15 Sunday School

February 7th, 21st, and 28th

5:30 – 6:30 Kid’s Club
7:00 – 8:00 Youth Group/Confirmation

February 14th

NO Wednesday night activities – Ash Wednesday

February 18th

NO Sunday school – Presidents Day Break

Preschool News



And we’re off again after a few weeks off for the holiday break. We’ve had two new students join us for this new semester. December was filled with crafts and music. Making a mess is what preschool does best. We

had a very cute Preschool program med-December and now are gearing up for our Valentine Visitors in Feb. We try to ask a Grandparent or someone who loves the student to come make cards for our parents.

We always say that we love January in preschool because the holiday chaos is over and we can usually get back to basics. We learn about Jesus calming the storm. We also talk about the Prodigal son with forgiveness and Superhero Sampson’s strength. February is focused on Dental health with a visit from Dr. Bennion (always a favorite day). We will also spend time sharing love with our family and friends.

Marianne & Rochelle will once again be attending the “preschool fair” at the Expo Center on Jan 13th to give our program some exposure. Enrollment begins for fall on February 1st, so please spread the word if you know someone looking for a preschool. We’ve got a lot of incoming siblings which is always fun, because we saw them as “tornado toddlers”

when they visit the classroom as youngsters. Soon we will have the chance to get to know them as students. It’s one of the MANY highlights of the job!

Happy New Year from your preschool staff and students!

Financial Update

| | Expenses | Income | Difference |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| December | \$70,518 | \$102,562 | \$32,044 |
| YTD | \$585,747 | \$608,141 | \$22,394 |

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Due to your generosity, we had our best December offering in the past 5 years and are in great financial shape heading into the New Year. Entering 2024, we have no line of credit, and a balance in the General Fund of \$25,880. You also gave over \$250,000 to the Capital Campaign in 2023. We are so grateful for your giving which helps us enter the new year with hope and thanksgiving!

Christikon Clips

January, 2024

Information for our Congregations



New January 2, 2024 – Camp registration will be online along with the camper information, health forms, permission forms, etc.

Go to our website www.christikon.org in January and check it out!

Save the date: Christikon Benefit Auction is scheduled for April 21st.

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It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ—exploring God’s creation and the adventure of life together.

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