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affection
on things
above***

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “It Is You”

We prepare for worship.

Greetings and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we ask for light. The unknown of what might be lurking in the shadows scares us.

ALL: But more often, we are terrified by the darkness we see inside ourselves.

PASTOR: And so, we fear our fate.

ALL: Unless Your light shines through us, we know death is certain.

PASTOR: God sees our darkness, but is not afraid. Instead, He comes as Jesus Christ to bring us back into the light. His death on the cross frees you from sin, and His return to life three days later defeats your death. God’s Son has risen on you, and that is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Show me where to go, what to do, and how I might bring Your light to others who are lost in the dark. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “You’re Worthy of My Praise”

First Reading

Isaiah 8:20-22, 9:1-2

Psalms 143:6-8

READER: ⁶LORD God, I lift my hands to You in prayer.

I thirst for You as parched land thirsts for rain.

ALL: ⁷Come quickly, O LORD, and answer me, because my depression is deepening!

READER: Don't turn away from me,
or I will die.

**ALL: 8 Every morning, I want to be awakened
by a reminder of Your unfailing love.
I am trusting You to bring me light in this darkness!**

READER: Show me where to walk –
where to go and what to do –
as I entrust myself to You!

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

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 "Light and Life"

♪ Our Offering of Worship "We Give You Praise"

Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion "Praise You"

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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Postlude Music

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, Linda Hatton, Mike Holden, Amy Holmquist, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Joni Love, Tyrone Moye, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Rose Thorp, and Bev Zinter.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Doris Peterson in memory of husband, Lloyd. 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 12, 2023

Jeremiah 17:7-8 Galatians 6:7-10

Psalms 24:1-5, 9-10 Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon Title: “The Blessed”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ali Barthel

Deacon: Blain Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

"THANK YOU in advance for your voluntary participation in Baby Bottle Campaign to support our local Pregnancy & Life Resource Center! Please return your gift in the bottle on or before **FEBRUARY 12**. God bless you for helping to protect unborn babies and support their parents!"

The January & February 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: 81

General Fund receipts for last two weeks: \$5,114.12

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 12/31/22:

Budgeted needs: \$235,103.00

Receipts: \$227,114.84

Actual expenses: \$214,607.67

As of January 29th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$5,129.18 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

ADJUSTED QUEST KIDS 22-23 WINTER CALENDAR!

JANUARY

January 04 - NO QUEST - DUE TO WEATHER

January 6-7 - MEGA FUN @ CAMP LEBANON

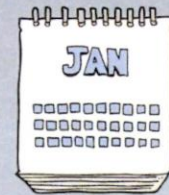
January 11 - Quest Kids Family Night

The Amazing Race! @ 6:00 PM

January 18 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 25 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

2023!



FEBRUARY

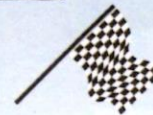
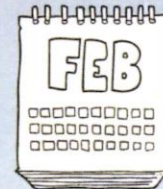
February 01 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

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).

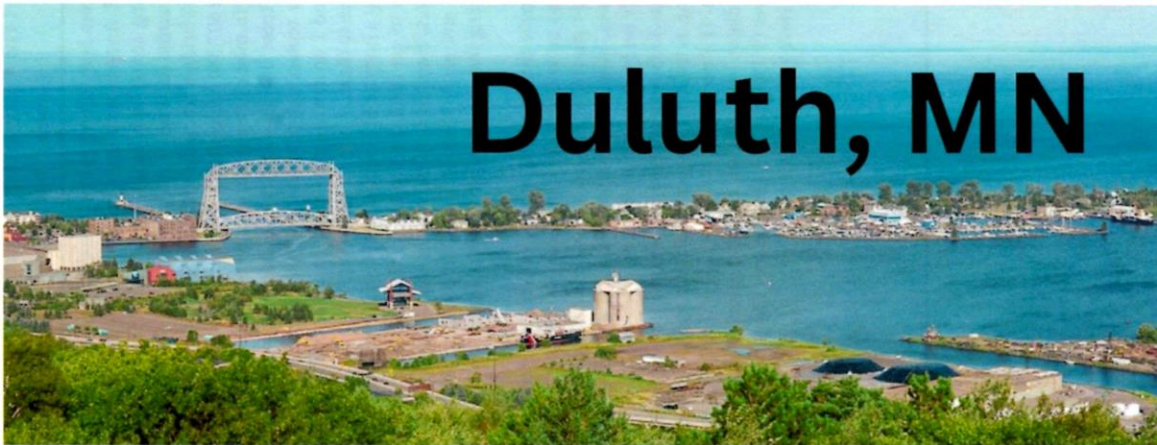
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American Lutheran Church Missions Trip 2023



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. 5th 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School

Tue. Feb. 7th 9:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Feb. 8th 9:30 am Esther Circle
5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Quest Kids Family Night Derby
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

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