



A Night Like No Other

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID
A SAVIOR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD. LUKE 2:11

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17th, 2023
Sunday School Christmas Program
American Lutheran Church
Long Prairie, MN

Prelude Music – *Mason Ellingson*

Congregational Song: “Oh Come All Ye Faithful” – *LBW #45*

Opening Songs

Addie Ellingson – *viola*, “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Mason Ellingson – *piano*, “O Holy Night”

Addie Ellingson – *voice*, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Announcements – *Pastor Ethan*

Opening Prayer – *James Holman*

A Time like No Other: God Creates the World

Speakers: Addie Ellingson, Ronelle Hasse, Jase Wagner

A Day like No Other: Sin Enters the World

Speakers: Addie Young, Jase Wagner, Ellie Young

A Promise like No Other: The Promise of a Savior

Speakers: Addie Ellingson, Jase Wagner, Ronelle Hasse

Congregational Song: “O Come O Come, Emmanuel”

(please stand) – LBW #34 (verses 1-2)

An Announcement like No Other: The Savior Will Be Born

Speakers: Addie Young, Ellie Young, Jase Wagner

A Night like No Other: Jesus Is Born!

Speakers: Ronelle Hasse, James Holman

Youth Choir: “Away in a Manger”

News like No Other: Angels Tell Shepherds the Good News

Speakers: Addie Ellingson, James Holman

Youth Choir: “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”

Congregational Song: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (*please stand*) - LBW #71

A Gift like No Other: Jesus Is the Savior of the World

Speakers: Addie Young, Jase Wagner

Congregational Song: “Silent Night” (*please stand*) - LBW #65

A Message of Love like No Other: He Helps Us Share His Love

Speakers: Ellie Young, James Holman

Congregational Song: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

(*with new lyrics, please stand*)

1. Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.
Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus
Christ is born.

2. This night is like no other!
The whole world needs to know
That Jesus came to save us
because he loves us so!
Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus
Christ is born.

Closing Prayer – *Congregation remain standing*

Dear Lord Jesus, help us tell the world about the first Christmas, a night like no other, when you came to earth to save us from sin and death. Fill our hearts with joy, a joy like no other, all because of you. Amen.

Congregational Closing Song: “Joy to the World” (*remain standing*) - LBW #39

Postlude – *Mason Ellingson*

Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service for cookies, cider, and coffee.
Kids will receive a special treat to take home!

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!

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Larry & Deb Adamek in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary. 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. A sign-up sheet is on the wall in the back of the sanctuary.

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Acolyte: Madison Parker

Ushers: Russ & Jean Jacobsen

Reilly Jacobsen

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Deb Fearing



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Children and Youth Christmas Program: Please join us today during worship service as our youth lead us in the story of the birth of Jesus. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us for a Free Community Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 25th at 11:30 a.m. here at the American Lutheran Church. If delivery is needed for shut-ins please contact Amber Wiener by December 23rd at 320-219-0458.

WE ARE IN NEED OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

We are looking for anyone interested in helping serve one Sunday a month with our kids' Sunday school program or willing to be a substitute when needed. Lessons are planned out and easy to follow, and supplies can be provided if needed. Please talk to Sierra, Jody, or Pastor Ethan if interested!

REMINDER - for record keeping purposes as per our ALC constitution: Please fill out a communion card once each year. The cards are found in the racks in the pews. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. THANK YOU! – Board of Deacons.

The December - February copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

If you are asked by the Nominating Committee to serve in one of our church's elected positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Deacon, Trustee, Youth & Family committee, Board of Education, etc.) please pray about it and ask for the Lord's guidance.

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 December is Kidstown International.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 92

General Fund receipts for last two weeks: \$21,281.17

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 10/31/23:

Budgeted needs: \$194,445.24

Receipts: \$173,550.04

Actual expenses: \$171,825.09

As of December 10th, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$2,020.71 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

Contact Information:

Pastor Ethan Fearing; Cell: (320) 874-0104

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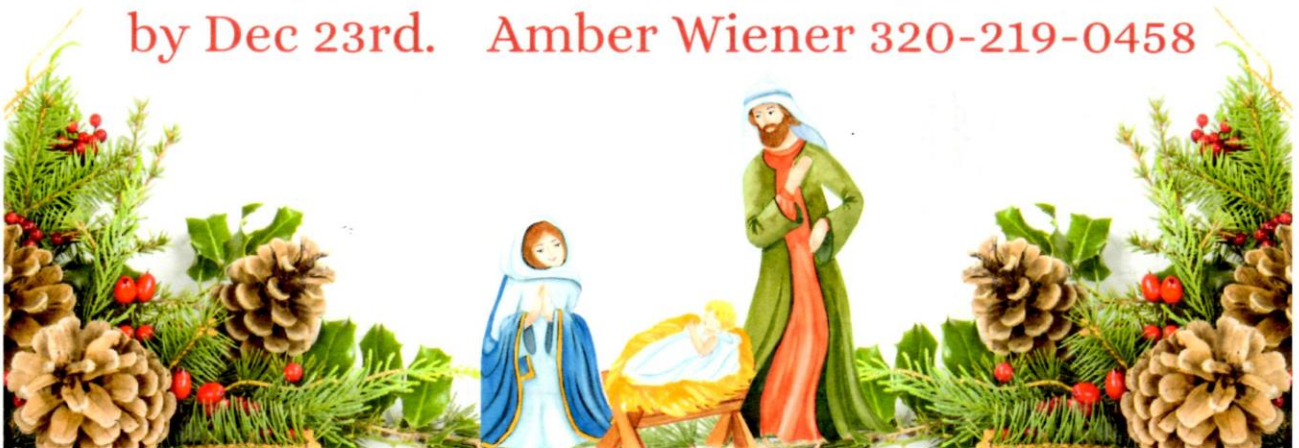
Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

FREE COMMUNITY Christmas Dinner

*American Lutheran Church
219 9th St. SE
Long Prairie, MN 56347*

*Dinner will be served
Dec 25th @ 11:30 am*

If delivery is needed for shut-ins please contact
by Dec 23rd. Amber Wiener 320-219-0458



NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

END 2023 WITH WORSHIP

START 2024 WITH PRAYER

December 31 | 7PM-12AM | FBC Long Prairie

All are welcome to this family friendly event, but children grade 6 and under need to be accompanied by an adult

Indoor & Outdoor Activities, so dress accordingly!

Bring a snack to share

❄️ QUEST KIDS 23-24 ❄️ WINTER CALENDAR!

DECEMBER

December 06 - Quest Kids Family Night
Christmas Caroling @ 6:00 PM

December 13 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

December 20 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

December 27 - No Quest... Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



JANUARY

January 03 - Quest Kids Family Night
The Amazing Race! @ 6:00 PM

January 5-6 - MEGA FUN @ CAMP LEBANON

January 10 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 17 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 24 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

January 31 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

2024!



FEBRUARY

February 07 - Quest Kids Family Night
2024 Quest Kids Derby! @ 6:00 PM


February 14 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

February 21 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM


February 28 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM



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Mission Trip Reveal

Come join us for a spaghetti lunch as we reveal where we are going for our missions trip

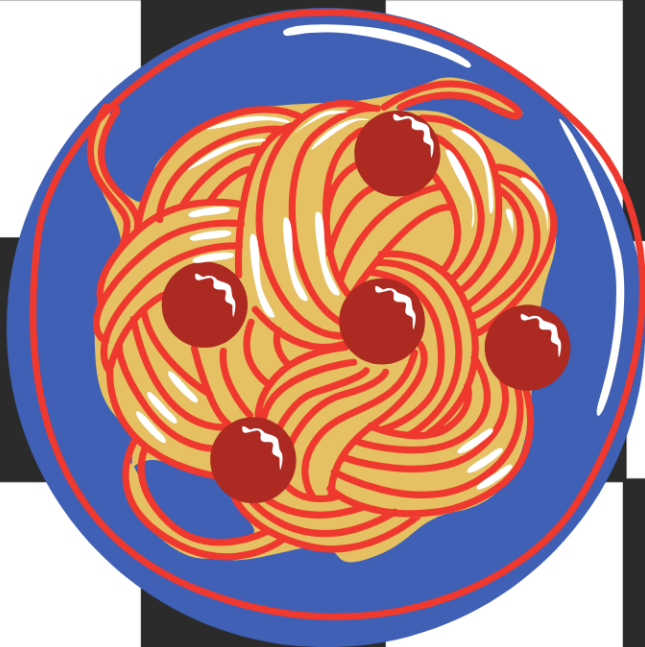
Meal Date January 7th at 11:30am

ALL WELCOMED, free will donations

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR!**



**Mission Trip
Dates: July
14th-20th
2024**



HINTS:

- 6 hours away
- We are Driving
- Not in MN

PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Marjorie Berry, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Bob Fox, Larry Hatton, Shane Hoemberg, Stephanie James, Lois Johnson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Theresa Simon, Roger Schultes, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, Baby Girl Young, and the family of Virginia Bruder.

We are so frequently reminded of the extreme danger those involved in Law Enforcement face. Within our congregation, there are many individuals and families who have friends and loved ones serving in these roles. Therefore, several of us are requesting that we regularly include these names in our weekly congregational prayers.

Presently we are requesting prayers for:

- Kyle Drum, husband of Toni Drum
- Nick Eldred, son of Chuck & Nancy Eldred
- Tom Haugen, son of Bryan & Linda Haugen, grandson of Ione Krause
- Tim Schroeder, son of Sue & Dennis Kaneski
- Brian Schultes, son of Dean & Julie Schultes
- Pete John, cousin to Janie Thole
- Barry Tirk, son of Allan & Blanche Tirk
- Tony Solseth, grandson of Carole Thompson
- Dave Greaver, Todd County Sheriff's Department Chaplain

We are perhaps not aware of all who should be included in this list. We have begun compiling and ask you to give the church office names of additional law enforcement personnel and their families.

Wednesday Family Night Supper 2023 – 2024 Schedule

Dec. 20th	Pork Roast Supper
Dec. 27th	NO SUPPER (Christmas Break)
Jan. 3rd	Soupers – Team 6
Jan. 10th	Variables – Team 2
Jan. 17th	Duke’s Mixture – Team 1
Jan. 24th	?
Jan. 31st	Spaghetti – Team 3
Feb. 7th	Taco Temptations – Team 4
Feb. 14th	Soupers - Team 6
Feb. 21st	Duke’s Mixture – Team 1
Feb. 28th	Youth Missions Fund Raiser
Mar. 6th	Variables – Team 2
Mar. 13th	Spaghetti – Team 3
Mar. 20th	Taco Temptations – Team 4
Mar. 27th	NO SUPPER (Holy Week)
Apr. 3rd	Soupers - Team 6
Apr. 10th	Duke’s Mixture – Team 1
Apr. 17th	Variables – Team 2
Apr. 24th	ALCW

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Dec. 17th: 9:00 am Worship Service with Sunday School
Christmas Program**

Mon. Dec. 18th 6:00 pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting

Wed. Dec. 20th: 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due

5:30 pm Family Night Supper

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Quest Kids

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sun. Dec. 24th: 9:00 am Advent Worship Service

**3:30 pm Viewing of “Chosen” Christmas
Episode**

3:30 pm Choir Practice

**4:00 pm Evening Christmas Eve Worship
Service with Communion**

**5:30 pm Viewing of “Chosen” Christmas
Episode**

**6:00 pm Evening Christmas Eve Worship
Service with Communion**

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.