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# Aster Health welcomes first baby of 2024

**WADENA, Minn. – Jan. 08, 2024** – After much anticipation, Aster Health celebrated the first birth of the new year. On Jan. 5 at 7:50 a.m., Jennifer Furman gave birth to Edward John Lalone Jr. in the Obstetrics department at Aster Health. Her delivery doctor was Hala Madi, MD, OB/GYN.

Furman is no stranger to the birthing process. This was the third child she had delivered at Aster Health. “Never had it happen before,” exclaimed Furman when asked about being a part of the commemorative first baby of the new year moment.

Lalone Jr. weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long at birth. Additionally, the newborn was greeted by Edward John Lalone Sr., and siblings Jace, Lillian, Jayden, Logan, Lelan, Izabella, Bentley, and Nevaeh, and grandparents Bruce and Kim, Howard and Tammy, and Susan.

For more information about birthing services, please visit [asterahealth.org](https://asterahealth.org).

### **ABOUT ASTERA HEALTH**

Aster Health is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Aster Health operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, and serves the counties of Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail through five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit [asterahealth.org](https://asterahealth.org).

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