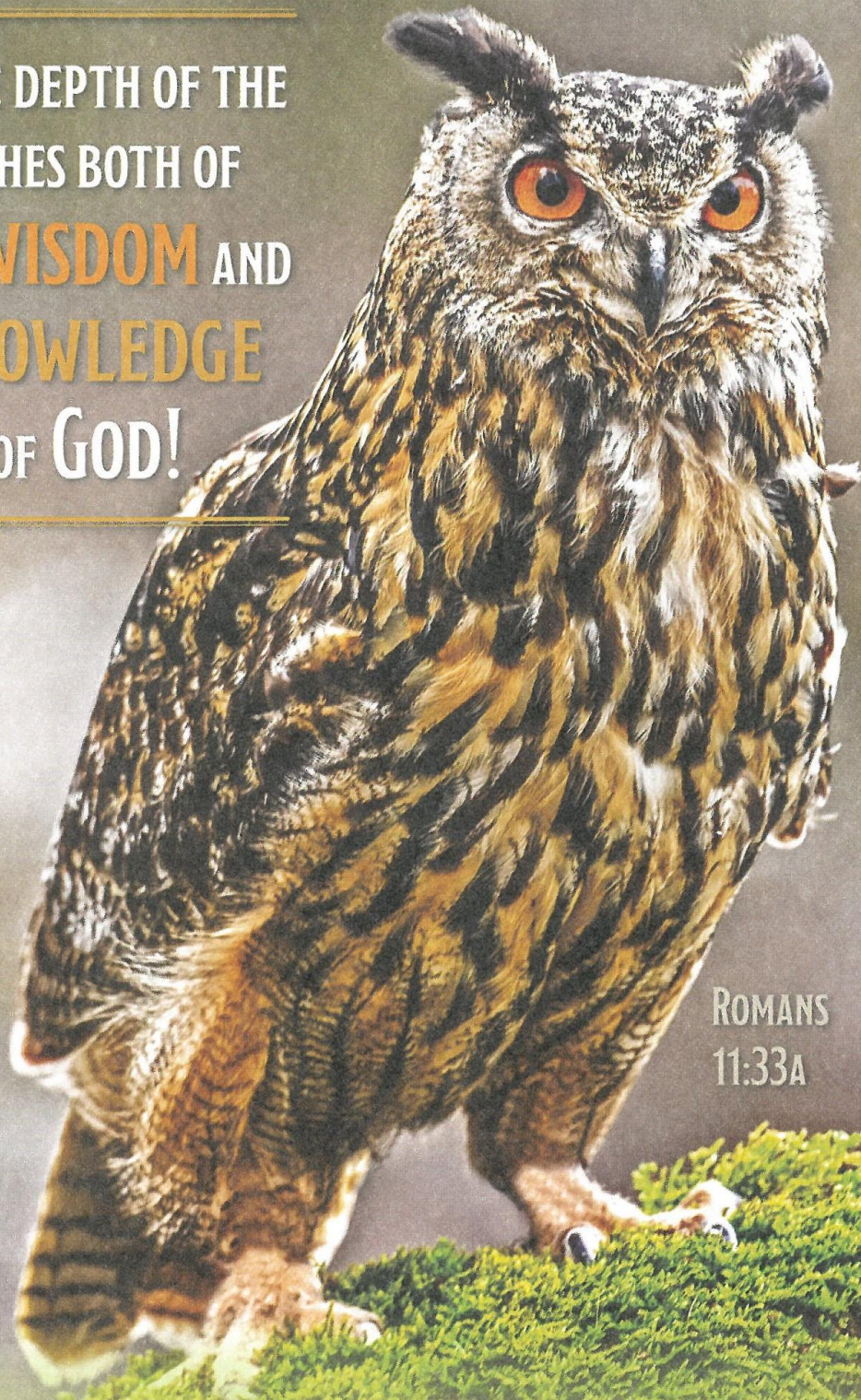


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RICHES BOTH OF  
THE **WISDOM** AND  
**KNOWLEDGE**  
OF GOD!

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ROMANS  
11:33A

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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, we have so much! Even when our money is stretched or our bank accounts are empty, we are rich.

**ALL: We have people who love us, people who would happily help us. We have our talents, our ability to think, and life itself! We have every good thing You have given, but we somehow don't think it's enough.**

PASTOR: What an insult to You! We call ourselves poor...

**ALL: ...even though You offer us riches beyond gold and silver.**

PASTOR: When God came to us as Jesus Christ, He forgave our selfishness and greed. He took those and every other sin to the cross, and they died with Him there. Then, when He rose again, He promised a never-ending life in His heavenly Kingdom to you. That, along with the daily blessings we often take for granted, is what makes us truly rich.

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, this world values stuff and things, but You want us to store up heavenly treasures. Help us to follow Your example of being rich in love. We thank You today for every good gift! Amen.**

♪ Opening Song "10,000 Reasons"

First Reading

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Psalm 24:1-5

READER: 1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it.

**ALL: The world and all its people belong to Him.**

READER: 2 For He laid the earth's foundation on the seas...

**ALL: ... and built it on the ocean depths.**

READER: 3 Who may climb the mountain of the LORD?

Who may stand in His holy place?

**ALL: 4 Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,  
who do not worship idols  
and never tell lies.**

READER: 5 They will receive the LORD's blessing...

**ALL: ... and have a right relationship with God,  
with their Savior.**

Second Reading

*Galatians 6:7-10*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*Luke 6:17-23*

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.**

Blessing of the Officers

Sermon “The Blessed Urge”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Run to the Father”

The Words of Institution

♪ Holy Communion  
“Turn Your Eyes”  
“Gratitude”

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 traditional Irish blessing.*

PASTOR: May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
Amen.

♪ Closing Song “All the People Said Amen”

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 Doris Peterson in loving memory of her husband, Lloyd. 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: February 23, 2025**

Jonah 3:10-4:5

Romans 12:14, 17-21

Psalm 103:8-10, 12, 17-18

Luke 6:27-28, 32-33, 35-37

Testimony from Sierra Larson

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Alyssa Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Dawson Hasse

Deacon: Jon Fevig



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**"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!

### **Women's Event:**

#### **Gather: Long Prairie**

**When:** Friday, 2/28/25 (5:30-9:30PM) and Saturday, 3/1/25 (10AM-5PM)

**Where:** First Baptist Church in Long Prairie - Registration through church website and Facebook event page. This event is free to all who attend.

**All women ages 10 and older are welcome to join us for this 2-day event. Supper will be served Friday. Coffee and Muffins will be available Saturday morning and lunch is provided.**

**2025 offering envelopes, 2024 annual reports, 2025 membership directories, and 2025 service group booklets can be picked up on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.**

**We are in need of sponsors for our 2025 Radio Broadcasts.** The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**The December - February copies of daily devotionals "Our Daily Bread" and "Guidance For the Journey Through" are at the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.**



*Let's Get Fancy*

# *Valentine's Party*

*You're invited to a fun night,  
dress fancy (colored black  
tie), treats, flower exchange,  
and a concert.*

**FEB  
15**

American  
Lutheran  
Church

**6PM  
9PM**

*Please bring a bouquet of 12 flowers for our  
flower exchange. The concert will be For King  
and Country, Christmas Concert.*

*If you have any questions ask Sierra*



# 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.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Postponed!

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

April 13<sup>th</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Spring Program



Questions?

Call Alyssa Fearing 320-304-3691

## **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 February is Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief.** Samaritan's Purse follows Christ's command by going to the aid of the poor, sick and suffering. They reach out to hurting people in our own country and countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 70

General Fund receipts for January: \$11,511.26

General Fund budgeted 2025 monthly needs: \$20,370.78

### **Contact Information:**

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Sunday Worship Livestream: [on Facebook](#)

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Our current prayer list includes** Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Karl Arenson, Joe Ayers, Bernette Burgeson, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Blain Hall, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Terry Johnson, Donna Lardy, Joni Love, Aubrey Olson, Joan Pesta, Tabitha Poegel, Eli Poegel, Julie Schultes, Roger Schultes, Sam Tesch, Kevin Thole, and Rose Thorp.

**Our ongoing prayer list includes** Philip Rawat 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**

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. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>:** 8:00 am AED Training  
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion and Blessing of New Officers**  
10:15 am **Sunday School**  
11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting at Kirk Olson home

**Mon. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>:** 6:15 pm Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place  
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

**Tue. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>:** 8:15 am Staff Meeting

**Wed. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>:** 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due  
5:00 pm **Family Night Supper**  
6:00 pm Confirmation Class  
6:00 pm Youth Group Grades K-6  
7:00 pm Group Grades 7-12

**Sun. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 8:00 am Youth and Family Committee Meeting  
9:00 am **Worship Service**  
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service  
10:15 am **Sunday School**  
11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting

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.