AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Place to Come Home To…

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November 2026 Newsletter

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LIVING AND GIVING THANKS

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

As we all get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let's take a moment to stop and think about what God is telling us in Luke 17:11-19:

As Jesus continued traveling toward Jerusalem, He reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. When He entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And so, they began walking, but as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.
One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking Him for what He had done. This man was a Samaritan.
Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you!"

What does God show us in this Bible passage? Here are a few insights:

1) Thanksgiving changes us. Ten lepers were healed by Jesus, but only one came back to say "Thank You!" All ten of them called from a distance, shouting, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" One actually continued living like Jesus *was* his Master. The other nine… Well, they were nowhere to be found. The truth is, Jesus didn't need any of them to come back to thank Him. *They* needed to be thankful, though, and so do *we*. And why? Because thanks-giving changes *us* for the better.

From the Pastor:
LIVING AND GIVING THANKS continued....

2) If our hearts are ready for God, we will have His attention. The Bible tells us God always notices when any of us has a "broken spirit and a contrite – crumpled up or collapsed – heart." (Psalm 51:17) This was why Jesus was moved to compassion! He heard the lepers' cries, they got His attention, and He healed them. *Then* what? Jesus commanded them to go and show themselves to the priests. And so, let's ask ourselves, "Once I have God's attention, am I willing to do what He's telling me to do? And will I then come back to thank Him, or just go back to trying to live without Him?"

3) Yada, yada, yada! The Hebrew word translated as "thank" is *yada*. Yada means "to throw, shoot, or cast." What are we going to throw in God's direction today, tomorrow, and on Thanksgiving Day? Will it be praise and thanks, or complaints and grumbling?

We join the healed leper this Thanksgiving, knowing God has given us forgiveness and a new, eternal life through the cross and empty grave of Jesus Christ. What a blessing!

By grace, through faith, in Christ,
Pastor Ethan Fearing
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Lori Zellman Thank You

Thank you for my retirement party and the cards and gifts and Pastor Ethan's homemade angel food cake!

It was an honor to be your church secretary for 11 years.
Now I am taking care of my grandson, Leon, who is 5 months old and keeps me busy!

Lori Zellmann

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
- If you have a basic understanding of finances,
- If you are looking to be part of front-line Kingdom work

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).

Thank you from the ALC Nominating Committee

Thank You!

Your ALC nominating committee wishes to THANK all our fellow members; who are serving, will continue to serve and have agreed to begin to serve in 2027, on all the various boards and committees of this church family!
Therefore: *"work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the LORD rather than people. Remember that the LORD will reward each of us for the good we do," Ephesians 6: 7-8a NLT* <u>*and*</u> remember… we are all able to serve the LORD and one another in prayer.
God's peace to you dear congregation, servants of our Saviour, JESUS!

Linda Hatton, Chuck Eldred, Deb Fearing

Sunday School Singers

SAVE THE DATE

We love to sing at American Lutheran Church!

October 18th - 8:15am practice, 9am church

November 22nd - 8:15am practice, 9am church

December 6th - program practice in Sunday School

December 13th - program practice in Sunday School

December 20th - Christmas Program 11am

January 24th - 8:15am practice, 9am church

February 14th - 8:15am practice, 9am church

March 21st - 8:15am practice, 9am church

April 18th - 8:15am practice, 9am church

May 2nd - program practice in Sunday School

May 9th - program practice in Sunday School

May 16th - Spring Program 10:30am

Pizza FUNDRAISER

SUPPORT OUR Missions Trip 2027

Good Food. Big Purpose.

NOVEMBER 4TH

5:00–6:00 PM

Family Supper

Enjoy delicious pizza while helping us raise money for our 2027 Missions Trip!

Every slice makes a difference!

YOU'RE INVITED TO

FRIENDS giving

Good food. Great company.
Grateful hearts.

OVEMBER 14TH | 5:30–7:00 PM | 7TH–12TH

Please bring your favorite
Thanksgiving side to share!

Wednesday Family Suppers

2026-2027 Schedule

November
4th Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
11th Team 2 Spaghetti
18th Team 3 Potluck
25th No Supper-Thanksgiving Break

December
2nd Team 4 Taco Temptations
9th Team 5 Soupers
16th Team 1 Duke's Mixture
23rd **No Supper – Christmas Break**
30th **No Supper – New Year's Break**

January
6th Team 2 Spaghetti
13th Church Council
20th Team 3 Potluck
27th Team 4 Taco Temptations

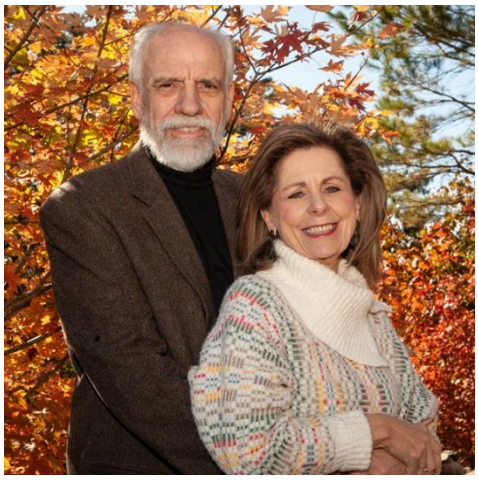
February
3rd Team 5 Soupers
10th Team 1 Duke's Mixture
17th Team 2 Spaghetti
24th Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

March
3rd Team 3 Potluck
10th Team 4 Taco Temptations
17th Team 5 Soupers
24th **No Supper – Holy Week**

April
7th Team 1 Duke's Mixture
14th Team 2 Spaghetti
21st Team 3 Potluck
28th ALCW

Mission Focus

Dan & Nancy Butkowski with CRU



Dear American Lutheran Church Members-

Through Cru Arts and Culture, we use our creative gifts to build relationships and share the love of Jesus. I am a ceramic artist, and Nancy is an author. Together, we seek to reflect God's creativity and share how Christ has made a difference in our lives. Twice each month, we attend local Art Walks to meet artists and build relationships. We invite them to our Raku outreaches, where pottery, a home-cooked meal, and fellowship create opportunities for meaningful conversations.

Guests glaze small ceramic pots while Nancy prepares a meal. We then fire the pots in a Raku kiln I built, using a Japanese process that produces beautiful, unique colors. As we share this creative experience, conversations often lead naturally to our faith journeys. Our hope is that guests leave not only with their pots, but also with new friendships and a greater understanding of the difference Jesus makes in our lives.

Dan & Nancy Butkowski with CRU

After years of talking with mothers who struggled to connect with their teenage daughters, Nancy wrote My Style Profile… Being the Me I Was Created to Be, a mother-daughter Bible study series that helps girls understand how uniquely God created them, the importance of making wise choices and opens the door to meaningful conversations. She has also completed a relationship series for teen girls focused on their relationships with girls, guys, their family, and their relationship with the Lord. You can find all her Bible study resources on Amazon…search Nancy Butkowski.

Now Nancy senses God leading her toward a ministry serving brokenhearted moms whose children are struggling with addiction, unhealthy relationships, emotional challenges, or distance from the faith in which they were raised. Her hope is to offer these mothers compassion, encouragement, and practical, faith-centered resources.

Whether through pottery, hospitality, or writing, our desire is to meet people where they are, listen to their stories and share the hope of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the opportunities God provides through Cru Arts and Culture, and we pray He will use our gifts and relationships to restore our community with His good news…one conversation at a time.

Dan and Nancy Butkowski

Service Group 6
November- December

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 6 Leaders: **Gary & Betty Martin**
Larry & Bonnie Alsleben

Group 6 Members:

Atkinson, Dave & Julie
Blumke, Sharon
Bruder, Al & Melinda
Durheim Delving & Debra
Ellingson, Dale & Sue
Ellingson, Mark & Jody
Guse, Linda & Dols, Kim
Hedlund, Jammie
Helland, Stacy
Jacobsen, Russ & Jean
Marcyes, Ryan
Parker, Jason & Amanda
Poegel, Tom & Peggy
Prill, John & Sue
Ragan, Ross & Carol
Snvik, Lowell & Carol
Schultes, Dean
Simon, Jon & Tanji
Wagner, Deb

November 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3rd Dave Hillman
3rd Dave Kramer
4th Chelsea Bleess
4th Hayden Gebhardt
5th Jene Barthel
5th Everett Burkle
7th Cade Baker
7th Kylee Miller
8th Ellie Fearing
8th Blanche Tirk
9th Abigail Reining
10th Jamie Flan
10th Hazel Pederson
11th Lara Drum
12th Logan Thom
13th Anthony Pachan
13th Theodore Westerberg
18th Mark Meagher
20th Larry Adamek
20th Dennis Roering
20th MaryAnn Sander
24th Barb Blair
24th Peyton Hukriede
25th Madison Browen
27th Pastor Ehan Fearing
28th Curtis Thomas
29th Lily Hukriede
30th Emma Drum
30th Jerry Mead
30th Matt Simon
30th Dick Steinert

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3rd Mark & Teresa Pachan
9th Chris & Kessy Holmquist- Rowe
22nd Dick and Emily Steinert
25th Steve & Joretta Hinrichs

ALC CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Sunday **:00am Worship Service with Communion** **10:15am Sunday School** **10:15am** Bible Study "The Chosen **10:15am** Shoebox Packing	**2** **7:00pm** Trustee Meeting	**3**	**4** **5:00pm Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser- Family Night Supper** **6:00pm** Confirmation Class W@LC **6:00pm** Choir Practice **6:00pm** K-6th W@LC with Sierra **6:00pm** Shoebox Packing **7:00pm** Deacon Meeting	**5** **9:00am** Shoebox Workday with Potluck 	**6**	**7**
8 **9:00am Worship Service** **10:15am Sunday School Shoebox Packing** **10:15am** Bible Study "The Chosen"	**9**	**10**	**11** **9:30am** Esther Circle **5:00pm Family Night Spaghetti Supper** **6:00pm** Confirmation Class **6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal **6:00pm** W@LC for Grades K-6 **6:00pm** Shoebox Packing **7:00pm** Church Council Meeting	**12**	**13**	**14**
15 **9:00am Worship Service with Communion** **10:15am Sunday School** **10:15am** Bible Study "The Chosen 10:15am Final Day Shoebox packing with 11am Lunch	**16** 6:15pm Sarah Circle Singing at Meadowplace 7:00pm Sarah Circle Bible Study This week volunteers are needed to take Shoeboxes to River of Life Church	**17**	**18** **9:30am** Esther Circle **11:00am** Newsletter Articles Due **5:00pm Family Night Potluck Supper** **6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal **6:00pm** W@LC for Grades K-6	**19**	**20**	**21**
22 **8:15am Sunday School Singers Practice** **9:00am Worship Service** **10:15am Sunday School** **10:15am** Bible Study "The Chosen" **11:30am** Missions Committee	**23**	**24**	**25** Thanksgiving Break- No activities	**26** 	**27**	**28**
29 **9:00am Worship Service with Communion** **10:00am** Prayer at the Altar after church **10:15am Sunday School** **10:15am** Bible Study "The Chosen **10:15am Advent Decorating & Potluck Lunch** 	**30**					