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April 2024 Newsletter



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From the Pastor....

WHAT I KNOW

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

Resurrection Sunday, otherwise known as Easter, has come again! What better time is there to pause, to reflect on some artful Christian poetry, and to apply it to our own lives, the lives Christ Jesus promises are everlasting? It is for this reason that I am sharing the lyrics of a traditional Easter hymn, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

I know that my Redeemer lives.
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead.
He lives, my ever-living Head.
He lives to bless me with His love.
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed.
He lives to bless in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply.
He lives to guide me with His eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint.
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
He lives to silence all my fears.
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart.
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise Heav'nly Friend.
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing.
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
He lives and grants me daily breath.
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare.

From the Pastor... (Continued)

He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives! All glory to His name!

He lives, my Savior, still the same.

Oh, sweet the joy this sentence gives:

"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

He lives! All glory to His name!

He lives, my Savior, still the same.

Oh, sweet the joy this sentence gives:

"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

May the LORD God truly bless you this Easter, knowing your new life begins with Him and ends never.

By grace, through faith, in Christ,

Pastor Ethan Fearing

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**Time to start organizing our
2024 shoeboxes!**

Shoebox Workday Wednesday,
April 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Youth & Family

Sunday Nights at the Movies

April 14: "The Passion of the Christ" (R)

April 28: "I Can Only Imagine" (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



ALCW NEW 2 U Sale 2024

Planned for May 10th and 11th.

Accepting DONATIONS April 25th through May 1st. (Usual restrictions: NO: books, large appliances, no electronics, TVs, etc.)

[sorting and other prep will be ongoing during this time frame]

SET UP: May 2 through May 9. (Displays, pricing, sit down jobs)

Serving with time, gifts and talents to help support this project is greatly appreciated!

Fun, food, fellowship and blessings to be had!

Questions/thoughts:

Deb @ 732-4184 or Julie @ 320 533 1070

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Fair Stand Update – Page 1

At our annual meeting in January, our congregation passed a motion to allow the Fair Stand Committee to explore partnering with other groups and organizations as a way to ease the worker shortages the Fair Stand has been experiencing over the past years. We have met as a committee and worked closely with the Youth and Family Coordinator, who oversees the resulting scholarships, to build a system that honors the discussion at the January meeting.

Priorities identified in January:

- Need for more adult workers
- Ensuring that ALC scholarship applicants are not passed over for non-members to receive scholarships
- Ensuring that ALC members are able to sign up for work shifts that fit their schedule before those shifts are filled by non-members

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Summary of changes presented to the Fair Board:

1. Work shift requirements - We have kept the same number of overall shifts required for scholarship recipients. We have changed the requirement on who fills those shifts. Historically, youth have been able to fill as many of their shift requirements as they wished. This seems to have resulted in satisfactory to excessive numbers of youth servers and a lack of adult kitchen workers. Beginning this year, youth will work half of the required shifts and an adult sponsor will need to work the other half. We will be encouraging youth to connect with close and extended family, friends, neighbors, and other members of their congregation to serve as their sponsors.
2. Partnering with another organization - this possibility has come up in multiple discussions. We've considered the benefits and drawbacks of partnering with another church or organization and recommend against it at this time. Instead, we will use any

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available funds to support individuals in other local congregations. Should there be campership funds that are not yet claimed after the March 31st application due date, we will be reaching out to another local minister to recommend an applicant(s) for a camp scholarship for that year. This will allow us to fulfill our mission of helping youth attend a Bible Camp or mission trip, and these youth would also bring in adult sponsors to help fill shifts. It allows ALC to retain full control of the Fair Stand. Finally, it keeps ALC youth as priority recipients and prevents a situation where another congregation becomes dependent on the Fair Stand funds for the majority of their youth.

3. Work shift sign up - Work shifts will now sign up in waves to prioritize ALC scholarship recipients. After the March 31st application deadline, the Youth and Family Coordinator will reach out to ALC scholarship recipients so they and their adult sponsors can choose their work shifts first. In later April, non-member scholarship recipients will be able to choose their work shifts. Finally, the remaining shifts will be posted for general congregation members in early May. If the Fair Stand Committee sees a need, we may also reach out to other congregations with a call for volunteers, particularly those congregations with youth receiving Fair Stand scholarships.

The Fair Stand Committee thanks you all for your trust and support in this process. Thank you especially to those who brought their thoughts and suggestions to our members to enhance our discussions and help us make the decisions summarized here.

We look forward to seeing you at the Todd County Fair, June 27-30th, 2024!

2024 Fair Stand Committee

Mission Focus

Central Minnesota Chaplaincy/ Todd County Chaplain



A Beacon of Light and Hope in Dark and Difficult Situations

What is the role of the Todd County Chaplain?

The chaplaincy is designed to develop trusting relationships and lend support as a critical incident resource to law enforcement and emergency personnel, and to provide psychological first aid for victims of a critical incident. The Todd County Chaplaincy provides another dimension of hands-on support. Many situations in life translate into distraught victims and families that require a multifaceted support system. The chaplaincy brings a key ingredient to these complex crisis intervention events – events which touch both the physical and emotional needs of people at a critical moment in their lives. Our goal is to establish trust with city, county, and state government agencies, and with other Chaplains, Clergy, and Corporate Agencies to be available with physical, emotional, and spiritual support in times of need.

The chaplain will ...

- Act as a first response emotional and spiritual help to any agency or corporation when there is a critical incident or an accidental or natural fatality. The chaplain is on call for emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Be available to offer grief management and short-term follow-up for families affected by critical incidents, referring situations that require specialized or long-term professional care to the appropriate area professionals.
- Be available to city, county and state government agencies, by providing support to employees in a critical need situation.
- Be available to corporations, by providing support to employees and their families in times of critical need. Provide stress and crisis management seminars and workshops when requested.

Service Group 2 – Mar - Apr

Service Group Responsibilities:

- Serve for funerals on a rotating basis every 7th Funeral.
- Serve for special events occurring during the two-month period.
- Call for Ushers during the two-month period.

Group 2 Leader: Teresa Pachan

Group 2 Members:

Barthel, Jene & Laurie
Eckel, Larry & Jodi
Fuchs, Cindy
Guthrie, Kathy
Katterhagen, Brian & Janet
Katterhagen, Cassie
Kortuem, Peggy
Leagjeld, Dianne
Lubbers, Ryan & Jillene
Meyer, Betty
Miller, Celeste
Miller, Dan & Jan
Pachan, Mark
Paulson, Justen & Marsha
Petrie, Blaine & Bernice
Schrader, Frank & JoAnn
Steinert, Dick & Emily
Thompson, Wanda
Westerberg, Sandy
Zimmerman, Myke & Amy

April

HAPPY BIRTHDAY









- 1st Jody Ellingson
- 2nd Louis Jacobson
- 5th Emilia Osborne Hanson
- 7th Nancy Eldred
- 7th Jessie Reining
- 11th Keegan Cavallero
- 11th Joretta Hinrichs
- 15th Carrie Roering
- 15th Bruce Young
- 15th Annette Tirk
- 16th Jeremy Flan
- 17th Dave Hasse
- 17th Adrian Johnson
- 19th Tionna Harris
- 19th Valerie Johnson
- 21st Deb Fearing
- 21st Elizabeth Mellgren
- 23rd Kate Bodle
- 23rd Gary Larsen
- 25th Charles Berscheit
- 25th Angela Eldred
- 25th Connor Flan
- 26th Frank Schrader
- 28th Ione Krause
- 29th Karen Bakewicz
- 30th Lindsey Marcyes
- 30th Devin Roering

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 22nd John & Rebekah Arnold



ALC CALENDAR APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Meeting	2	3 5:30pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm Quest Kids - Family Night 6:30pm Choir Practice 8:00pm Deacon Meeting 	4 9:00am Audio-Visual Committee Meeting	5	6
7 8:00am Board of Education Meeting 9:00am Worship Service with Communion 10:15am Sunday School 	8	9 8:15am Staff Meeting	10 9:30am Esther Circle 5:30pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm Quest Kids 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Choir Practice 8:00pm Church Council Meeting 	11	12	13 9:00am Holy Communion Class
14 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 6:30pm Sunday Nights at the Movies - The Passion of the Christ" (R) 	15 7:00pm Sarah Circle Bible Study	16 8:15am Staff Meeting	17 10:00am Shoebox Workday 11:00am Newsletter Articles Due 5:30pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm Quest Kids 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Choir Practice 	18	19	20
21 9:00am First Communion Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am First Communion Reception in Fellowship Hall 	22 6:00pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting	23 8:15am Staff Meeting	24 5:30pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm Quest Kids 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Choir Practice 	25 New 2 U Ingathering in Fellowship Hall 9:00am Audio-Visual Committee Meeting	26 New 2 U Ingathering in Fellowship Hall	27 New 2 U Ingathering in Fellowship Hall
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