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# February 2024 Newsletter



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## **From the Pastor....**

To you, the LORD's beloved people of American Lutheran Church,

"Anyone who belongs to Jesus Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone, and a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

We are NOT WHAT WE WERE. That's what God tells us in the Bible, reminding us His cross and empty grave redefine our very lives, forgiving our faults and failures – even those we aren't willing to forgive ourselves – and giving us an eternal destiny in the perfect paradise of His heavenly Kingdom. This is what we will be celebrating in Lent! During the weeks leading up to Easter's Resurrection Sunday, please join us for a series of midweek and other special worship services, many of which will be paired with filling meals. As we gather, we will reflect on the ways God has changed people for the better throughout history, and how His Holy Spirit is making each of us NOT WHAT WE WERE.

For more details on this year's Lenten series, please find the NOT WHAT WE WERE poster in this newsletter.

God bless you all!

By grace, through faith, in Christ,  
Pastor Ethan Fearing  
320-874-0104

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



## ❄️ 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



# Sunday Nights at the Movies

**Feb. 4: "Greater" (PG)**

**Feb. 18: "The Prince of Egypt Live" (PG)**

**PLEASE mark your calendars** for

'Sunday Nights at the Movies'!

ALC invites our congregation and the community to attend FREE movies, showing at 6:30pm (various topics/titles, Christian themes).

This is your chance to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to join you to learn more about Jesus/Christian life (or hear for the first time) via movies.

\*Light refreshments will be served.

For young families: \*NURSERY will be provided.

**\*INVITE others to join you PLEASE!\***



American Lutheran Church  
welcomes everyone for

# SUNDAY NIGHTS AT THE MOVIES

6:30  
PM

215 9th Street SE, Long Prairie, MN 56347

Entry is free! Nursery care and snacks will be provided.

|            |             |          |          |
|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| January 7  | February 4  | March 3  | April 14 |
| January 21 | February 18 | March 17 | April 28 |



# ALCW

**BABY BOTTLE** fundraiser Campaign has started. Please return your bottle by FEBRUARY 11. "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!



**We have a ALCW meeting** on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm to talk about our projects for the next year. Please come and share with us what projects you think we should work on.

Thank you, Peggy Kortuem



## **NEW 2 U** sale 2024

Please note: this ALCW missions outreach fundraiser had to be rescheduled to **MAY 10th and 11th** this year! The Todd Co Fair will be the last weekend in June when we have usually held the sale! In-gathering, to accept your donations, will begin April 25. So, as you do 'spring cleaning'....please consider sharing your "treasures" with ALCW for this project. We appreciate your generosity now, as in the past!  
Thank you in advance!  
God's peace and blessings! New 2 U crew



# Mission Focus



The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God’s desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, “Go and do likewise.” For over 50 years, Samaritan’s Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ’s command by going to the aid of the world’s poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, “Why did you come?” The answer is always the same: “We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.” Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, “*For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake*” (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

## ***Mission Statement***

***Samaritan’s Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan’s Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God’s love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.***

# Service Group 1 – Jan - Feb

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### Service Group Responsibilities:

- Serve for funerals on a rotating basis every 7<sup>th</sup> Funeral.
- Serve for special events occurring during the two-month period.

**Group 1 Leaders:**                    **Doris Peterson**  
   **Jane Olson**

### Group 1 Members:

Anderson, Blair & Marchell  
Baker, Misty  
Chapin, Bob & Tammie  
Faust, Kevin & Donna  
Gustafson, Woody & Marilyn  
Haugen, Bryan & Linda  
Hillig, Scott & Becky  
Krause, Ione  
Monson, John & Helen  
Olson, Kirk  
Ostendorf, Jim & Patty  
Parker, Chuck & Kathy  
Sanvik, Lowell & Carol  
Schneekloth, Gary & Pam  
Schultz, Pat & Tracy  
Simpson, Vicki  
Tirk, Al & Blanche

# February

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Faust  
2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Merritt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Teresa Wieggers  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kensley Gebhardt  
6<sup>th</sup> Mary Emblom  
7<sup>th</sup> Betty Oliver  
8<sup>th</sup> Al Bruder  
8<sup>th</sup> Brielle Flan  
8<sup>th</sup> Brea Ostendorf  
9<sup>th</sup> Darlene Jacobson  
9<sup>th</sup> Lowell Sanvik  
10<sup>th</sup> Debbie Pesta  
11<sup>th</sup> Amy Holmquist  
11<sup>th</sup> Reilly Jacobsen  
11<sup>th</sup> Heather Marcyes  
12<sup>th</sup> Sue Kaneski  
14<sup>th</sup> Marsha Paulson  
14<sup>th</sup> Jeni Vanselow  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan Jorgensen  
17<sup>th</sup> Hunter Katterhagen  
18<sup>th</sup> Lon Hatton  
18<sup>th</sup> Cole Ostendorf  
19<sup>th</sup> Dan Hillman  
19<sup>th</sup> Leora Hillman  
20<sup>th</sup> Mason Ellingson  
20<sup>th</sup> Kinzey Saarela  
23<sup>rd</sup> Gary Schneekloth  
24<sup>th</sup> Stacy Cavallero  
26<sup>th</sup> Amy Dahl  
27<sup>th</sup> Ethan Barthel  
28<sup>th</sup> Gloria Larsen













## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

14<sup>th</sup> Ron & Lori Zellmann





# ALC CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2024

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                               | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
|   |  |                                   |   | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| <b>4</b><br>8:00am Board of Education Meeting<br>8:30am Choir Practice<br>9:00am <b>Worship Service with Communion</b><br>10:15am Sunday School<br>6:30pm Sunday Nights at the Movies - "Greater" (PG)<br> | <b>5</b><br>7:00pm Trustee Meeting           | <b>6</b><br>8:15am Staff Meeting  | <b>7</b><br>5:30pm <b>Family Night Supper</b><br>6:00pm Quest Kids Family Night – Kids Derby!<br>6:00pm Confirmation Class<br>8:00pm Deacon Meeting<br><br>                 | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>  |
| <b>11</b><br>9:00am <b>Worship Service</b><br>10:15am Sunday School<br>5:00pm Youth Super Bowl Party for Grades 6-12 - Meet at Church<br>   | <b>12</b>                                    | <b>13</b><br>8:15am Staff Meeting | <b>14</b><br>9:30am Esther Circle<br>5:30pm <b>Family Night Supper</b><br>6:00pm Quest Kids<br>6:15pm <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b><br>8:00pm Church Council Meeting<br><br> | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>18</b><br>9:00am <b>Worship Service with Communion</b><br>10:15am Sunday School<br>11:30am Missions Committee Meeting<br>6:30pm Sunday Nights at the Movies - "The Prince of Egypt Live" (PG)<br>     | <b>19</b><br>7:00pm Sarah Circle Bible Study | <b>20</b><br>8:15am Staff Meeting | <b>21</b><br>11:00am Newsletter Articles Due<br>5:30pm <b>Family Night Supper</b><br>6:00pm Quest Kids<br>6:15pm <b>Lenten Service</b><br>7:15pm Choir Practice<br><br> | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br>5:30pm Women's Conference IF:Long Prairie at First Baptist Church | <b>24</b><br>9:30am Women's Conference IF:Long Prairie at First Baptist Church |
| <b>25</b><br>9:00am <b>Worship Service</b><br>10:00am Prayer at Altar after Service<br>10:15am Sunday School<br>   | <b>26</b><br>6:00pm Staff Meeting            | <b>27</b>                         | <b>28</b><br>5:30pm <b>Family Night Supper</b><br>6:00pm Quest Kids<br>6:15pm <b>Lenten Service</b><br>7:15pm Choir Practice<br><br>                                    | <b>29</b><br>9:00am Audio-Visual Committee Meeting |  |  |