A toucan with a large, colorful beak (green, orange, and red) is perched on a wooden branch. The background shows a tropical beach with palm trees and a blue sky.

*His tender mercies  
are over all his works*

Psalm 145:9

Keen billed toucan • @lunamarina/Shutterstock • Printed in USA

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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

PASTOR: LORD God, You created us with two ears and one mouth.

**ALL: But we still sometimes speak more than we listen.**

PASTOR: We argue, ignoring what others are saying...

**ALL: ...and pushing our own ideas. We have even argued with You, closing our ears to the Truth while spitting lies.**

PASTOR: God forgives us. When He came in-person as Jesus Christ, it was to speak, to give you the Good News of life, of healing and hope. He brought our faults and failures to the cross, and they were buried in His grave. After three days, Jesus returned, promising a new and eternal life to everyone who follows Him. We hear this, and we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, guide us by Your Holy Spirit. Teach us to speak Your love everyone we know and meet. Amen.**

♪ Opening Song "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

#734 WOV

First Reading

*Proverbs 20:3, 29:22-23*

Psalm 109:1-5, 26

READER: <sup>1</sup> Oh God, I will praise You regardless,  
but don't stay silent and aloof!

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> Wicked people are slandering me,  
telling lie after lie to bring me down.**

READER: <sup>3</sup> They mob me with hateful words  
and argue against me for no reason.

**ALL: 4 I love them, but they try to destroy me!**

**While I pray for them, they falsely accuse me.**

READER: 5 They repay my good with evil,  
giving me hatred when I give them love!

**ALL: 26 This is why I need Your help, LORD God!  
Save me through Your unfailing love.**

Second Reading

*1 Timothy 6:3-6*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Matthew 5:21-22*

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

Sermon “The Good Fight: Debate or Argument”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Bind Us Together” #748 WOV

The Words of Institution

“One Bread, One Body” #710 WOV

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” #711 WOV

Holy Communion

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 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” #723 WOV

Sending Song

*We go 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 the Marvin Poegel Jr. family in memory of their father, Marvin Poegel. 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: September 22, 2024**

Isaiah 43:2-3a                      2 Timothy 2:3-10

Psalms 34:15-19                      John 16:33

Sermon Title: "The Good Fight: Content or Happy"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Ali Barthel

Deacon: Jon Fevig

Reader: Laurie Barthel



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New Potluck Wednesday Night Supper Team will start this week!**

**Please bring a dish to share** to the 5:00 pm, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday Family Night Supper. Future Potluck Team dates for the 2024-25 Supper Year to put on your calendar: November 13<sup>th</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. **We are hoping for as much participation as possible!**

***Today is the deadline for ordering your copy of the Daily Texts 2025!***

You can order via the poster sign up or call/text Karen at 320-533-0378!

**New Devotional now available for free – “Daily Devotional – The Word for you Today”** for months September – November. Pick up your copy from the rear of the sanctuary or from the lobby.

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

**All boards and committees, please submit your 2024 budget requests by October 1<sup>st</sup>** so that the Trustees can begin preparing next year's budget.

**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.

# CALLING ALL SINGERS!

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**FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL  
SEPT 11TH  
6:30PM**

**FIRST SUNDAY SINGING  
OCT 6TH  
8:00AM**

**QUESTIONS?  
CALL EMILY STEINERT  
320-808-7347**



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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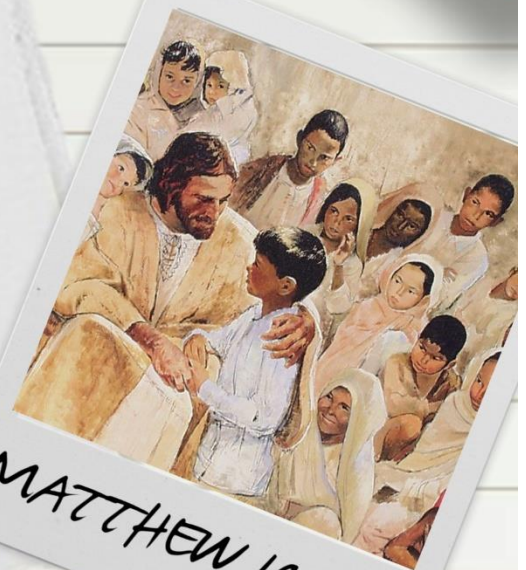
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\* PLEASE VIEW OUR CALENDAR TO  
SEE ALL DATES



MATTHEW 19:14



**WEDNESDAYS AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**W @ LC**

**LET'S GO!**

time with God and friends  
a break from busyness  
exciting opportunities

5:00 - 6:00 PM

**SUPPER**

a weekly and welcoming community meal | all ages

6:00 - 6:20 PM

**REAL WORSHIP**

songs for K-8 graders

6:20 - 7:00 PM

**YOUTH GROUP**

K-6 Bible fun and games led by awesome 9-12 graders

**CONFIRMATION**

next-level lessons on living for Jesus | 7-8 graders

7:00 - 8:00 PM

**GROUP**

a time for Christians to hang out and unwind | 9-12 graders

**STARTS SEPT. 11, 2024**

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## **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 the month of September is Chris Mikkelson Evangelistic Ministries**, which seeks to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the most remote and unreached parts of the earth.

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 72

General Fund receipts for August: \$14,838.15

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,669.99

General Fund Year to Date as of 4/30/24:

Budgeted needs: \$79,389.83

Receipts: \$67,931.16

Actual expenses: \$67,318.85

As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$34,663.42 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

### **Contact Information:**

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**Our current prayer list includes** Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Bernette Burgeson, Kim Dols, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Blain Hall, LaMoine Hatton, Larry Hatton, Eugene Holmquist, Stephanie James, Jan Jorgensen, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Joan Pesta, Roger Schultes, Matt Stacey, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, Rose Thorp, and Steph Wehrenberg.

**Our ongoing prayer list includes** Pratik Biswakarma and Chintapalli Divya, ALCW's Kidstown International sponsorship children.

**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 our law enforcement officers:**

- Kyle Drum, husband of Toni Drum
- Nick Eldred, son of Chuck & Nancy Eldred
- Tom Haugen, son of Bryan & Linda Haugen, grandson of Ione Krause
- Colton Larson, deputy sheriff in Waseca County, MN, grandson of Sue & Dennis Kaneski
- 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

## 2024-25 Wednesday Night Family Supper Schedule

September 18<sup>th</sup> – Team 2 – Potluck  
September 25<sup>th</sup> – Team 3 – Spaghetti  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sarah Circle Spud Supper  
October 9<sup>th</sup> – Team 4 – Taco Temptations  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – **No Supper** – MEA Break  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Team 5 – Soupers  
October 30<sup>th</sup> – Team 1 – Duke’s Mixture  
November 6<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Dinner  
November 13<sup>th</sup> – Team 2 – Potluck  
November 20<sup>th</sup> – Team 3 – Spaghetti  
November 27<sup>th</sup> – **No Supper** – Thanksgiving Break  
December 4<sup>th</sup> – Team 4 – Taco Temptations  
December 11<sup>th</sup> – Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – Team 5 – Soupers  
December 25<sup>th</sup> – **No Supper** – Christmas Break  
January 1<sup>st</sup> – **No Supper** – New Year’s Break  
January 8<sup>th</sup> – Team 1 – Duke’s Mixture  
January 15<sup>th</sup> – Team 2 – Potluck  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Team 3 – Spaghetti  
January 29<sup>th</sup> – Team 4 – Taco Temptations  
February 5<sup>th</sup> – Team 5 – Soupers  
February 12<sup>th</sup> – Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser  
February 19<sup>th</sup> – Team 1 – Duke’s Mixture  
February 26<sup>th</sup> – Team 2 – Potluck  
March 5<sup>th</sup> – Team 3 – Spaghetti  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – Team 4 – Taco Temptations  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – Team 5 – Soupers  
March 26<sup>th</sup> – Team 1 – Duke’s Mixture  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Team 2 – Potluck  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – Team 3 – Spaghetti  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – Team 4 – Taco Temptations  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Team 5 – Soupers  
April 30<sup>th</sup> - ALCW

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>:** 8:30 am Youth & Family Committee Meeting  
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**  
10:15 am **Sunday School**  
11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting

**Mon. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>:** 6:15 pm Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place  
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

**Tue. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>:** 8:15 am Staff Meeting

**Wed. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>:** 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **W@LC – Wednesdays at American Lutheran Church**

**5:00 pm Family Night Supper – Potluck!**

**6:00 pm Confirmation Class**

**6:00 pm Youth Group Grades K-6**

**7:00 pm Group Grades 9 - 12**

**Sun. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**  
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.