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*Delight* yourself in the

LORD

and he will give you the  
desires of your *heart*

Psalm 37:4 (NIV)

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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Mission Update: Chris Mikkelson

*We prepare for worship.*

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Prayer of Confession

♪ Opening Song "Invocation"

First Reading

*Proverbs 30:4-6*

Psalm 119:129-133

READER: 129 Your laws are magnificent, [O LORD.]

No wonder I make every effort to obey them!

**ALL: 130 Your Word's teaching gives light,  
so even the simple can understand.**

READER: 131 In my excitement, I can't control my breathing!  
I'm gasping for Your instructions.

**ALL: 132 Come, give me a lesson on Your mercy,  
just as You do for all who love Your name.**

READER: 133 Then guide my steps by Your Word,  
keeping me from being overcome by evil.

Second Reading

*Hebrews 4:12-16*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*John 1:1-4, 14*

Children's Sermon

Sermon "The Word of God"

♪ Song Requests

*Choose your favorites from the songbook packet.*

Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever! Amen.**

Benediction

*A word of blessing.*

♪ Closing "Ancient Words"

Sending Song "Mighty to Save"

Postlude

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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### **The Mission Statement of American Lutheran Church**

Led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
we seek to make the Kingdom of God real and present in our  
world through ongoing worship, witness, and service.



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

**Visitors are welcome to sign our guest book** in the narthex gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, please contact Pastor Ethan or talk to one of the ushers about our American Lutheran Church family!

**Our current prayer list includes** Deb Adamek, Larry Alsleben, Marlys Arenson, Olivia Beekman, Lee Fearing, Rich Hillman, LaRayne Hall and her family, Stephanie James, Evelyn Kratzner, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, Tom Wiegers, and Dave and Bev Zinter.

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Bob & Tammie Chapin in memory of their parents. Thank you for ensuring God’s Word can reach people over the airwaves!

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$75. Thank you!

**Please consider** signing up to serve as an usher or greeter. Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. See Mark and Teresa Pachan, Head Ushers, with any questions.

**Bible Readings for Next Week: October 3, 2021**

Amos 2:6-7, 8b, 10-13

Acts 2:14-21

Psalms 1:1-3

Matthew 7:15-20

Sermon Title: “A Prophet Out Standing in His Field”

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Ushers: The Ellingson Family

Acolyte: Ethan Barthel

Reader: Kari Christians



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

S-S-S-S-Sarah 'S'ircle Spud Supper reminder! Please be sure you have the **Sarah 'S'ircle Super Spud Supper (with SLATHERINGS)** on your October calendar – October 6! Serving will be the same as a regular Wednesday night suppers. All proceeds go toward our Shoebox project. Your generosity is greatly needed!

**The October issue of The Daily Walk and copies of Our Daily Bread** are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Help! We need people to help usher on Sunday mornings.** Please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you!

## **CHURCH OUTREACH**

**Missionaries:** Dan and Nancy Butkowski; Dwight and Dorothy Hazard; Chris Mikkelson.

**Prayer Partners** is our confidential chain of prayer. To request a prayer, send an e-mail to [prayer@americanlutheranchurch.org](mailto:prayer@americanlutheranchurch.org). If you would like your name added or removed from the Prayer Partners' e-mail list, contact Patty Ostendorf or Becky Hillig.

**Our Mission Focus for the month of September** is Chris Mikkelson Evangelistic Ministries, which seeks to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the most remote and unreached parts of the earth.

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 110

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,081.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 8/31/21:

Budgeted needs: \$161,630.50

Receipts: \$150,962.49

Actual expenses: \$142,558.80

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Facebook Page: American Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

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# YOUTH & FAMILY

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September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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SAVE  
THE  
DATE

October 6<sup>th</sup>: Quest Kids Family Night Pumpkin Painting/Carving!  
October 16<sup>th</sup>: Gifts and Talent Showcase  
October 20<sup>th</sup>: No confirmation/Quest Kids (MEA)  
October 24<sup>th</sup>: No Sunday School (MEA)

## SERVE WITH US!

We have opportunities for you to partner with families in our church!

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Wednesday night elementary programming
- 7-12 grade youth events
- Sunday morning Sunday school teachers

Please talk with Kari Christians to see how you can engage with these ministries!

*How's life? Want to talk about it?*

*Feel free to contact me.*

**Kari Christians (320)533-3021**

**karichristians@yahoo.com**

## Gifts & Talents Showcase!

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm

American Lutheran Church

Join us for dinner and a show! Free-will offering will go towards youth ministries.



Do you have a talent you'd like to share? Please contact the church office or Kari Christians to sign up, or add your name to the list in the narthex!

# SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND Salt & Light CARE PACKAGES

MATTHEW 5: 13-16

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A CLASS FROM AGE 2 – 18.  
CHILDREN AGES 2 – 3 SHOULD ATTEND WITH AN ADULT.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12TH AND WILL  
RUN FROM 10:15–11:15AM THROUGH MAY.

## WE LOVE OUR ALC KIDS!

CREATE GODLY RELATIONSHIPS AND SIGN UP YOUR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT TO RECEIVE CARE PACKAGES  
FROM AN ALC MEMBER!

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SALT & LIGHT BY  
SCANNING THE QR CODE WITH YOUR  
PHONE'S CAMERA





**CALLING ALL PEOPLE OF GOD!**

**9.12.2021**

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK AND WE ARE  
LOOKING FOR TEACHERS!

**YOU CAN TEACH FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR  
OR A 3 MONTH PERIOD FOR THE FOLLOWING  
AGE GROUPS:**

2 YEARS OLD – KINDERGARTEN  
1ST GRADE – 3RD GRADE

IF GOD HAS PUT IT ON YOUR HEART TO TEACH,  
PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD OF ED MEMBER (JODY ELLINGSON, JULIE  
ATKINSON, LAURIE BARTHEL, ALYSSA FEARING) OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>**    **Mystery Retreat**  
                          **9:00 am Worship Service**  
                          **10:15 am Sunday School**  
                          **10:15 am** What About ?” Adult Bible Study  
                          **11:15 am** Board of Education Meeting
- Mon. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**    **5:30 pm** Youth & Family Committee Meeting  
                          **6:30 pm** Youth Worship Team Practice
- Tue. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**    **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**    **5:30 pm** Family Night Supper  
                          **5:50 pm** Confirmation Class  
                          **6:00 pm** Quest Kids at Baptist Church  
                          **6:30 pm** Choir Practice
- Sun. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**        **9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
                          **10:15 am Sunday School**  
                          **10:15 am** What About ?” Adult Bible Study

Sunday worship services are radio broadcast on KEYL 1400 AM and 103.1 FM, live-streamed on Facebook, and posted with video recordings of services later on website.