

**January 2026**

# COME SEE &

Discover what God is doing in and through  
American Lutheran Church of Sun City.



**Worship Times:**

Saturdays 4pm

Sundays 8:30am & 10:30am

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# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

## EPIPHANY'S CALL IN DIFFICULT TIMES

*By: Pastor Scott Klimke*

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine." This could easily be the sending hymn we sing every week, and this would be doubly appropriate during January and the season of Epiphany. "Epiphany" is a compound word bringing together the Greek words for "light" and "on." During the season of Epiphany, the appointed Scriptures find Jesus shedding light on the formerly hidden or obscured will of God. Epiphany also finds Jesus and the other persons of the Holy Trinity shedding light on God the Son's unique identity and mission as God in the flesh.

But all the light-bearing isn't to end with Jesus and the other persons of the Holy Trinity. In response to the Holy Trinity's light-bearing, **we too are to be light-bearers who share what has been revealed to us about God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the Church's mission.** In a word, each and every year Epiphany encourages us to sing, say, and live, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine."

Now in my estimation, the need for us to be light-bearers is particularly acute right now. Anger, division, judgmentalism, tough talk and action, and winner-take-all rancor presently abound and are all too often associated with Jesus and his Church. Is it any wonder that the number of "nones"—those with no religious affiliation—is growing in our society by leaps and bounds? If life is already angry, divided, judgmental, confrontational, and rancorous, why go to Church and grow in relationship with Jesus if it's going to be more of the same?

To overcome this devastating assessment of what life with Jesus and the Church will be like, **it's imperative that we each give light-bearing the desperate attention it requires right now.** As we answer this call, may the following words from Colossians be our guide as to what it means to bear light for Jesus and his Church: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony," (Colossians 3:12-14).

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# STEPHEN MINISTRY:

## USING YOUR GIFTS TO CARE FOR OTHERS

ALC Stephen Ministers wish each of our ALC members a very Happy New Year. It is always exciting to start a new year, and while we do not make New Year's resolutions as such, we do reexamine our goals for each of our Care Receivers and for our Stephen Ministry outreach here at ALC.

The first weekend in December was Stephen Ministry Weekend, and we heard inspiring messages by Pastor Lisa and Stephen Ministers Anna and David. We heard about the impact that a Stephen Minister can make in someone's life and we heard a bit about Stephen Ministry here at ALC.

You might ask how one becomes a Stephen Minister, and the answer is by completing our Stephen Ministry Training and making a two-year commitment to our ALC Stephen Ministry program. Today more than 600,000 men and women have been trained and commissioned in their home congregations worldwide. **Wouldn't you like to be among that number?**

*Today more than 600,000 men and women have been trained and commissioned as Stephen Ministers in their home congregations worldwide.*

The annual Stephen Ministry Training at ALC occurs January through March of each year. This year our **classes will begin on January 10th**. God has given each of us unique talents. If yours might be extending a caring presence to someone in need, our Stephen Ministry Training will equip you to do so effectively and comfortably.

**Will you consider joining us in this important part of ALC's Care Ministry?**

To register for training or for more information, please call Terri Polk at 317-258-7590 or Elyse Wheeler at 480-310-5918.

What a blessing you will be! What a truly Happy New Year we will share!

**2026's FIRST  
Stephen  
Ministry  
Training** ▶ **Saturday,  
January  
10<sup>th</sup>**

**COME  
SEE** &

**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL EVENTS:**


for the  
**Health**  
of It  
Learning Series

## The ABC's of Parkinson's Disease with Robin Rhea

*Robin Rhea, Director of the Parkinson's Foundation Southwest Chapter in Arizona, will present the "ABCs of PD"—a clear and supportive overview of Parkinson's disease. Participants will learn about Awareness of early signs and symptoms, Basics of how Parkinson's affects the brain and body, and Care strategies that support daily function, safety, and quality of life. This educational session provides families and caregivers with practical tools to better understand and support their loved ones.*

Thursday,  
January


**8<sup>th</sup>**

 9:00am-  
10:00am

 Fellowship  
Hall

**Second  
Saturday  
Fellowship**

Saturday,  
January **10<sup>th</sup>**

 After  
4:00pm  
Service

 Room A/B




## A Legal Guide to Planning for Long-term Care

*Long-term care planning addresses the personal, financial, and legal needs that may arise when someone can no longer care for themselves independently due to aging, illness, or disability. Discover the importance of planning ahead and how to create a plan that honors your wishes.*

Wednesday,  
January

14<sup>th</sup>


 10:00am-11:00am

 Fellowship Hall

## Pastor's Meet & Greet

Wednesday,  
January

14<sup>th</sup>

 1:00pm

 Office Conference Room

## God's Work. Our Hands.



God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!

Sunday,  
January

18<sup>th</sup>

 After 8:30am Service


 Fellowship Hall

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

*Join us for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Tuesday, January 27, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a social hour at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Meeting materials will be available electronically and in hard copy. Your attendance is important as we make decisions about the future of ministry at American Lutheran Church.*

Tuesday,  
January

27<sup>th</sup>

 3:00pm


 Sanctuary

## Light and Lively Informational Session: Snack and Chat

*You are invited to a "Light and Lively Informational Session: Snack and Chat." Discussion topics will include tips for preventing identity theft, fraud, and scams related to banking and the Social Security Administration.*

Wednesday,  
January

28<sup>th</sup>

 10:00am-  
11:00am

 Education  
A&B

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1 NEW YEARS DAY</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30 Happy Hour Neighborhood Group 4:00 Worship
<b>4</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship 3:00 Echoes of Advent & Christmas (Music from the Advent & Christmas Season)	<b>5</b> 9:00 Connecting Threads Sewing & Crafts 1:30 Card Making Class	<b>6</b> 10:00 Stewardship Mtg. 12:00 Cactus Conference 1:30 Grief Group 2:00 Evangelism Committee Mtg. 3:30 Christo Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:00 For The Health of It: The ABC's of Parkinson's Disease with Robin Rhea 10:00 MS Support Group 10:30 Pray without Ceasing 1:30 Trust Committee Mtg. 2:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 Stephen Ministry Training 9:00 ALC Community Choir Rehearsals 9:00 Neighborhood - 3 C's (Chat, Chatter & Comfort) 4:00 Worship 5:00 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday Fellowship
<b>11</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 Pastor's Meet & Greet 10:30 Worship	<b>12</b> 9:00 Bandage Spinning Women's Ministry 9:00 Connecting Threads Sewing & Crafts 9:00 Property & Grounds Committee Mtg. 10:30 Good Book Group 1:00 Social Ministry Committee Mtg. 1:30 Card Making Class	<b>13</b> 9:00 Sun City Sings! Rehearsal 12:00 Cactus Conference 1:30 Grief Group 2:30 Trust Committee Mtg. 3:30 Christo Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 10:00 For the Health of It: Sun Health 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 Pastor's Meet & Greet 1:30 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee 4:00 Wednesday Night Alive!	<b>15</b> 9:00 Stephen Ministry Leadership 10:30 Pray without Ceasing 1:00 Executive Committee 2:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 9:00 Stephen Ministry Training 9:00 Sun City/Peoria PEO Reciprocity Event	<b>17</b> 9:00 ALC Community Choir Rehearsals 4:00 Worship
<b>18</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 God's Work, Our Hands: Service Projects 10:30 Worship	<b>19 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30 Right Path Health Screenings 9:00 Sun City Sings! Rehearsal 12:00 Cactus Conference 1:00 Council Mtg. 1:00 Finance & Personnel Committee Mtg. 1:30 Grief Group 3:30 Christo Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 8:00 Quail Run Neighborhood Group 9:00 Ikebana 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study 12:30 ALC Game Day 4:00 Wednesday Night Alive!	<b>22</b> 10:30 Pray without Ceasing 2:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 9:00 Stephen Ministry Training	<b>24</b> 9:00 ALC Community Choir Rehearsals 4:00 Worship
<b>25</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship	<b>26</b> 9:00 Connecting Threads Sewing & Crafts 1:30 Card Making Class	<b>27</b> 9:00 Sun City Sings! Rehearsal 12:00 Cactus Conference 1:30 Council Mtg. 1:30 Grief Group 2:00 Pie & Ice Cream Social 3:00 ALC Annual Mtg.	<b>28</b> 10:00 Light & Lively Informational Session: Snack & Chat 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study 4:00 Wednesday Night Alive!	<b>29</b> 9:00 Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce Presentation 10:30 Pray without Ceasing 2:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 9:00 Stephen Ministry Training	<b>31</b> 9:00 ALC Community Choir Rehearsals 4:00 Worship

# Looking Ahead to **FEBRUARY** Mark Your Calendars!

**Super Bowl  
Sunday Soup  
Collection**

February

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Feed My  
Starving  
Children  
at Lord of Life  
Lutheran**

Saturday,  
February

**21<sup>st</sup>**


## Women's Retreat

*Registration forms are available in the ALC narthex and office.*

*Take advantage of the early bird special price (\$35) and register before January 15.*

Tuesday,  
February

10<sup>th</sup>

 8:30am-4:30pm


 Spirit in the  
Desert Retreat  
Center

## Fraud Awareness & Protection Workshop

*This free APS-sponsored program is open to all, but **pre-registration is required by February 4.** Register using the sign-up sheet in the narthex or by calling the ALC office.*

Wednesday,  
February

11<sup>th</sup>

 10:00am-  
11:00am

 Education  
A/B

*Stop scams before they start! Every 4.9 seconds, someone in the U.S. becomes a victim of identity theft. R.O.S.E. (Resources/Outreach to Safeguard the Elderly) offers education and prevention strategies to combat this. Attendees will receive a 30-page Identity Theft Protection & Cyber Safety Resource Packet and learn practical ways to protect themselves from scams.*

# COME & GIVE

Making a Difference Together



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS



### Lend a Hand and Care for Our Neighbors.

Tie Fleece Blankets. Roll some Bandages.  
Bag up some Supplies for the Homeless.

**God's Work.  
Our Hands.**



Sunday,  
January

**18<sup>th</sup>**

 Between worship services

 Fellowship Hall

# Altar Flower Gifts

*Thank you for making our worship space beautiful.*

## JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

**For Services on January 4<sup>th</sup> - Paul Carlson**  
*My Beloved Wife & Mom for 62 Years*

**For Services on January 11<sup>th</sup> - STILL AVAILABLE**

**For Services on January 18<sup>th</sup> - Fred & Uta Anderson**  
*Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

**For Services on January 25<sup>th</sup> - Dave & Deb Hjortland**

*Share in the beauty of worship by providing altar flowers to celebrate special occasions or remember loved ones.  
To reserve a date, please contact the church office at 623-974-2512.*



# SPECIAL THANKS

to those who gave

## POINSETTIAS

*for our Christmas Services:*

- Susan Beach — In Memory of Rudy & Irenen Dienes
- Joyce Wikum — In Celebration of Christmas Cruise with family - A Wedding and Engagement
- Jay Johnson — In Celebration of Christmas
- Judith Morrison — In Memory of my husband Percy Morrison
- Ron & Lynn Cassidy — In Celebration of the birth of Christ
- Suzanne Shotts — In Memory of my Parents Albert & Agnes Shotts
- Suzanne Shotts — In Memory of my Godparents Paul & Margie Berdis
- Donna Raus — In Memory of David Raus
- Barb & Rick Berg — In Memory of Arlene Shulze
- Barb & Rick Berg — In Memory of Loved Ones
- Myron & Nancy Missling — In Memory of Harold & Agnes Missling & Oscar & Olga Lindquist
- Annette Garm — In Memory of Family & Friends
- Dave & Janet MacDonal — In Celebration of ALC Music Ministry
- Jackie Tucker — In Memory of My Husband George Tucker, Jr. & My Parents
- Colleen Gandrud — In Memory of My Husband Don Gandrud
- Phyllis Wimer — In Memory of George & Martha Schmidt
- Barb & Rick Berg — In Memory of Loved Ones

**Pat & Barb Lehto — In Celebration of Our 65th Wedding Anniversary**

**Jim Brown — In Memory of Brothers - Joseph & Hall Brown & Sister Anne Skye**

**Sharon Frederichsen — In Memory of Loved Ones**

**Laurie Ford — In Loving Memory of Marlys Miller**

**Donna Borden — In Memory of Our Mothers at Christmas**

**Terri Polk & Jim Becker — In Celebration of ALC Congregation and its Mission**

**Helen Teply — In Memory of Robert Teply - Husband, Trish Teply - Markoski, Daughter**

**Joe & Sue Flores — In Memory of Brothers Henry & Ed**

**Glen Schulz — In Memory of Wally Pottenger**

# Gifts & Memorials

*Honoring Lives, Continuing Ministry*

*We are deeply grateful for the generous gifts and memorials that honor loved ones while blessing ALC's ministries. These heartfelt donations bring comfort to families and help our church community thrive. Your thoughtfulness and support truly make a difference in continuing God's work here at ALC.*

We gratefully acknowledge:

- Karen Bergfeld — Debt Reduction - In Memory of Rich Bergfeld & Lane Knouse**
- Karen Bergfeld — Debt Reduction - In Memory of Jan Powell**
- Dana Oravec — In Memory of my Uncle**
- Terri Polk — In Memory of Diane Kohler**
- Terri Polk — In Memory of Jan Powell**
- Terri Polk — In Memory of Ed (Olga Redstrom's brother)**
- Merville & Margi Nicholls — Music & Stephen Ministry - In Memory of Rosalie Bornzin**
- Merville & Margi Nicholls — Operation Christmas Child - In Memory of Jan Powell**
- Helen Teply — Womens Ministry - In Memory of Jan Powell**
- Jeanette Danielson — Debt Reduction - In Memory of Bob Danielson**
- Kathleen & Flash Helm — Stewardship Drive & Sun City Sings**

# COME & BELONG

Welcome our new members!

*Received since our last newsletter  
(Photos coming in the February edition)*

Charlie Medlin

Dorothy Harvey

Patricia Medlin

Darlene Higgs

Cindy Sauriol

Corby Kasten

Ed Sauriol

Dale Kasten

Bill Baker

Mary E. Fuller

Elaine Couture

Steven Tronson

Wayne Couture

Dean Norman Victora

Dennis Drosky

Merryl Anne Jeffers

Joann Drosky

Rex F Harke

# In Loving Memory

*We honor our beloved church members who passed away since our last newsletter. Each person leaves a legacy of faith that continues to inspire our congregation. We extend heartfelt prayers to their families and give thanks for the blessing of sharing in their lives.*

**Marlys Miller**

97 years old

Date Of Death: November 28, 2025

**Wally Pottenger**

96 years old

Date Of Death: December 17, 2025

**Steven Bartlett**

69 years old

Date Of Death: December 31, 2025



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## Stay Connected

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**