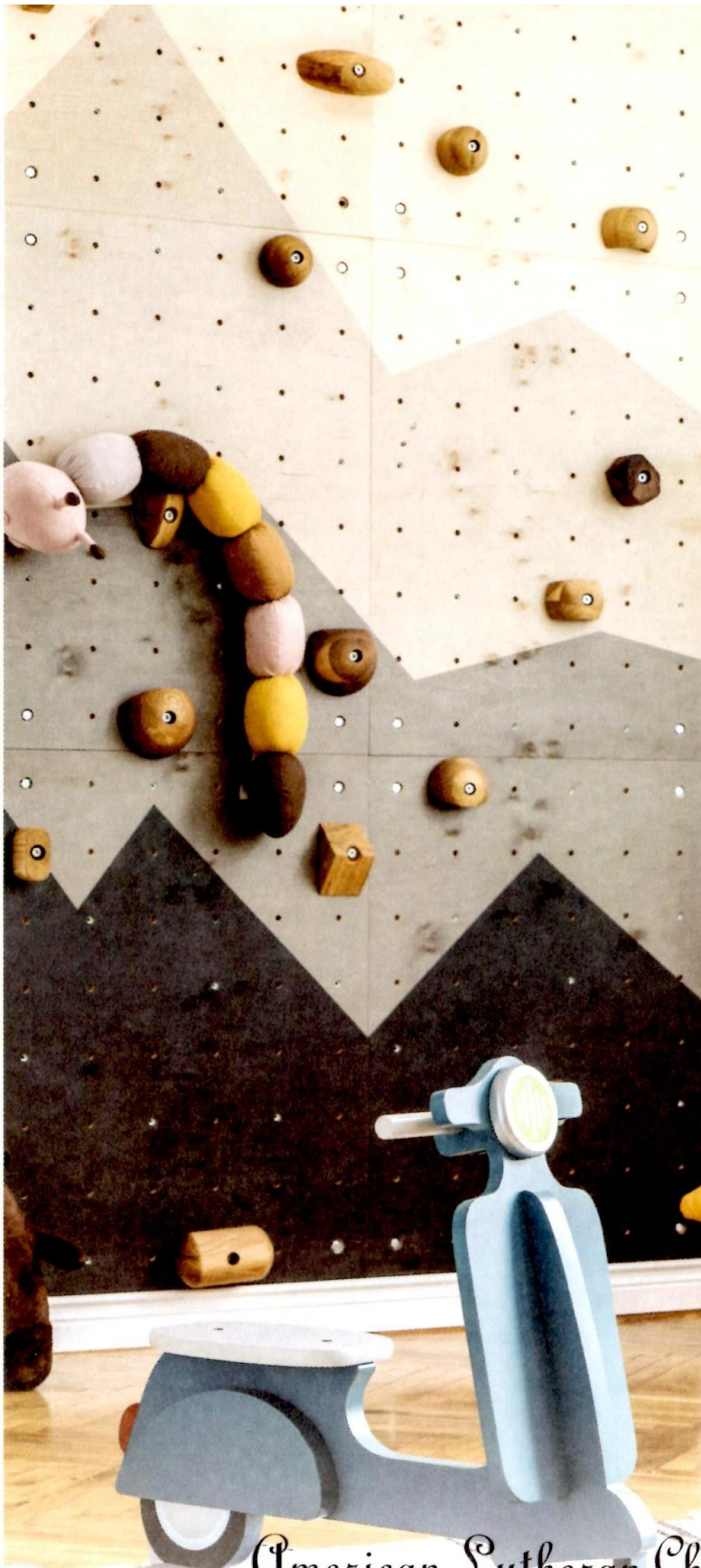


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*Suffer the
little children
to come
unto me*

Mark 10:14



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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude Music

We prepare for worship.

Mission Focus: Pregnancy & Life Resource Center

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You are the Giver of every good gift.

ALL: You are the source of love and generosity!

PASTOR: And You share those gifts with us, asking that pass them on to others. But we struggle to love, to be generous, to give what we can to those who need it most. We pretend that we have nothing to offer...

ALL: ... but it is our lack of generous love that makes us truly poor.

PASTOR: When God came to us as Jesus Christ, He forgave our selfishness and greed. He took those and every other sin to the cross, and they died with Him there. Then, when He rose again three days later, He promised yet another gift: life. God offers you never-ending life in His heavenly Kingdom. We have everything we need and more, more than enough to share, and that is why we praise the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day – Psalm 139:13-16a, 17a

ALL: Loving God, You crafted all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is amazing. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born, and every day of my life is recorded in

**Your book. How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God!
Amen.**

♪ Opening Song “Arise, Your Light Has Come”

#652 WOV

First Reading

Leviticus 19:33-34

Psalm 112:1, 4-7

READER: 1 Praise the LORD!

How joyful are those who respect the LORD
and delight in obeying His commands.

ALL: 4 Light shines in the darkness for the godly.

They are generous, compassionate, and righteous.

READER: 5 Good comes to those who lend money generously
and conduct their business fairly.

ALL: 6 Such people will not be overcome by evil.

Those who are righteous will be long remembered!

READER: 7 They do not fear bad news;

they confidently trust the LORD to care for them.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-16

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 10:5a, 9-10, 40-42

Children’s Sermon

Sermon “More Than a Welcome Mat”

Offering of Worship “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

#765 WOV

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion “He Touched Me”

Jim Flan

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 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

#760 WOV

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!

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Cindy Fuchs in memory of Donna Schneekloth. 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.

Bible Readings for Next Week: January 28, 2024

Ezekiel 16:46-50, 53-54

Jude 1:5-8

Psalms 8:1-2, 9

Matthew 10:5a, 11-15, 32-33

Sermon Title: “Shake It Off”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Olivia Browen

Deacon: Jon Fevig

Ushers: Pat & Tracy Schultz

Kirk & Jane Olson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

All boards and committees are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

2024 offering envelopes can be picked up on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.

We need people to sign up for radio sponsorships for 2024. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 28th at 11:30 a.m. There will be a “Time to Talk” at 10:15 a.m. for any questions before the annual meeting. A potblessing (potluck) dinner will follow the meeting.

If you have changed your address or phone number please call the church office and let us know. We are currently updating our church directory for 2024.

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.

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!

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 January is the Long Prairie Pregnancy and Life Resource Center – Medical Clinic.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 75

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,793.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,631.53

As of January 14th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$3,764.22 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

❄️ 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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Sun, Feb 11, 2024

SUPER BOWL PARTY

meet at church at 5pm

watching at Sierra's parents new home located in Long Prairie

FOOTBALL, FOOD, FUN AND GAMES



PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Bob Fox, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Lois Johnson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Roger Schultes, Matt Stacey, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, and the family of RoseAnn Zinter.

If you would like someone added to this list for special prayer or know of someone who would like a pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Ethan and let him know of your request.

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

Jan. 24th	NO SUPPER
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. Jan. 21st: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am Mission Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Sunday Nights at the Movies – Sound of Freedom (PG13)
- Mon. Jan. 22nd: 6:00 pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting**
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study
- Tue. Jan. 23rd: 8:15 am Staff Meeting**
- Wed. Jan. 24th: 6:00 pm Quest Kids**
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- Tue. Jan. 25th: 9:00 am Audio-Visual Committee Meeting**
- Sun. Jan. 28th: 8:30 am Choir Practice**
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Time to Talk
11:00 am Annual Meeting with Potluck Following

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.