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# April 2025 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.

# From the Pastor (Continued)

He lives and grants me daily breath.  
He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare.  
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!"  
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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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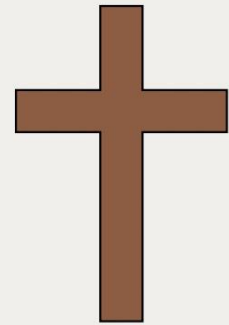
🕒 5:15 p.m. MEAL    ▶ 6:00 p.m. MUSIC & MESSAGE

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|-------------------------|---|---|
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5  | ASH WEDNESDAY   | Message: "The Wrestler"                 |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 | The Anderson Family Band                              | Message: "Just What the Doctor Ordered" |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 | The Prairie Doves                                     | Message: "Breaking the Fourth Wall"     |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 | Alyssa & Ethan  | Message: "Hidden in My Heart"           |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2  | FLBC Gospel Band                                      | Message: "Graveyard Man"                |
| 🕒 ▶ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9  | Lori & Sue  | Message: "The Return of Lazy Russ"      |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 13        | 9:00 a.m. PALM SUNDAY                                 |   |
| 🕒 THURSDAY, APRIL 17    | MAUNDY THURSDAY Passover Seder Meal                   |   |
| ▶ FRIDAY, APRIL 18      | GOOD FRIDAY   | Message: "In Denial"                    |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 20        | 7:00 a.m. EASTER Sunrise Worship Service              |   |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 20        | 9:00 a.m. EASTER Resurrection Morning Worship Service |   |

# Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast



# Palm Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast



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**Mission Trip 2025 to  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Fundraiser  
10:15-11:30  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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# Easter Egg Hunt

American Lutheran Church

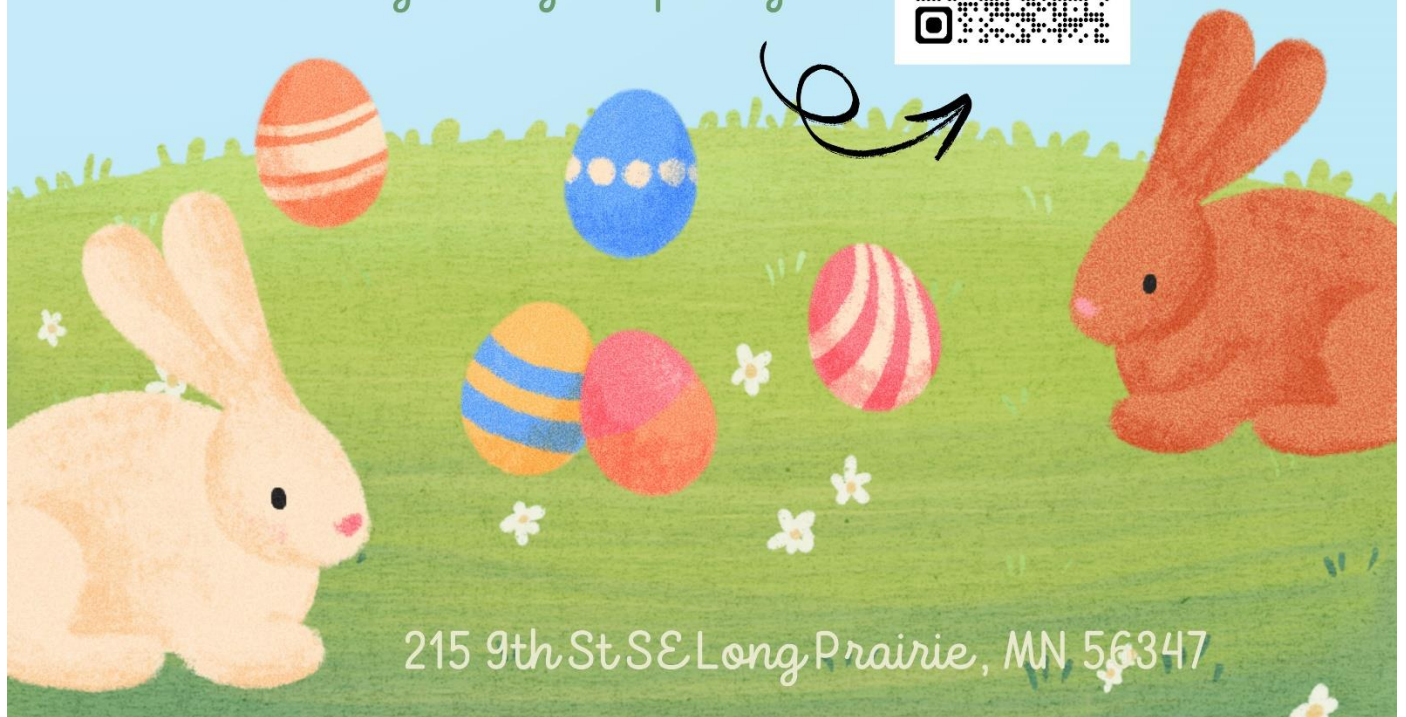
# EASTER Egg hunt

Join us on

**April 18th at 9am**

for some egg-citing fun for the whole family!

Please Register your family



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# Sunday School Singers Schedule

## 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



# Sunday School & VBS Updates

Greetings from the Board of Education!



Over the last month, our birth through 6th grade Sunday School classes have finished their unit on the story of Joseph from the book of Genesis and are nearly through the story of Moses. We're excited for our lesson on Easter and are very busily getting ready for the end of year - we can't wait to show you what we've been learning!

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule:

April 13th - Congregation Event; pancake breakfast for all! Free will offering, proceeds benefit this year's mission trip

April 20th - No Sunday School, Easter

April 27th - Listeners through high school rehearsing for Spring Program, Little Lambs last day of Sunday School

May 4th - Listeners through high school program rehearsal, no Little Lambs class

May 11th - Spring Program at 10:30am; students meet in choir room at 10:20

Keep an eye out for summer activity information, and we'll look forward to the return of Sunday School in September!



Save the date: Vacation Bible School will be June 15th-19th, 2025!

5:30pm - Meal provided

6pm-8pm - VBS

Mark your calendars for a fun week of worship, growth, and learning! Share your helping hands; we have jobs for all! Talk to a Board of Education member about the talents you can bring to the table, and let's work together for another great year of VBS!

Topic of the Month - Visiting Children

Many people in our congregation have Sunday School age children who come to church with them intermittently. We want everyone to be aware that these young people are welcome to join us as a Sunday School visitor! If you'd like for them to join us, check in with any of our Sunday School teachers - we'll ask you to leave us your name, phone number, and pertinent info about the child(ren) and remain on the premises during Sunday School. We'll help your children join the proper class, pair them with a class buddy to help them for the day, and enjoy sharing the love of Jesus with them! Sunday School student pick-up is at 11:20am.



Sunday School students singing during worship under the direction of Alyssa Fearing



Sink or Float experiments with Miss Julie for baby Moses' story



Testing how to make everything work together - it was harder than it seemed!

# ALCW NEW 2 U Sale 2025



The sale is scheduled for May 16 [8-5p] and May 17 [8-noon].

**DONATIONS** will be accepted MAY 1st through MAY 7th, 8a.m to 4pm.

Closing out donations at 4pm on May 7th.

**SORTING** and other prep will be ongoing during this time.

We are thankful for your gifts! However, the usual restrictions apply: **NO** books, large appliances, NO electronics, TVs, etc.. Everything in good repair and working order please.

**SET UP:** May 8 through 14th. (doing displays, pricing, sit down jobs available)

Fun, food, fellowship and blessings to be had! Come and join in. *Serving* with time, gifts and your God given talents to help support this project is greatly appreciated! MANY hands make light the work! 😊 All ages are invited, needed and are welcome to help! JESUS promises in Mark 10:29-30; "I can guarantee this truth: Anyone who gives up (anything [example: time]) because of Me and the Good News will certainly receive a hundred times as much". [heavenly reward for sure]

Questions/thoughts: Deb @ 701-471-9384 or Julie S @ 320-533-1070

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**



# 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

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### Service Group Responsibilities:

- Serve for funerals on a rotating basis every 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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














## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

22<sup>nd</sup> John & Rebekah Arnold





# ALC CALENDAR APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:15pm Potluck Family Night Supper  6:00pm Lenten Worship Service with Music from FLBC Gospel Band and Message "Graveyard Man" 7:15pm Choir Practice 8:00pm Deacon Meeting	3	4 5:00pm – 7:00 pm Visitation for Deb Adamek	5 10:00am Visitation for Deb Adamek 11:00 am Funeral for Deb Adamek
6 8:15am Choir Practice 9:00am Worship Service with Communion  10:15am Sunday School 5:00pm Board of Education Meeting	7 6:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Meeting	8	9 9:30am Esther Circle 5:15pm Family Night Supper   6:00pm Lenten Worship Service with Music from Lori & Sue and Message "The Return of Lazy Russ" 7:15pm Choir Practice 8:00pm Church Council Meeting	10	11	12
13  Palm Sunday 9:00am Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am – 11:30 am Pancake Breakfast Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser	14 8:15am Staff Meeting	15	16 11:00am Newsletter Articles Due 6:30pm Choir Practice	17  5:15pm Maundy Thursday Passover Seder Meal	18 9:00am Easter Egg Hunt  5:30pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Good Friday Worship Service with Message "In Denial" 	19 8:30am Deadline for bringing Easter Lilies 
20 6:30am Choir Practice 7:00am Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Communion  9:00am Easter Resurrection Morning Worship Service with Communion No Sunday School	21 8:15am Staff Meeting 6:15pm Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place 7:00pm Sarah Circle Bible Study	22	23 5:15pm Family Night Supper  6:00pm Youth Group Grades K-6 7:00pm Group Grades 7-12	24	25	26
27 8:30am Youth & Family Committee Meeting 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Prayer at Altar after Worship Service  10:15am Sunday School 11:30am Missions Committee Meeting	28 8:15am Staff Meeting	29	30 5:15pm Family Night Supper  6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth Group Grades K-6 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Group Grades 7-12			