



The Father sent the Son to be the savior

1 John 4:14

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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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 family in memory of wife and mother, Laurie 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: December 22, 2024

Isaiah 54:10 1 John 4:7-11

Psalms 96:1-13 John 3:16-17

Sermon Title: “Away in a Manger”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: William Young

Deacon: Jammie Hedlund

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Children's Christmas Program "A Night Like No Other".

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Community Christmas Dinner donations of food and cash.

There will be no Choir Practice until December 18th at 6:30 pm.

If you have brought food to the church, please check the kitchen for your pans and bowls.

Sarah Circle WILL bring treats and sing carols at Meadow Place on December 16 at 6:15pm.

However, we will NOT be having "study" at church that night! This will allow for a longer time to sing and 'visit' with the residents. Thank you for understanding! See you at Meadow Place on the 16th Sarah Circle!

Dear Congregation, "For God is working in you, giving you the DESIRE and the POWER to DO what pleases Him." *Philippians 2:13* Please, personally, consider this promise from God's Word, if you are contacted by a member of the nominating committee for serving on a board or committee in 2025. THANK YOU!

The December - February copies of Our Daily Bread are at the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.

All boards and committees are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office by December 31st. Thank you!

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 2025.



T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

RAISING MONEY FOR THE MISSION TRIP VAN

T-shirts will only be available for order for
2 weeks

December 15th-28th

\$20 T-SHIRTS

only 6 designs





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 December is Kidstown International.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 92

General Fund receipts for November: \$14,413.63

General Fund budgeted monthly needs: \$20,236.62

General Fund Year to Date (2024 YTD) as of 11/30/24:

Budgeted needs: \$219,489.53

Receipts: \$180,015.08

Actual expenses: \$197,622.22

As of December 8th, our 2024 YTD General Budget receipts were \$38,084.98 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Bernette Burgeson, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Mark Pachan, Joan Pesta, Roger Schultes, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole and Rose Thorp.

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
- Kristi Ruess & Tim Huston, Todd County Sheriff's Department Assistant Chaplains

2024-25 Wednesday Night Family Supper Schedule

December 18th – Team 5 – Soupers

December 25th – **No Supper** – Christmas Break

January 1st – **No Supper** – New Year's Break

January 8th – Team 1 – Duke's Mixture

January 15th – Team 2 – Potluck

January 22nd – Team 3 – Spaghetti

January 29th – Team 4 – Taco Temptations

February 5th – Team 5 – Soupers

February 12th – Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

February 19th – Team 1 – Duke's Mixture

February 26th – Team 2 – Potluck

March 5th – Team 3 – Spaghetti

March 12th – Team 4 – Taco Temptations

March 19th – Team 5 – Soupers

March 26th – Team 1 – Duke's Mixture

April 2nd – Team 2 – Potluck

April 9th – Team 3 – Spaghetti

April 16th – Team 4 – Taco Temptations

April 23rd – Team 5 – Soupers

April 30th - ALCW

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Dec. 15th:** **8:15 am** Children's Choir Practice
 9:00 am **Children's Christmas Program**
 Worship Service "A Night Like No Other"
- Mon. Dec. 16th:** **6:15 pm** Sarah Circle Singing Christmas Carols
 and bringing Christmas Treats to
 Meadow Place
- Tue. Dec. 17th:** **8:15 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 18th:** **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due
 5:00 pm **Family Night Supper**
 6:00 pm Youth Group Grades K-6
 6:00 pm Confirmation Class
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Group Grades 7 – 12
- Sun. Dec. 22nd:** **8:15 am** Choir Practice
 9:00 am **Worship Service**
 10:15 am **Movie "Journey to Bethlehem" after**
 Worship Service

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.