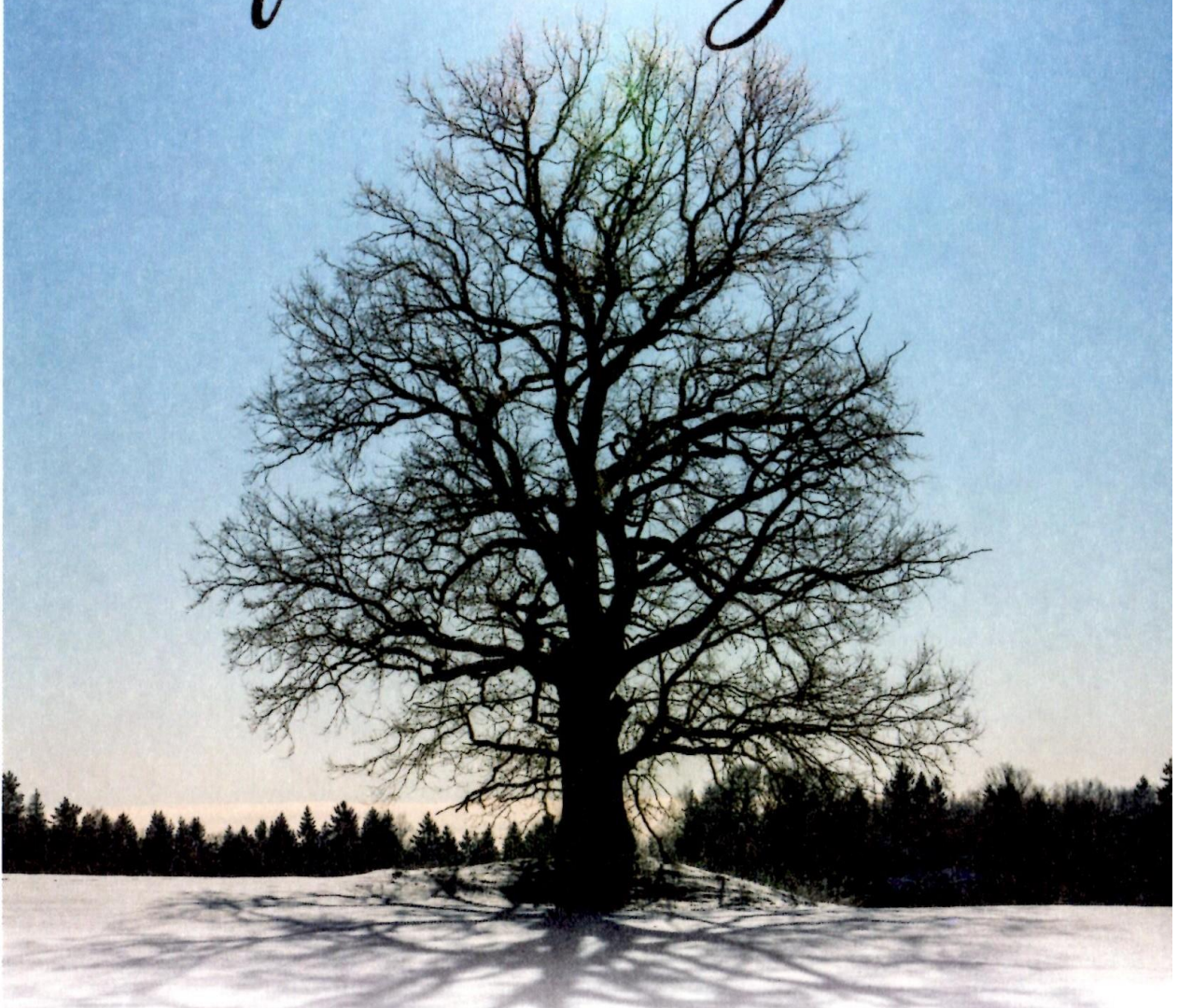


Give thanks unto the
LORD;
for He is good



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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.

Prelude Music

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

Page 56 LBW

PASTOR: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection.

PASTOR: Most merciful God...

ALL: ...we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Announcement of forgiveness.

♪ Opening Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father"

#474 LBW

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.

♪ The Kyrie, a Prayer for Mercy

PASTOR: In peace, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

ALL: Amen!

♪ Hymn of Praise

PASTOR: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

ALL: LORD God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, LORD God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day – A Traditional Irish Blessing

**ALL: May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Psalm 24:1-5, 9-10

READER: 01 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it.

ALL: The world and all its people belong to Him.

READER: 02 For He laid the earth's foundation on the seas...

ALL: ... and built it on the ocean depths.

READER: 03 Who may climb the mountain of the LORD?

Who may stand in His holy place?

**ALL: 04 Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,
who do not worship idols
and never tell lies.**

READER: 05 They will receive the LORD's blessing...

**ALL: ... and have a right relationship with God,
with their Savior.**

READER: 09 Open up, ancient gates!

**ALL: Open up, ancient doors,
and let the King of glory enter!**

READER: 10 And who is the King of glory?

**ALL: The Lord of Heaven's Armies –
He is the King of glory.**

Second Reading

Galatians 6:7-10

✦  Reading Response

Page 62 LBW

ALL: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

 The Gospel, God's Good News

Page 63 LBW

PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Matthew, the fifth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 5:1-12

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "The Blessed"

Blessing of the Officers

✦ The Apostles Creed

Page 65 LBW

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

 Offering Hymn "O God Beyond All Praising"

#797 WOV

✦ 🎵 The Offering Response

Page 75 LBW

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Page 76 LBW

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 Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"

#415 LBW

Postlude

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

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, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Linda Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Joni Love, Tyrone Moye, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Rose Thorp, and the family of Bev Zinter.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by the Variables Family Night Supper Group in honor of our church family. 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.

Bible Readings for Next Week: February 19, 2023

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 Romans 8:3-4
Psalm 19:7-10 Matthew 5:17-20
Sermon Title: “Jesus and the Law”

Worship Leaders

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pastor: Ethan Fearing | Keyboard: Mason Ellingson |
| Altar Guild: Betty Oliver | Acolyte: Olivia Browen |
| Deacon & Usher: Blain Hall | Reader: Marlyne Klinder |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN wraps up today. It's not too late to return your bottle though. If you still have a bottle at home, simply return it to the church office as soon as possible. The Pregnancy Resource Center heartedly "thanks you" for your voluntary generous gifts, as do unborn babies and their parents! God bless you!

The February & March issues of The Daily Walk and December - February copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Copies of our 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Membership Directories are available on a table in the narthex

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

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. 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 February is Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief. For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has followed Christ's command by going to the aid of the poor, sick and suffering. They reach out to hurting people in our own country and countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 73

General Fund receipts for last week: \$5,465.50

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 1/31/23:

Budgeted needs: \$22,196.05

Receipts: \$16,334.87

Actual expenses: \$18,250.92

As of February 5th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$4,403.39 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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RISE

TO NEW LIFE LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

🕒 5:30 P.M. MEAL ▶ 6:15 P.M. MUSIC + MESSAGE

- 🕒 ▶ FEB 22 ASH WEDNESDAY WITH ALYSSA FEARING
MESSAGE: "BAGGAGE"
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 1 SARAH CIRCLE OL' TYME GOSPEL SING - ALONG
MESSAGE: "THE BRAVE AND THE CRAVEN"
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 8 KEYS
MESSAGE: "BALDY - LOCKS AND THE TWO BEARS"
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 15 THE PRAIRIE DOVES
MESSAGE: "THE WELCOME SIGN" FEATURING JADEN WENDT
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 22 ANDERSON FAMILY BAND
MESSAGE: "SCARED STRAIGHT JOHNNY"
- 🕒 ▶ MAR. 29 HARPIST CHRIS WARD
MESSAGE: "ROCKY REED"
- APR. 2 9:00 A.M. PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
- 🕒 APR. 6 PASSOVER SEDER MEAL
- ▶ APR. 7 GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
- APR. 9 7:00 A.M. EASTER SONRISE WORSHIP
- APR. 9 9:00 A.M. EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

ADJUSTED QUEST KIDS 22-23 WINTER CALENDAR!

JANUARY

January 04 - NO QUEST - DUE TO WEATHER

January 6-7 - MEGA FUN @ CAMP LEBANON

January 11 - Quest Kids Family Night

The Amazing Race! @ 6:00 PM

January 18 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 25 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

2023!



FEBRUARY

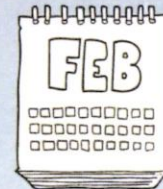
February 01 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 08 - Quest Kids Family Night

2022 Quest Kids Derby! @ 6:00 PM

February 15 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 22 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM




This adjusted calendar for January and February reflects the changes made due to weather cancellations. The January and February Family Nights are both postponed to the SECOND Wednesday of the Month to allow time for Families to pick up Quest Derby Car Kits, and get the cars finished on time (due back February 1st).

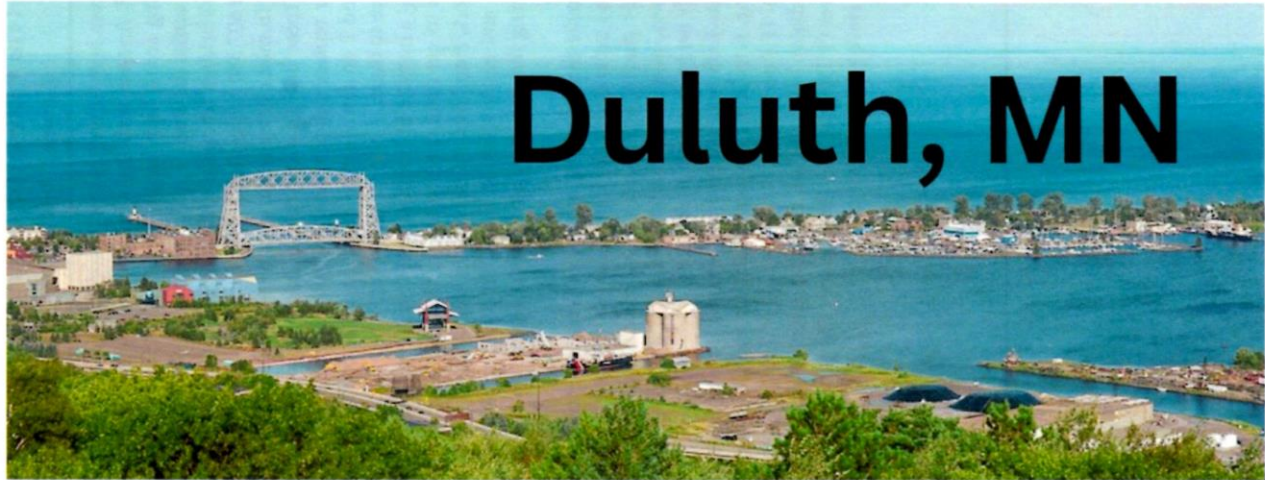
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American Lutheran Church Missions Trip 2023



Trip Date: July 16th-21st

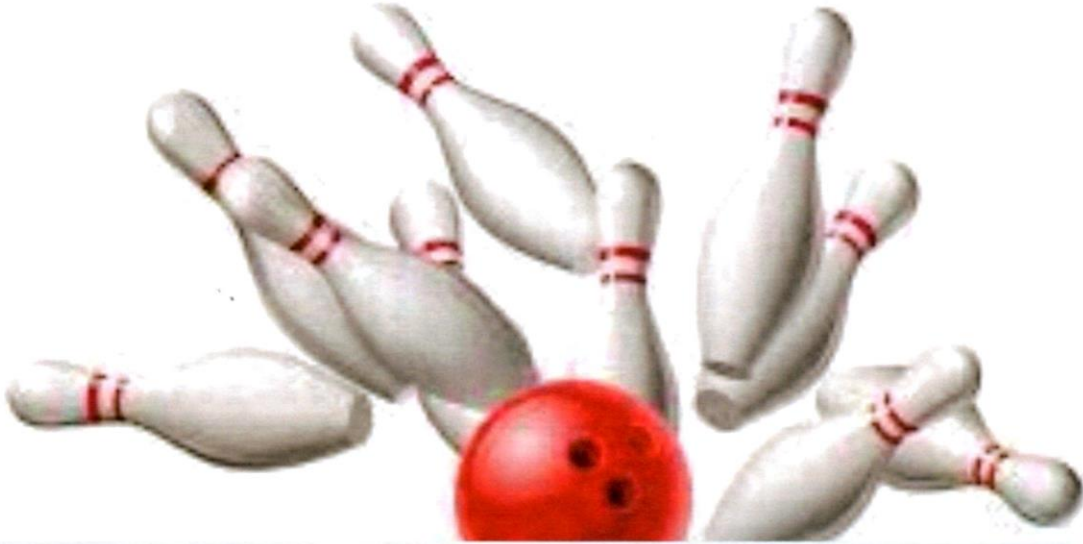
In Duluth, our group will work alongside YouthWorks partner organizations. Our group will have the opportunity to assist in children's programming at a local youth center, care for the elderly by helping with outdoor yard projects, or sort donations at a food pantry. In the evenings, visit local attractions like Canal Park and Park Point Beach. YouthWorks has been partnering with this community since 1998.

Serving in Duluth

- Partner with local organizations to meet ongoing needs in the community.
- Students may serve all or part of the week at a food shelf, soup kitchen, children's program, elder care facility or local cleanup projects.
- Youth Works arranges lodging, typically on the floor, in classrooms, on air mattresses.
- Open showers in either public or private facility.

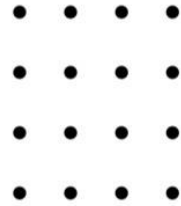
Application and \$50 deposit due date: 02/20/2023

Hey families, come bowling with us!



- When: February 26th
- Where: Osakis bowling alley
- Time: 1pm-3pm

This is a free will donation event. If you plan on attending please sign up so we can have an idea of numbers. If you are in need of a ride talk to Sierra.



IF: LONG PRAIRIE

March 3rd and 4th

FRIDAY: 5:30P-9P
SATURDAY: 9:30A-4P

WOMEN'S CONFENCE!
**GRAB A FRIEND AND COME BE ENCOURAGED AS
WE SPEND 2 DAYS LISTENING TO GREAT
SPEAKERS, LEARNING, EATING DELICIOUS FOOD,
LAUGHING, WORSHIPPING, GROWING, HEALING,
AND SEEKING!**

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- • • • TO REGISTER:
- • • • -GO TO- [IFGATHERING.COM/IF2023](https://ifgathering.com/if2023)
- • • • -SCROLL DOWN TO "REGISTER NOW"
- • • • -CLICK "JOIN AN IF:LOCAL"
- • • • -TYPE IN GROUP NAME "IF:LONG PRAIRIE"

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Feb. 12th 9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting

Mon. Feb. 13th 6:00 pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting

Tue. Feb. 14th 9:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Feb. 15th 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due
5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sun. Feb. 19th 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
11:15 am Missions Committee Meeting

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.