

a Child  
has been  
boRn for us;  
a Son is gIven  
to uS.

AuthoriTy rests  
upon hiM, and  
he is nAmed  
JeSUS.

Isaiah 9:6

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH - L.C.M.C.

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✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.

LBW: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the green hymn book.

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Prelude Music

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

Welcome and Announcements

✦ Greeting

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PASTOR: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

✦ Christmas Day Prayer – Saint Augustine of Hippo

**ALL: Let the just rejoice,  
for their Justifier is born.**

**Let the sick and infirm rejoice,**

**For their Savior is born.**

**Let the captives rejoice,**

**For their Redeemer is born.**

**Let slaves rejoice,**

**for their Good Master is born.**

**Let free men rejoice,**

**For their Liberator is born.**

**Let All Christians rejoice,**

**For Jesus Christ is born.**

✦ The Sharing of God's Peace

✦ 🎵 Opening Hymn "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"

#045 LBW

First Reading

*Isaiah 53:4-6, 8a, 9-10a*

Psalm 85:7-11, 13

READER: <sup>7</sup> Show us Your unfailing love, O LORD;  
save us now and forever!

**ALL: 8 We listen carefully to God, to what the LORD is saying.**

**We know that He speaks peace to His faithful people.**

READER: But we must not return to our former ways,  
to our foolish ways.

**ALL: 9 God’s salvation is near to those who respect Him.**

**It’s true – we will be filled with His glory!**

READER: 10 Unfailing love and truth have met together.  
Righteousness and peace have kissed!

**ALL: 11 Truth springs up from the earth,  
and righteousness smiles down from Heaven.**

READER: 13 Righteousness walks ahead of God like a herald.  
Good and right living sings, preparing a path for His arrival!

Second Reading

*Philippians 4:4-9*

Special Music

Addison Young & Ellianna Young

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

*Luke 2:8-12, 16-20*

Children’s Sermon

Sermon “A Down-to-Earth Christmas”

♪ Offering Hymn “Joy to the World”

#039 LBW

✦ Prayers

PASTOR: LORD, on this blessed Christmas day...

**ALL: ...grant us Your peace.**

✦ The Lord’s Prayer

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**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 festive blessing.*

✦ 🎵 Closing Hymn “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

#070 LBW

Postlude

*We leave in peace, ready to share the good news of Jesus!*

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

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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** Joe Ayers, Deb Adamek, Dick and Jean Bonney, Everett Bullert, Elaine Clementson, Bob Fox, Lisa Guse, Larry Hatton, Linda Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, and Dave Young.

**Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Dennis & Sue Kaneski. 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 at the back of the sanctuary.

### **Bible Readings for Next Week: January 1, 2022**

2 Kings 6:8-10, 14-17

Ephesians 6:10-18

Psalms 3:1-3, 6-8

Luke 10:1-3, 16-20

Sermon Title: "Standing Firm in Your Battles"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Austin Parker

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Reader: Larry Eckel



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The January issue of The Daily Walk and December - February copies of Our Daily Bread** are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

**If you are asked by the Nominating Committee to serve** in one of our church's elected positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Deacon, Trustee, Youth & Family committee, Board of Education, etc.) please pray about it and ask for the Lord's guidance.

**All boards and committees** are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

**2023 offering envelopes can be picked up on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.**

**If you have changed your address or phone number** please call the church office and let us know. We are currently updating our church directory for 2023.

**REMINDER** - for record keeping purposes as per our ALC constitution: Please fill out a communion card once each year. The cards are found in the racks in the pews. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. **THANK YOU!** – Board of Deacons.

# **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 December is Kidstown International.**

## **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 100

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,347.10

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 11/30/22:

Budgeted needs: \$217,018.08

Receipts: \$193,968.09

Actual expenses: \$194,894.21

As of December 18<sup>th</sup>, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$27,686.26 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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# ❄️ QUEST KIDS 22-23 ❄️ WINTER CALENDAR!

## DECEMBER

December 07 - Quest Kids Family Night

Christmas Caroling @ 6:00 PM

December 14 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

December 21 - No Quest... Merry Christmas!

December 28 - No Quest... Happy New Year



## JANUARY

January 04 - Quest Kids Family Night

The Amazing Race! @ 6:00 PM

January 6-7 - MEGA FUN @ CAMP LEBANON

January 11 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 18 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 25 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

2023!



## FEBRUARY

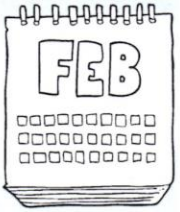
February 01 - Quest Kids Family Night

2022 Quest Kids Derby! @ 6:00 PM

February 08 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 15 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 22 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM







**36th ANNUAL!**  
**Boys & Girls**  
**Clubs**  
**Grades 3-6**  
**PLUS LEADERS!**

# MEGA FUN 2023

**MEGA A January 6-7 (one night)**

You bring the kids... Camp organizes the fun!

**THEME: "THE B-I-B-L-E!"**

FRIDAY EVENING	
8:15	Evening Chapel with Don Bursell
9:30	Free Time & Snack
10:00	Crazy Games!
10:30	To cabins (leaders set the time)
SATURDAY	
8:00	Flag Raising & Breakfast
8:45	Cabin Devotions & Skit Prep
9:45	Chapel
	Hazzard Hill Tubing Run open 11:00 – 12:20
	Broomball / Trading Post open 11:00 – 12:30
12:30	Lunch
1:15	IDITAROD Ice Games
2:00	Canteen & Trading Post
2:30	AFTERNOON RALLY (Mega A only)
3:00	Mega A Departure

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

**DONBI!**

DonB, the "Doctor of Merriment," is BACK! Get ready for perhaps the funniest comedian, juggler, unicyclist, and illusionist you will ever see! Formerly known as "Circus Unique," Don Bursell has traveled the world sharing his love for laughter and for his Lord Jesus Christ.



**CHAPEL SPEAKER:**

**"Bobber Bill"**

For the past 37 years, Bill Abeler has been Camp's Executive Director. He loves fishing, organizing fun, and bringing Scripture to life for kids and adults!



## Quest Kids Parents!

We hope your 3-6 grade children can join!

To register, please email me as soon as possible at [jackson@fbclongprairie.org](mailto:jackson@fbclongprairie.org). Once I have you on the list I will send out Camp's online registration link. The money for the trip can be brought to Quest (checks made payable to FBC Long Prairie). Registration deadline is December 21st

**PARTICIPANTS:** Grades 3-6 (Min. Ratio: 1 leader for every 10 kids)  
 Cabins hold twelve. Smaller groups may be combined.

**FREE TIME FUN:** Broomball, sliding, hiking, skating, carpetball, foosball, Trading Post, canteen, & more!

Cost is \$40 per student

## **Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church**

**Sun. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Christmas Day Worship Service**  
**11:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service**  
**No Sunday School**

**Mon. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting**

**Sun. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am Sunday School**

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 our website.