

A photograph of a winter landscape. In the foreground, a rustic stone wall made of reddish-brown blocks and dark wooden logs runs across the frame. The wall is partially covered with snow. In the background, there are snow-covered evergreen trees and a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and serene.

*Teach me
Thy holy way*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude Music

We prepare for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You have designed us with more complexity than any other creature. The Bible says we are made in Your image.

ALL: We were created to represent You.

PASTOR: And this allows us a near-complete experience life – the spiritual, physical, mental, and emotionally.

ALL: But we have misused and abused our spirits, bodies, minds, and hearts. What we have done and chosen not to do leads to us failing to represent You, to reflect Your love to the world.

PASTOR: Jesus came to restore what was lost! God Himself stepped down into our human life, but then He sacrificed His life on a cross. That death miraculously pays the price for our faults and failures.

Three days later, Christ Jesus returned to life, a promise that You are not only forgiven, that you are not only restored as His image-bearer, but that the new life God has given you will continue forever in His heavenly Kingdom! That is why we worship the LORD today.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, teach us to love. Inspire us by Your Holy Spirit to look beyond the emotions, seeing the actions we can take and sacrifices we can make to improve the lives of others. Amen.

♪ Opening Song

First Reading

Proverbs 6:27-28, 30-33

Psalm 91:1-3

READER: ¹ Declare me innocent, O LORD,
for I have acted with integrity...

ALL: I have trusted in You without wavering.

READER: ² Put me on trial, LORD, and cross-examine me.

ALL: Test my motives and my heart.

READER: ³ For I am always aware of Your unfailing love,

ALL: ... and I have lived according to Your truth.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:1-5, 15-16

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 5:27-30

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 "Love and Desire"

♪ Our Offering of Worship

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

Postlude Music

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

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

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, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, and Rose Thorp.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Marlyne Klinder in memory of Gerri. 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: March 5, 2023

Proverbs 12:19-22 James 1:16-22

Psalms 25:1-5 Matthew 5:33-37

Sermon Title: “Truth and Spin”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Riece Falzone

Deacon & Usher: Blain Hall

Reader: Laurie Fevig



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Wednesday's (March 1) Lenten service will be the Sarah Circle Olde Tyme Sing Along (WEATHER PERMITTING!) Plans are to gather for a quick run-through at 5:45 between supper and the beginning of service. Any of our church ladies who want to join in leading are asked to be there. **SUGGESTED ATTIRE** is dark(black/blue/brown) with bright scarf! **TODAY**, ask Deb Fearing or Blanche Tirk for a printed info sheets as you leave worship service.

If you have pictures from our American Lutheran Church 90th Anniversary celebration, please share any copies with the church office. Deb Fearing is compiling a memorial photo album from the event.

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: 80

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,808.20

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 19th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$6,943.61 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

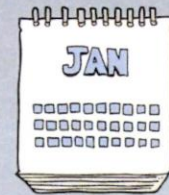
January 11 - Quest Kids Family Night

The Amazing Race! @ 6:00 PM

January 18 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 25 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

2023!



FEBRUARY

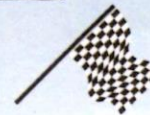
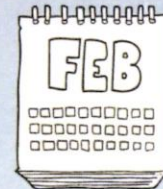
February 01 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

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 cancelations. 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).

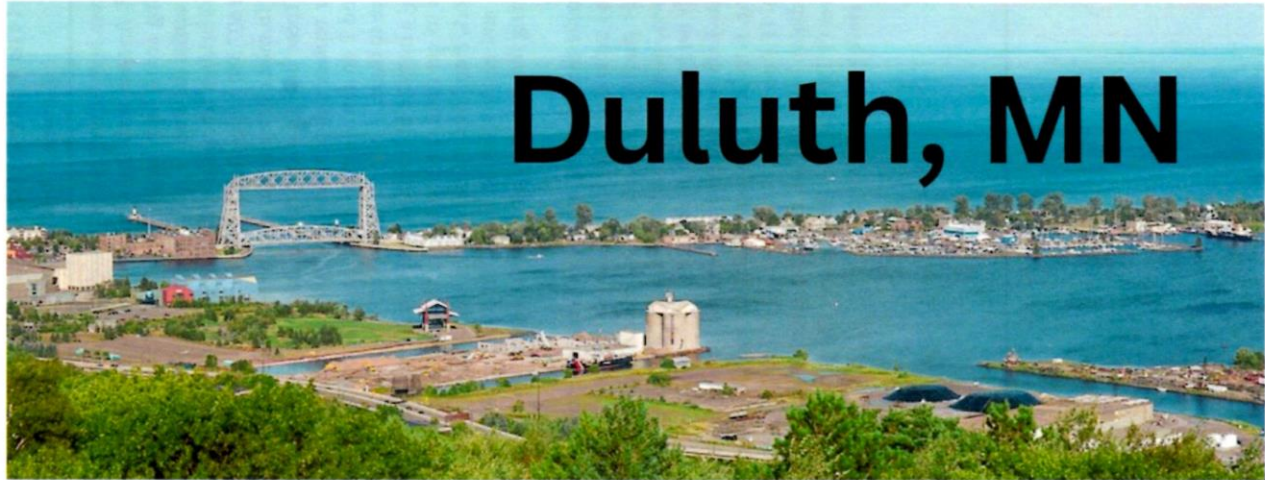
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American Lutheran Church Missions Trip 2023



Trip Date: July 16th-21st

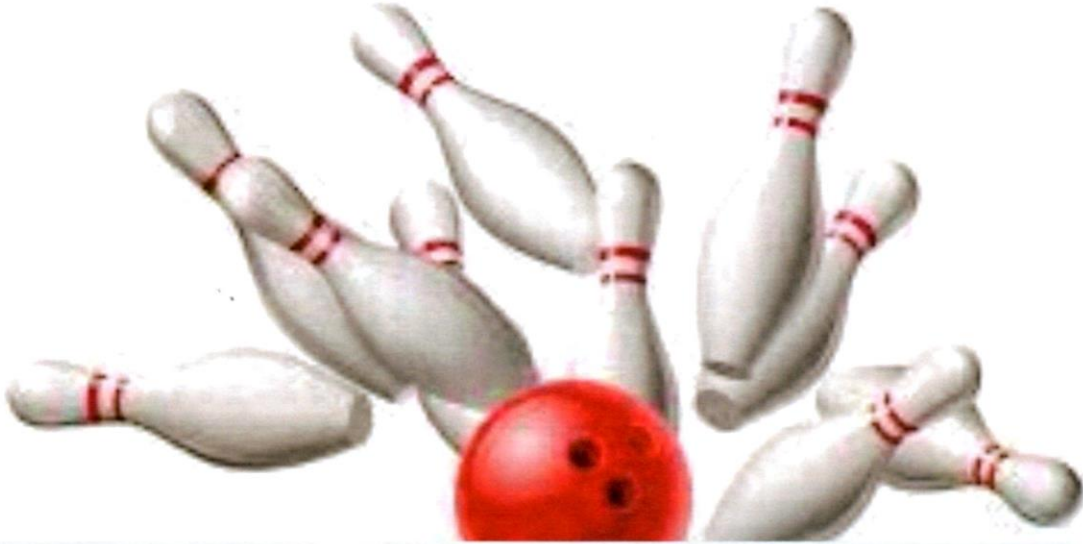
In Duluth, our group will work alongside YouthWorks partner organizations. Our group will have the opportunity to assist in children's programming at a local youth center, care for the elderly by helping with outdoor yard projects, or sort donations at a food pantry. In the evenings, visit local attractions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

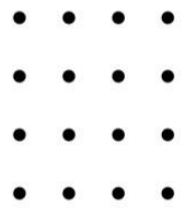
Application and \$50 deposit due date: 02/20/2023

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 520-808-3087 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- 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
- Mon. Feb. 27th** **5:30 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting**
6:30 pm Staff Meeting
- Wed. Mar. 1st** **5:15 pm Board of Education Meeting**
5:30 pm Family Night Supper
5:45 pm Practice for Sarah Circle Sing-Along
6:00 pm Quest Kids
**6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service with Sarah
Circle Ol' Tyme Gospel Sing-Along and
Message "The Brave and the Craven"**
7:15 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Deacon Meeting
- Fri. Mar. 3rd** **5:30 pm – 9:00 pm IF:LONG PRAIRIE Women's
Conference**
- Sat. Mar. 4th** **9:30 am – 4:00 pm IF:LONG PRAIRIE Women's
Conference**
- Sun. Mar. 5th** **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.