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From the Pastor....

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

"We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in His love. God is love, and everyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them." (1 John 4:16)

Lent is coming! This season of the church year builds toward Easter, inviting us to anticipate the Sunday of Jesus' resurrection. It's nearly two months of reflection, of remembering God coming to suffer and die on the cross in our place, and of setting aside extra time for that meditation. This is why we welcome you, starting Wednesday, March 5th, to take a break from the busyness each week as we celebrate God's sacrificial love. He came, died, and returned to life for you, for the great changing of your destiny, and that is why this Lent's theme is "LOVE BEYOND ALL MEASURE". Our worship services will be led by different musicians – like a concert series – and we'll be reflecting on the Bible in some new and exciting ways! Until then, enjoy our focus hymn for Lent 2025, "How Deep the Father's Love for Us":

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure!
That He should give His only Son,
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss!
The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which marred the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.*

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From the Pastor (Continued)

*To make a wretch His treasure.
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*Behold the man upon a cross:
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life:
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

God bless you all!

By grace, through faith, in Christ,
Pastor Ethan Fearing
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Sunday School Singers

SAVE THE DATE

We love to sing at American Lutheran Church!

Sunday School children are invited to sing songs during the 9:00am service. We will practice at 8:15am in the choir room.

January 26th

February 23rd

March 23rd

April 13th

May 11th — Spring Program



Questions?

Call Alyssa Fearing 320-304-3691

Pregnancy and Life Resource Center



"EVERY child deserves a birthday", theme for Baby Bottle Campaign 2025.

Please consider filling a Baby Bottle to help support our local Pregnancy & Life Resource Center. Bottles are available in the entryway. Please pick up today and return by FEBRUARY 16th. Help to give these "little ones" and their families a "birth"day! Those "birth"days are of utmost importance to God, our creator, Who teaches us: "Before **I** formed you in the womb, **I** knew you, before you were born **I** set you apart." Jeremiah 1:5a NIV

THANK YOU in advance for your generosity!

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

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 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, Helen
Olson, Kirk
Ostendorf, Jim & Patty
Parker, Chuck & Kathy
Schneekloth, Gary & Pam
Schultz, Pat & Tracy
Simpson, Vicki
Tirk, Al & Blanche

February

HAPPY BIRTHDAY







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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

14th Ron & Lori Zellmann



ALC CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:15am Choir Practice 9:00am Worship Service with Communion 10:15am Sunday School 	3 6:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Meeting	4	5 5:00pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm Youth Group Grades K-6 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Group Grades 7-12 8:00pm Deacon Meeting 	6	7	8
9 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	10	11 8:15am Staff Meeting	12 9:30am Esther Circle 5:00pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth Group Grades K-6 7:00pm Group Grades 7-12 8:00pm Church Council Meeting 	13	14	15
16 9:00am Worship Service with Communion 10:15am Sunday School 11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting 	17 6:15pm Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place 7:00pm Sarah Circle Bible Study	18 8:15am Staff Meeting	19 11:00am Newsletter Articles Due 5:00pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth Group Grades K-6 7:00pm Group Grades 7-12 	20	21	22
23 8:30 am Youth & Family Committee Meeting 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Prayer at Altar after Service 10:15am Sunday School	24	25 8:15am Staff Meeting	26 5:00pm Potluck Family Night Supper  Potluck 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth Group Grades K-6 7:00pm Group Grades 7-12	27	28	