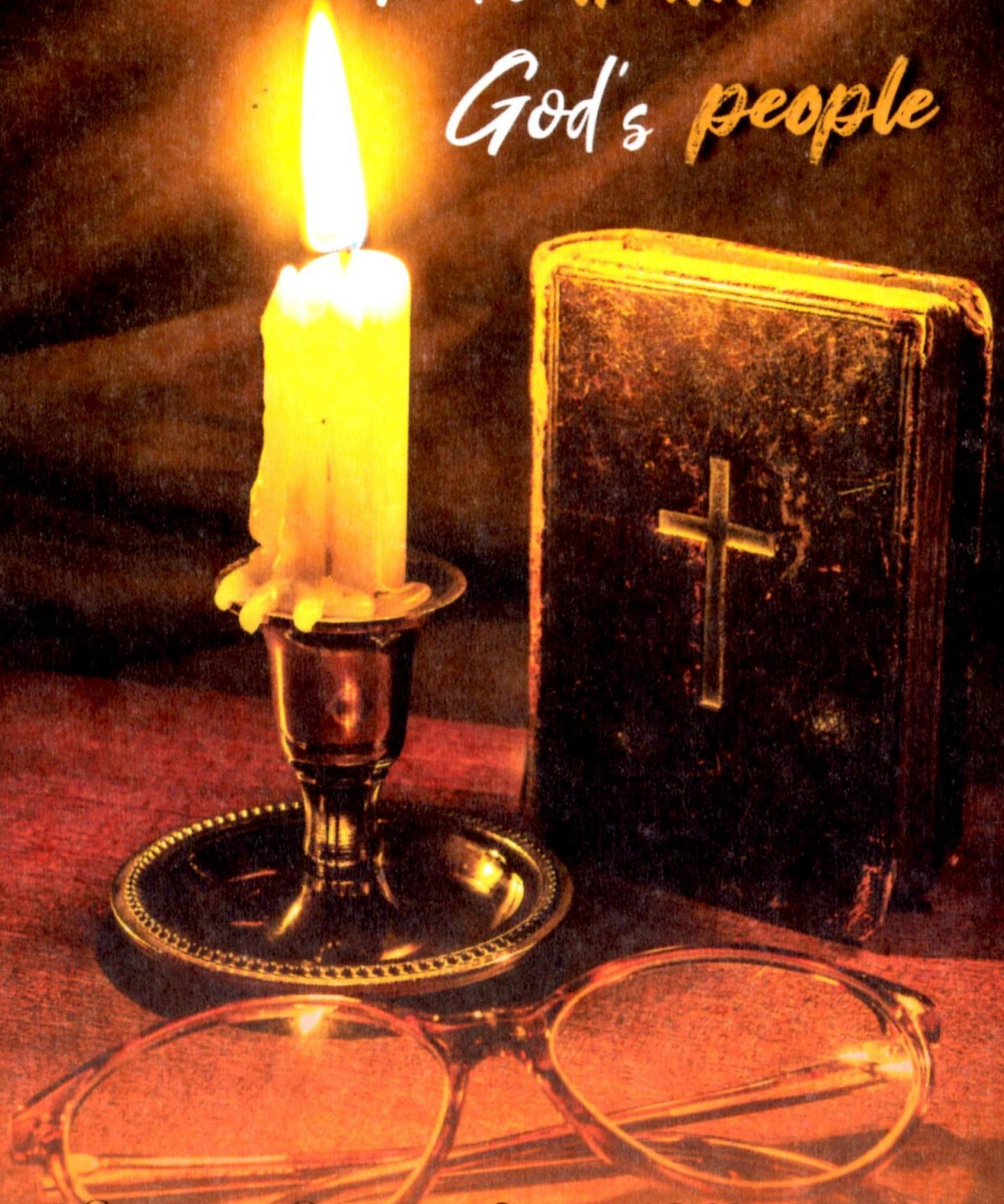


*God's Word speaks  
God's truth to  
God's people*



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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 the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

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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 "He Leadeth Me"

#501 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 – Martin Luther’s Morning Prayer

**ALL: We thank You, heavenly Father – in the name of Your dear Son Jesus Christ – for bringing us safely through the night, for protecting us from all harm and danger. Please also bless this day, shielding us against sin and every evil, so that our every action would be pleasing to You. We trust our lives to You, our bodies and souls – everything! Send Your holy angels to be with us, that the evil enemy would have no power over us. Amen!**

First Reading

*Jeremiah 29:11-13*

Psalm 18:2, 4-7, 9a, 13a, 16a, 19a

READER: <sup>02</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress,  
and my savior.

**ALL: My God is my rock, in Whom I find protection...  
He is my place of safety.**

READER: <sup>04</sup> The ropes of death entangled me,  
the destructive floods swept over me...

**ALL: <sup>05</sup> ... and the grave wrapped its ropes around me.  
Death laid a trap in my path!**

READER: <sup>06</sup> But in my distress I cried out to the LORD...

**ALL: ... and my prayer reached His ears.**

READER: <sup>07</sup> Then the earth quaked and trembled.

**ALL: The foundations of the mountains shook;  
they quaked because of His anger.**

READER: <sup>09a</sup> He opened the heavens and came down.

**ALL: <sup>13a</sup> The LORD thundered from Heaven!**

READER: <sup>16a</sup> He reached down from Heaven and rescued me;

**ALL: <sup>19a</sup> ... and He led me to a place of safety.**

Second Reading

*Romans 8:26-28*

✦  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 sixth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Matthew 6:7-13*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Children's Sermon

Sermon "The Lord's Prayer"

✦ The Apostles Creed

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**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 "The Lord's Prayer"

**ALL: Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever! Amen.**

✦ ♪ 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.**

The Words of Institution

Page 69 LBW

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

**ALL: ...hear our prayer.**

Benediction

*A word of blessing.*

♪ Closing Hymn “Thine the Amen” (Verses 1-3)

#801 WOV

Postlude Music

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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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, Jean Bonney, Everett Bullert, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Jim and Judy Kennedy, Lenny Kortuem, Kay Larson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Rose Thorp, and the family of Dick Bonney.

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Karl & Beth Arenson in honor of Karl’s and Beth’s birthdays. 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 26, 2023**

Proverbs 21:2                      Romans 5:1-4

Psalms 51:1, 4, 9-10              Matthew 7:1-6

Sermon Title: “Judge Not”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Janie Thole

Usher: Karl Arenson

Keyboard: Mason Ellingson

Acolyte: Peyton Hukriede

Reader: Ronelle Hasse



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU so much!** Even though there are seven Baby Bottles outstanding; American Lutheran Church family donated a grand total of **\$854.16** in them! Unborn babies, their families and Pregnancy & Life Resource Center locally, thank you so very much for your kind generosity to this mission ministry.

**If you have pictures from our American Lutheran Church 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration**, please share any copies with the church office. The church is compiling a memorial photo album from the event.

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

**We are in need of people to sign up to bring Easter lilies** to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets posted on the easel in the narthex. Be sure to mark how many you will bring and who they are in honor or memory of.

**Palm Sunday Brunch** sign-up sheets are posted on the easel in the narthex. Helpers are needed for table setters, cooks, etc. The brunch will be a fund raiser for our high school youth Summer Mission Trip.

**Please sign up for the Passover Seder Meal** on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to attend. The Seder Meal will be at 5:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 March is our Long Prairie Food Shelf.** A box for food donations is in the narthex. Food and money donations are needed. Earmark your monetary gift "Food Shelf" and we'll make sure they get it. March is **Minnesota Food Share** month.

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 114

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 March 5<sup>th</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$6,230.38 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



# QUEST KIDS 2023 SPRING CALENDAR!

## MARCH

- March 01 - Quest Kids Family Night  
Movie Night! @ 6:00 PM
- March 08 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- March 15 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- March 22 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- March 29 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

## APRIL

- April 05 - Quest Kids Family Night  
Celebrating Easter! @ 6:00 PM
- April 12 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- April 19 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM
- April 26 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

## MAY

- May 03 - Quest Kids Family Night  
Camp Lebanon Lazer Tag!  
AND the 2023 Finale! @ 6:00 PM



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**POTLUCK  
&  
TIE BLANKETS  
&  
Fun**

**03/19/23  
AFTER SUNDAY  
SCHOOL-3PM**

Families come join us for an afternoon of fellowship as we share a meal, tie blankets and distribute tie blanket at the nursing home.



## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am Sunday School**  
**11:15 am – 3:00 pm Family Potluck & Tie**  
**Blankets & Fun**

**Mon. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study**

**Tue. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> 8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 pm Family Night Supper**  
**6:00 pm Quest Kids**  
**6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service with Music by**  
**Anderson Family Band and Message**  
**“Scared Straight Johnny”**  
**7:15 pm Choir Practice**

**Sun. Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Service**  
**10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service**  
**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.