

*More secure is no one ever  
Than the loved ones of the Savior*

*Lina Sandell*



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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Welcoming Song

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

SPEAKER: LORD God, You give us Your Word, speaking to us through the Bible. We find Your loving lessons and generous gifts on every page, but we often ignore what You say.

**ALL: We focus only on the words we want to hear.**

SPEAKER: And why? You are the source of wisdom, so why do we shut out Your advice?

**ALL: Words have power, especially Yours, and power can move us. It can change us.**

SPEAKER: But we need to be changed! God, we need You to rescue us from our ways, from the ways that lead to death, bringing us back to the Life You so freely offer.

**ALL: Open our eyes! Help us to read, to hear, to receive Your every word.**

SPEAKER: God continues speaking life to you. That's why He came in-person as Jesus Christ, that's why He died and rose again to save us from sin and death, and it's why He is bringing you into His heavenly Kingdom. This is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, as we gather to worship You, block out every distraction. Help us to hear only You, to hear all You would say to us today. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

#343 LBW

First Reading

*Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17*

Psalm 113:1-2, 5-9

READER: 1 Praise the LORD!

Yes, give praise, O servants of the LORD.

Praise the name of the LORD!

**ALL: 2 Blessed be the name of the LORD  
now and forever!**

READER: 5 Who can be compared with the LORD our God,  
who is enthroned on high?

**ALL: 6 He stoops to look down  
on heaven and on earth.**

READER: 7 Yet He lifts the poor from the dirt  
and the needy from the garbage dump.

**ALL: 8 He sets them among princes,  
even the princes of his own people!**

READER: 9 He gives the childless woman a family,  
making her a happy mother.

**ALL: Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading

*Romans 5:12, 18-19*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*John 9:1-7*

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

Message "Wisdom"

Kirk Olson, Guest Speaker

♪ Our Offering of Worship "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus" #460 LBW

Prayers of the People

**SPEAKER: 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 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" #448 LBW

Sending Song

*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!

**Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Marlyne Klinder in memory of loved ones. 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!

### **Bible Readings for Next Week: February 25, 2024**

Genesis 6:5-22                      Hebrews 11:7

Psalms 18:4-7, 9, 13              Luke 21:34-36

Sermon Title: "Numb"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Austin Parker

Deacon: Jon Fevig

Ushers: Ione Krause

Karl & Beth Arenson



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BABY BOTTLE fundraiser Campaign has started.** Please return your bottle by FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>. "Gift" boxes are in the church lobby and on the usher pew in the back of the sanctuary to put your bottle in. THANK YOU in advance! Pregnancy and Life Resource Center and unborn babies!

**Prayer shawls will be available after today's worship service.** They are free and can be picked up by or for anyone who could use a hug. See Jane Hasse if you have any questions.

**If you would like to join the choir for the Easter season,** contact Emily Steinert at 320-808-7347.

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

**Copies of our 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Membership Directories** are available on a table in the narthex.

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

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

### **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](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 February is Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief.** Samaritan's Purse follows 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: 65

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,593.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,631.53

General Fund Year to Date (2023 YTD) as of 12/31/23:

Budgeted needs: \$234,218.13

Receipts: \$238,151.84

Actual expenses: \$213,043.84

As of February 11<sup>th</sup>, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$7,736.14 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

### **Contact Information:**

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# ❄️ 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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## **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, and Sharon Wiegers.

**Our ongoing prayer list includes** Pratik Biswakarma and Chintapalli Divya.

**If you would like someone added to these lists 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 Kaniski
- 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 Schedule

<b>Feb. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Duke's Mixture – Team 1</b>
<b>Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Youth Missions Fund Raiser</b>
<b>Mar. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Variables – Team 2</b>
<b>Mar. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spaghetti – Team 3</b>
<b>Mar. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Taco Temptations – Team 4</b>
<b>Mar. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SUPPER (Holy Week)</b>
<b>Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Soupers - Team 6</b>
<b>Apr. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Duke's Mixture – Team 1</b>
<b>Apr. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Variables – Team 2</b>
<b>Apr. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ALCW</b>

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am Sunday School**  
**11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting**  
**6:30 pm Sunday Nights at the Movies – “The Prince of Egypt Live” (PG)**

**Mon. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>: 6:15 pm Sarah Circle Sing at Meadow Place**  
**7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study**

**Tue. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>: 8:15 am Staff Meeting**

**Wed. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>: 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due**  
**5:30 pm Family Night Supper**  
**6:00 pm Quest Kids**  
**6:15 pm Lenten Service**  
**7:15 pm Choir Practice**

**Fri. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 5:30 pm Women’s Conference IF: Long Prairie at First Baptist Church**

**Fri. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am Women’s Conference IF: Long Prairie at First Baptist Church**

**Sun. Feb. 25<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.