



# RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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RIVERSIDE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

A blessed New Year to all of you! As we rip off the last page of our 2023 calendar and hang a fresh, crisp 2024 one, we hear many people encourage us to “ring in the new year.” Others will ask us to make New Year’s resolutions to shed a few more pounds, save more money, overcome a struggle...etc. etc. etc.

As the people of God we enter the New Year “in the Lord.” After all, this is the truth that is conveyed in the acronym “AD.” It is the abbreviation of the Latin phrase *anno Domini*, meaning “in the year of the Lord.” So while the world asks us to make the New Year memorable, relevant, and significant by our actions and resolutions, God asks us to greet the changing year by remaining in him.

This leads us to an important question. How do we remain in the Lord as we flip the pages on the calendar from month to month, year to year?

To be sure, we remain in the Lord by remaining in Christ. We remain in the Lord by living as the baptized believing children of God and continually receiving his grace in Word and Sacrament in our worship services. We remain in the Lord in prayer. We remain in the Lord in devotions upon God’s Word. We remain in the Lord by studying his Word in Bible Studies and interactions with other believers. These are ways that we live as “AD” people this calendar year and hereafter.

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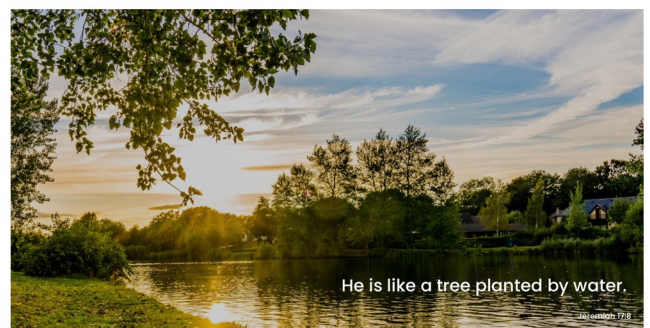
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John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

God's richest blessings on each and every one of you as we ring in the New Year "IN" our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ.

Pastor Ray

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mission trip planning

A safe and healthy year ahead

He is like a tree  
planted by water.  
Jeremiah 17:8

## LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 7th - Sunday School Resumes

Jan 10th - Youth Group Resumes

Jan 27th - Annual Mtg. - 9am

Youth camp - March 1-3

Jared/Jaelene's wedding - March 9

Mission trip - May 4-11

ALC Conventions in Hockinson - June 27-30