AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Place to Come Home To…

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From the Pastor….

DO YOU WANT THE NEWSLETTER?

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

A good portion of the Bible is letters, communication between God's people. Just flip through the New Testament after the book of John – it's all messages from this person here to these people there. And that's one of the reasons we send out this newsletter: ALC wants to keep in touch with you, to share what's happening with God's people as we gather, to pray and plan for our future together. We want this to be a helpful letter to you!

We do understand, however, if you don't read this. Maybe you attend every Sunday, learning about upcoming events from our bulletins and announcements. Maybe you receive the newsletter through email. Or maybe you have some other reason. No matter the reason, if you no longer wish to receive a mailed copy of the newsletter, please let us know: (320) 732-2932

"The only letter of recommendation we need is you yourselves. Your lives are a letter written in our hearts; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you. Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This 'letter' is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts!" (2 Corinthians 3:3)

Thanks and God bless you!

By grace, through faith, in Christ,
Pastor Ethan Fearing

Pregnancy Resource Center

The Pregnancy & Life Resource Center is taking applications for a new director (at the request of retiring Director Peggy Stacey) . If you are looking for a wonderfully rewarding way to serve God, if you feel gifted working with people, have a basic understanding of finances, and are looking to be part of front-line Kingdom work, then would you join us asking God to see if this is a position for you? This position is a part time ministry opportunity, running around 20 hours most weeks.

If God is leading you to look into this position, please feel free to talk with Peggy (320-533-0976) or Board Chairman Matt (360-560-4043).

Youth Mission Trip

For ages 12+

INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA
JULY 12TH -18TH 2026

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION TRIP

Lead222

Lead222 is a combination of mission trip and leadership conference designed to give youth ministries a week of service, worship, learning, laughter and growth. We take care of all the details so you can focus on investing in and serving the community.

Lodging

We will be staying at Wyndham hotel. During the evening we will head to a local church for supper, worship and more

Worksites

Lead 222 believes their work projects are to partner with existing ministry and service programs that are already in operation and that will continue on after we leave. The needs of these ministries will dictate which opportunities are available. These could include painting, stocking food pantries, serving the homeless, working in children's programs, construction projects, sorting clothes, serving the elderly, and various other job.

A few reminders:

1. Be prepared.
2. Remember that you are a guest on these ministry work sites
3. Keep a servant attitude – come ready to serve!
4. Things may change, so be prepared to be flexible and patient

REGISTER NOW
DUE BY 02/22/26

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sierra. 320-766-4153

FUNDRAISING GOAL IS $1100

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ALCW UPCOMING EVENTS

- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
  - Donations - Keep them coming!
    - School supplies - pencils, erasers, sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, notebooks, coloring books.
    - New clothing youth size 2 - 16. t shirts, shorts, underwear, flip flops, pjs, etc.;
    - small toys - cars, dolls, yo-yos, balls, stuffed animals, etc.;
    - hygiene items - wash cloths, toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs, etc. (No soap, toothpaste or liquid items)
  - Workdays - First Wed of the month starting June 3rd. 9 am to 2 PM. Potluck during noon. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able.
- LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE KITS
  - Donations:
    - Clothing - gently used or new size 6 - 24 months. Sleepers, t shirts, pants, jackets, infant caps. (Please wash prior to drop off and check for stains, missing buttons, broken zippers. We cannot accept fleece.)
    - Socks - must be new. Size 6 - 24 months.
    - Hand Towels - new. Dark colors preferred.
    - Bar Soap - gentle, such as ivory.
    - Flannel - to be made into diapers & blankets. No Fleece.
  - Workdays:
    - October 9 - set up
    - October 10 - packing day & ALCW meeting with potluck.

New 2 U Sale Thank You

Many thanks to: EVERYONE who donated time, talents, goods, food, etc. in support of New2U! Many blessings, many blessed! Thank you for your faithful service! Most of all: thanks be to God for supplying our needs in this mission's fundraiser!! Deb for your ALCW

New Mission – Page 1

Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

1 Chronicles 16:8

For decades the Prayer League has been striving to "give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name and make known his deeds among (all) the peoples." For the Prayer League, that begins with prayer and often progresses to sending and supporting someone to work among people as they come to know Jesus and establish a self-propagating church in the area. However, we don't know how long that may take!

Because of the commitment among the early leadership of the Prayer League, one of the key tenets followed continues to be to "pray for the advance of God's Kingdom, particularly among those least reached." Currently we are focusing our prayers on 12 people groups, including peoples from Muslim, Hindu and animistic backgrounds. They live in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. We have prayed for some of these groups for decades; others have just recently been added to the list. Half are known by a pseudonym to protect would-be workers and believers. All will be featured at least once this year with a set of PowerPoint prayers sent to interested churches desiring to know how to better pray for unreached areas.

The **Afar** live in East Africa. They are a proud people, primarily nomads and shepherds, living in a harsh environment. Several years ago, the Prayer League sponsored a consultation with others called to pray for and/or serve among this people group. Though we have never had a global worker called to this area, we have continued to pray.

The **Bahah** live in the southern Philippines and there are now some believers among them. Those called to work with this people group have learned to recognize and combat fierce spiritual warfare with fasting and prayer and the powerful name of Jesus. Scripture is systematically being made available in the local language. We have been praying for this people group since the mid 1980's.

The **Islanders** have been prayed for since the 1990's. God has answered prayers for team members struggling with poor health and others being "invited to leave" the country, as well as new believers being arrested and imprisoned upon the testimony of family. This resort country is facing serious threats because of climate change and rising ocean levels. To be an Islander is to be Muslim, and to convert one risks losing citizenship.

The **Korwa** are a small group of about one hundred thousand who used to be primarily hunter-gatherers, but many now practice agriculture or are day-laborers. They are Hindu with tribal animistic traditions. According to Wikipedia, "The Korwa are considered one of the most unique and historically resilient tribes in India, often recognized for their intimate, albeit strained, connection with nature."

Prayer League members have been praying for the **Mountain** people since the early days; global workers first traveled to the area in 1948. Though never able to gain access to the country itself, they continued to serve among this people group in nearby areas for many years - and we have continued to pray! Our faith is stretched as we wait to hear what God is doing in this region.

The **Pashtun** people group has become more familiar to many in recent decades. Global workers have come and gone to this area, participating in education, discipleship, medicine and agriculture. Today the only work that continues is maintaining a medical outreach at Christian Hospital Tank.

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST, GLOBAL PRAYER & MOBILIZATION

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The **Ralli** are not necessarily a people group, but a type of caste. Introduced to the Prayer League through the dreams of a global worker, we are praying for opportunities for organic friendships to occur. Men run the businesses and do the shopping. How can women and children be reached?

The **Rohingya** are a people without a country, living in refugee camps within the borders of Bangladesh. They lack the opportunity to work, go to school, or even gather in groups. They have no official documents and few opportunities to legally plead for their rights. Work opportunities among them are challenging.

The roughly half-million **Sama** are almost all Sunni Muslims. They are a highly fragmented people living along the water's edge in an area that covers a triangular shoreline of three countries in the South Pacific. As climate change and international fishing practices threaten their livelihood, the civil rights of the Sama are being ignored.

The **Shepherd** people, many of whom are nomadic, are Muslims living in the mountains of South Asia. The arbitrary partition of land in this area nearly 80 years ago continues to have consequences that are yet unsettled. Workers to this area have included entrepreneurs, educators and veterinarians.

The **Sutoon** are a people group in Central Asia, fairly new to Prayer League pray-ers. A fragile economic and political infrastructure has meant that the country where most of the Sutoon live is now listed as one of the top 50 on the World Watch List for 2026 where it is dangerous to be a Christian.

Finally, the **Zhuang** are a tribal people of East Asia who are not just one homogenous group, but many. Communication even within this people group is difficult because the various dialects can be so dissimilar. There are 19-20 million Zhuang, with the majority living in countryside villages. Half of the Zhuang population is under 20 years of age.

The Apostle John writes in his vision (Revelation 21:3) that a voice from the throne of heaven says, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." We pray that not just individuals from each of the people groups listed here will dwell with God, but that families and communities and entire people groups will be able to worship God freely in their earthly home. Continue to pray with us. The work is not done.

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Mission Focus

Todd County Fair Food Stand

It's Fair Time!!
June 25th – 28th, 2026

There are sign-up sheets on the easel in the narthex for food stand volunteers and donations. Start talking to your family for a shift and have some fun at the fair! If you have helped, thank you so much- we can't do it without you! If you haven't helped, consider it this year- it is a fun opportunity for our congregation to work together for our youth.

All proceeds go to camperships for summer camps and mission trips.

Thank you for your continued support of the American Lutheran Church fair stand!

Service Group 3 – May & June

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 3 Leaders: **Betty Oliver**
Joretta Hinrichs

Group 3 Members:

Arenson, Karl & Beth
Berscheit, Adam & Ashley
Bodle, Kyle & Kate
Drum, Kyle & Toni
Fevig, Jon & Laurie
Hillman, Stan & Joanne
Hinrichs, Brad & Brenda
Holmquist, Eugene & Amy
Kircher, Brad
Klinder, Marlyne
Rach, Jeff & Roberta
Thomas, Julie
Warzecha, Shaughn
Westerberg, Chris
Young, Jonathan & Joni

June

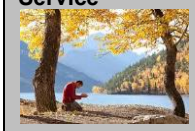
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd Brandon Roering
3rd Teresa Sorenson
4th Dennis Kaneski
5th Adam Berscheit
7th Marvin Poegel
9th Deb Wagner
12th Cody Marcyes
13th Kim Dols
13th Brenda Hinrichs
13th Justen Paulson
14th Chuck Parker
15th Katrina Holman
16th James Holman
17th Mark Pachan
17th Austin Parker
18th Taylor Irwin
21st Deidre Bryniarski
22nd Stacey Helland
22nd Emily Steinert
23rd Blair Berscheit
23rd Marissa Eichens
25th Aaron Fearing
25th Julie Schultes
27th Jim Flan
28th Tannor Johnson
29th Pat Holman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2nd Pastor Bill & Karen Bakewicz
13th Scott & Becky Hillig
14th Bill & Barbara Blair
14th Chuck & Kathy Parker
14th Justen & Marsha Paulson
14th Dave & Christie Ruda
15th Dave & Liza Hasse
15th LaMoine & Linda Hatton
16th Russ & Jen Olson
17th Larry & Bonnie Alsleben
20th Al & Blanche Tirk
20th Karl & Beth Arenson
21st Gary & Gloria Larsen
24th Darrel & Marlyne Klinder
25th Sy & Janie Thole
25th Mike & Lorraine Winge
26th Brad & Sherri Evenson
29th Dennis & Sue Kaneski

ALC CALENDAR JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 **6:00pm** Staff Meeting **7:00pm** Trustee Meeting	**2**	**3** **9:00am** Shoebox Workday **7:00pm** Deacon Meeting	**4**	**5**	**6**
7 **9:00am Worship Service with Communion** **10:30am Bible Study** 	**8** **8:15am** Staff Meeting	**9**	**10** **9:30am** Esther Circle **7:00pm** Church Council Meeting	**11**	**12**	**13**
14 **9:00am Worship Service** **10:30am Bible Study**	**15** **8:15am** Staff Meeting **6:15pm** Sarah Circle Singing at Meadow Place **7:00pm** Sarah Circle Bible Study	**16**	**17** **11:00am** Newsletter Articles Due	**18**	**19**	**20**
21 **9:00am Lakeside Worship Service** 	**22** **8:15am** Staff Meeting	**23**	**24**	**25** **Todd County Fair Stand** 	**26** **Todd County Fair Stand**	**27** **Todd County Fair Stand**
28 **Todd County Fair Stand** **9:00am Worship Service with Communion** **10:00am** Prayer at Altar after Service **10:30am Bible Study**	**29** **8:15am** Staff Meeting	**30**				