

*You have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations*

Psalm 90:1 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Welcoming Song “The Law of the Lord” *We prepare for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You give us Your Word. The Bible is a record of You speaking to us, offering us loving lessons and generous gifts on every page, but we often ignore what You say.

ALL: We focus on the words we want to hear, afraid that the rest will change us.

PASTOR: But we need to be changed! God, we need You to rescue us from our ways, from the ways that leads to death, bringing us back to the way of life You so freely offer.

ALL: Open our eyes! Help us to read, to hear, to receive Your every word.

PASTOR: God continues speaking life to you. That’s why He came in-person as Jesus Christ, that’s why He died and rose again to save us from sin and death, and it’s why He is bringing you into His heavenly Kingdom. This is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, as we gather to worship You, block out every distraction. Help us to hear only You, to hear all You would say to us today. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Thy Word”

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Psalm 19:7-10

READER: 7 The instructions of the LORD are perfect,
reviving the soul.

**ALL: The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

READER: 8 The commandments of the LORD are right,
bringing joy to the heart.

**ALL: The commands of the LORD are clear,
giving insight for living.**

READER: 9 Reverence for the LORD is pure,
lasting forever.

**ALL: The laws of the LORD are true;
each one is fair.**

READER: 10 They are more desirable than gold,
even the finest gold.

**ALL: They are sweeter than honey,
even honey dripping from the comb.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:3-4

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 5:17-20

The Nicene Creed

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father. Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven; by the
power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered
death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in
glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will
have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Jesus and the Law"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "Make Me a Servant"

Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion "He Leadeth Me"

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

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 Song "Shine, Jesus, Shine!"

Sending Song "Then All the People Said Amen"

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, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Rose Thorp, and the family of Bev Zinter.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by JoAnn Manlove and family in memory of Dick Manlove whose birthday would have been February 17th. 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 26, 2023

Proverbs 6:27-28, 30-33 Ephesians 5:1-5, 15-16

Psalms 91:1-3 Matthew 5:27-30

Sermon Title: “Love and Desire”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Brielle Flan

Deacon & Usher: Blain Hall

Reader: Liza Hasse



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN is wrapping up now! THANK YOU for returning your "bottle gift" as soon as possible, either to the box on the usher bench or church office. Unborn babies and their families thank you for your generosity!

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: 85

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,530.00

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 12th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$6,312.60 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

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

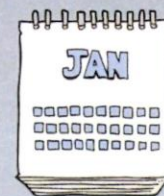
January 11 - Quest Kids Family Night

The Amazing Race! @ 6:00 PM

January 18 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 25 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

2023!



FEBRUARY

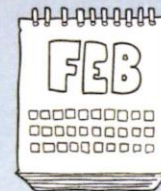
February 01 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

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).

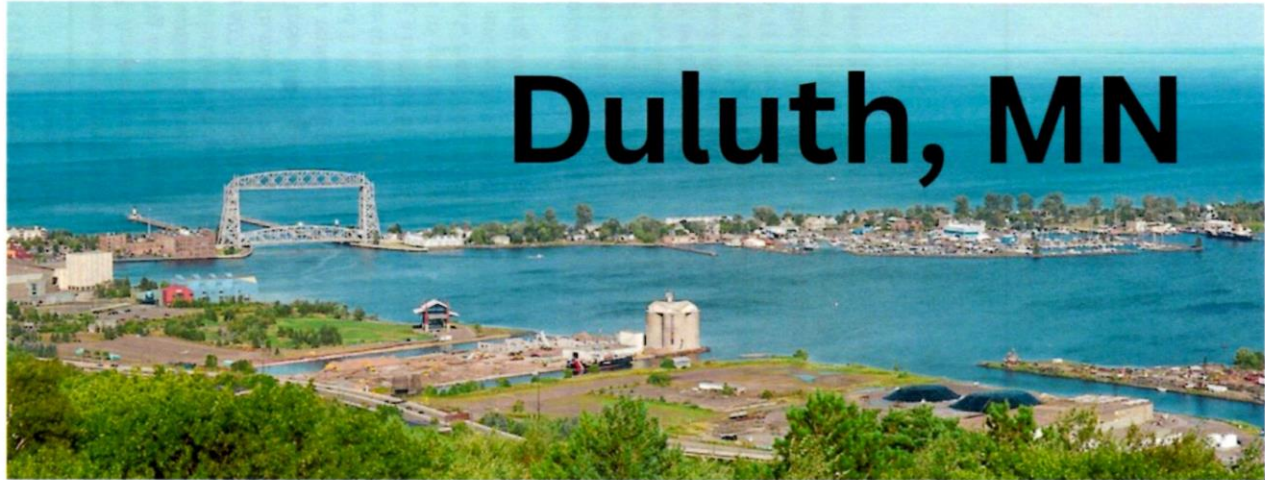
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American Lutheran Church Missions Trip 2023



Trip Date: July 16th-21st

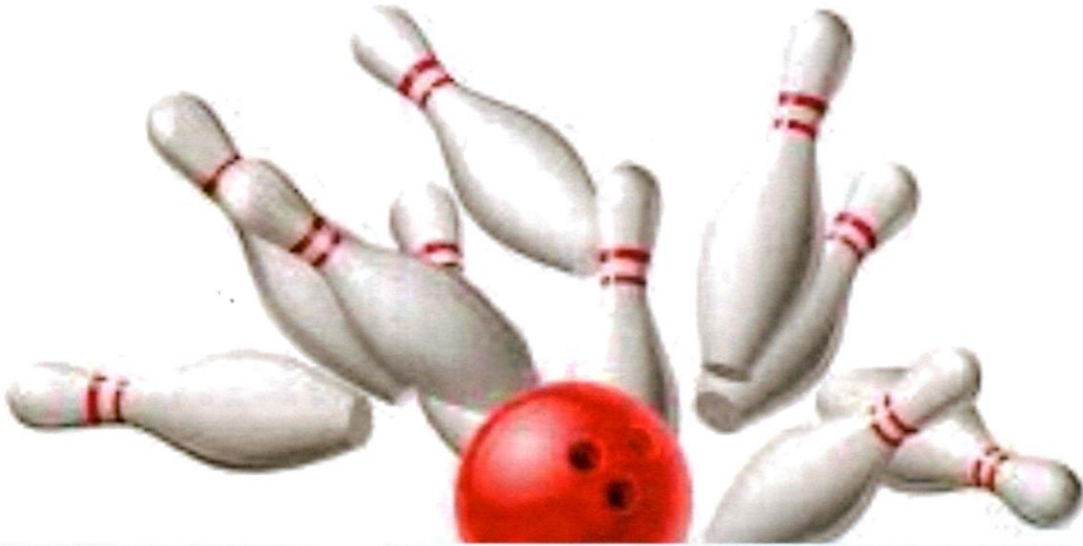
In Duluth, our group will work alongside YouthWorks partner organizations. Our group will have the opportunity to assist in children's programming at a local youth center, care for the elderly by helping with outdoor yard projects, or sort donations at a food pantry. In the evenings, visit local attractions 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"

PLEASE CALL 320-808-3087 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

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

Mon. Feb. 20th **6:30 pm Sarah Circle Practice for Sing-a-Long**
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Tue. Feb. 21st **8:15 am Staff Meeting**

Wed. Feb. 22nd **5:30 pm Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:15 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Communion
7:15 pm Choir Practice

Sat. Feb. 25th **1:00 pm Magnussen Baptism**

Sun. Feb. 26th **9:00 am Worship Service**
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am Sunday School
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Family Bowling in Osakis

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.