

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2025

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At the heart of love, is hope, but without love there is no hope. The Advent and Christmas seasons begin the year anew and ground us in hope. The hope that is made possible through Emmanuel- God with Us. The hope that is made real through God doing a new thing, that the prophets have long foretold. Such as John the Baptist reminds by proclaiming, “Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God” (Luke 3:5-6, NRSV). Hope is abundant in this time of year, so long as we make space for it. To come to the manger and be filled with awe and hope. To be fully present with, and for God’s beloved, and not overly caught up in the busyness of the seasons and schedules. Hope is cultivated as we gather together and meet each other where we are at, as signs of God’s love being cultivated with, for, and through God’s beloved.

Questions for Reflection:

- How might this month that is the shortest in terms of daylight hours in the northern hemisphere, bring hope?
- How might light shine in the darkness as signs of God’s hope being cultivated now today?

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Synod and diocese are reviewing applications they have received to look for any possible matches for our pulpit call.

ST. ALBAN'S, ST. ANDREW'S DAY COMMUNITY SOUP

SUPPER: St. Alban's will be hosting a community soup supper on Monday, December 1 from 5:30 to 7 pm in their Parish Hall. All are welcome.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN DECEMBER:

OSL: Sunday, Dec 7 - 10:15, Worship

Sunday, Dec 14 - 10:15, Worship

Sunday, Dec 21 - 10:15, Worship

Wednesday, Dec 24 - **5:00 pm, STA**, Worship & Communion, Rev. Mary Hendricks

Sunday, Dec 28 - 10:15, Worship with Carols and Scriptures

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STA Sunday, Dec 7, 10:00 am, Morning Prayer

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Community Meal at Memorial Methodist

We are continuing the tradition of providing 12 salads for the Community Meal held at Memorial Methodist on Thursday evenings by 4 PM.

OSL – Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. - STA – Please connect with Linda Thieben.

STA – Thursday, December 18, 2025
OSL- Thursday, January 15, 2026

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND SOUP SUPPER

Meet at OSL on Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 pm for caroling to shut-ins and nursing home. Followed by a soup supper back at Our Savior's.

WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY

All ladies of Our Savior's and St. Alban's and their guests are invited to the Christmas Party to be held at Our Savior's on Wednesday, December 17. Visiting and snacks begin at 6:00 pm. Our potluck dinner begins at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share. In lieu of a gift exchange, we will be collecting cold cereal for the Pantry.

Announcing the 2025 Bell Ringing Season



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*Give the gift of your time to help
others this holiday season!*

*Salvation Army
Bell Ringing 2025 Campaign
Friday, December 5th to
Monday December 23rd*

Mondays through Thursdays
12 pm to 8 pm
Fridays and Saturdays
10 am to pm

website: registertoring.com
Website will be active to volunteers
on Nov. 24th

*Any questions or concerns
please call: Traci Taylor at 308-350-0904*

**90% of the funds raised in our buckets
go to help those in need throughout
Red Willow County & SW Nebraska**

*Southwest Nebraska Ministerial
Association thanks you for your support!*