

THE LIVE WIRE

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

After several interviews and prayerful discernment, the Church Council of American Lutheran Church has contracted with Pastor Mark Johnson to serve our congregation for six months as our interim pastor.

Pastor Johnson is a graduate of Luther Seminary in St Paul, Minnesota, Concordia University, Irvine, CA. He also attended Lutheran Bible Institute in Anaheim, California, for two years. Pastor Mark served nearly 25 years as Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Fallbrook, CA.

We look forward to his beginning his interim ministry here during the first week of March. Pastor Mark will be joined by his wife of 30 years, Paula. They have two grown daughters in their 20s.

Please pray for Pastor Mark and Paula and American Lutheran Church in this time of transition and transformation.

SENIOR PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee has interviewed three strong candidates for the Senior Pastor position, and additional candidates continue to come forth from our Lutheran associations and ALC members. As the committee interviews candidates, it is worth mentioning that the candidates also are interviewing us. We all seek a mutually beneficial outcome which reflects God's desires for the pastoral candidates and our church.

The call committee continues to ask for your prayers, and as before, if you have questions about the call process or progress, please submit them to alc2022callcommittee@gmail.com, thank you.



CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed Monday, February 20th in observation of Presidents Day. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, February 21st.



WHAT IS THE ENDOWMENT FUND AT ALC?

The ALC Endowment Fund is a ministry that is largely unknown to many of us. This Fund assists important elements of ALC without impacting the annual budget.

The ALC Endowment Fund was initiated to encourage supporters to make legacy gifts to our church. These gifts are used to further ALC's mission and other ministries as well as worthy organizations outside of ALC that benefit the community.

The ALC Endowment Fund operates within specific guidelines to ensure that our donations perpetuate the capital in the Fund. Only earnings from a specific time period are available for donations each year. Emphasis is placed on sound fiscal management to ensure that funds are placed in outreach ministries, internal development areas, and capital improvements. Examples of how funds have been distributed include the following: scholarships for students attending a Christian school (under-graduate and graduate) which included the ALC preschool; supporting the Sheep Dog Resiliency Conference; helping our community with donations to Agape House and other organizations.

How can you help? When preparing wills, trusts or making tax decisions, please prayerfully consider including the Endowment Funds as a recipient. You can also make a one-time donation to the fund. This is NOT a solicitation for funds at this time, but rather to inform ALC members of the Endowment Fund and its function.

How do you request funds? If you wish to ask for funding for an outreach or in-reach ministry, contact the church office at (928)445-4348 for a Request Form. The request will then be reviewed by the Endowment Board and a decision made whether to approve or not.



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