



March 2025

American Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the ELCA

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WORD OF LIFE

Sunday Lessons in March for your devotions

March 2

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-43a

March 5

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 9

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 16

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 23

Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3,
11b-32



“Faith, fear, and the call to community”

Dear Church,

How are doing - really? Many of us are carrying burdens. Farmers wonder what will happen with their contracts cancelled. Immigrants worry about being swept up without notice. Our LGBTQIA+ family is being dehumanized as declaration after declaration erases their existence. Others in the ELCA are reluctant to leave their homes for fear they will be questioned or separated from their families. Many in our pews and communities are suffering in silence, wondering if anyone notices, if anyone cares.

I want to encourage all of us, our entire church, to bear one another's burdens. Take a moment to reach out and check in on one another. We cannot presume our friends and neighbors are okay. I am reminded of the words in Isaiah when God says “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God.”

We are not alone. We are the body of Christ, called to bear one another's burdens, to be present, to listen, to love. We may not know what tomorrow brings, but we have each other. And we have the promise of a God who meets us in our fear, who walks with us in our struggles, and who calls us to be beacons of hope. So church, let's show up for one another at home and in our communities. Let's remind the world that God's promise, a promise of love, calls us together and moves us to action.

Be well, dear church.

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

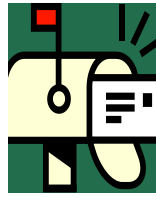
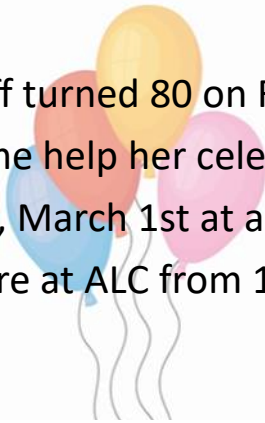
Transcript from YouTube video dated February 21, 2025. Link below:

https://youtu.be/AtJTieVzll8?si=zZBbFC2G2_lxFlcv



Don't forget to spring forward on Sunday, March 9th or you will be late to church!

Kathy Graff turned 80 on February 28th! Come help her celebrate on Saturday, March 1st at an open house here at ALC from 1-4 p.m.



ALC's Mailbox

Lutheran Family Services was the Special Offering for December

"We feel the love this month thanks to your church's recent gift of \$316.87 to Lutheran Family Services through the Nebraska Synod. Your donation allows us to support individuals and families through our core services like adoption, foster care, mental health services and refugee resettlement.

Thank you for believing in our mission! Your generosity means the world to our community and we hope you'll continue being a part of our mission throughout this new year. Please keep your eye out for our events and ways to support our community.

Together we will change lives in 2025!"

Prayer Requests

Remember in Prayer: Members: Gail Block, Elsie Cyriacks, Anne Franzen, Pam Gage, Jim Gonzales, Judy Hicken, Molly Magana, Dennis McCain, family of LaVon Reinke, Mary Finke on the loss of her sister, Lavonne Werkmeister;

Family & Friends of Members: Kristy Connelly, Keith Fickenscher, Chad Fuller, Shelly Goldfish, Mairik Holbein, Jolene Parsons (Judy Hicken's sister), Gene Reinke, Jamie Reiter, Tipp Ronnekamp, Shirley Stombaugh, Kathy Stull (Lori Long's mother), Boone Tederman;

Service Members: Colton Bebensee, Johanna Keiser, Brandon Reinke.

If you or a family member are ill or in the hospital, let us know so Pastor Doug can visit you and include you in our prayers or if a family member is on the prayer list and you feel that they no longer need to be included in them, please call the office at 537-3433.

Youth Of American Lutheran Church

Gratitude is a positive emotion that involves being thankful and appreciative. Gratitude is all about recognizing the good things in your life and the role that others play in those positive events. It can have a powerful role in your health and well-being. The Youtherans spent an evening making their own gratitude crosses. What are you grateful for?



Parents of Sunday School age children -

The kids will be singing during the service on March 9th. They will practice this Sunday, **March 2nd** during Children's Church. If possible, have your child at the church at **9:45 a.m. on March 9th** to practice for the service at 10 a.m.





The season of Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on God's love and grace. It is also a great time for Bible study. All women are invited to join the Lenten study, "Lent in Plain Sight." This study will focus on everyday objects that Jesus encountered on his journey to the cross. We will have an introduction to this study on March 3, at 7 p.m. we will then meet every Monday starting on March 24. Our last Monday will be April 14. Every week will be a new topic, so don't worry if you can't be there every time. Come as you can! We meet in the Gathering Place. We can't wait to see you there!

Augustana College choir will be putting on a free concert here at ALC on March 23rd at 3 p.m. We will be providing them with both lunch and supper.



Please sign up on the bulletin board to provide 2 dozen bars or cookies to go with their meal.



We will begin serving Lenten meals on Wednesday, March 12th from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. **We need volunteers to provide soup, sandwiches, crackers or baby carrots for the meals.** You can sign up on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Women of American Lutheran Church,

As women of ALC, we wear many hats to serve our church community. Often times you may be contacted to prepare, serve, or provide church meals; work in the kitchen; clean or organize church facilities, and so much more. While your gift of time is priceless, we are also in need of financial support to perform these many behind-the-scenes tasks. We ask annually that each woman of our congregation donate \$10 to support those duties. Please place your donation in the offering basket with the Women of ALC designated on the envelope at your earliest convenience, or you give your donation to any of the WELCA board members or drop it by the church office.

Thank you for your support!





March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

1. Caden Geiken

3. Nikita Furrow
Todd Geiken

4. Ellie Franzen Seams
Carter Slonecker

5. Vera Wolf
Donna Schnackenberg

6. Deb Clark

7. Nancy Jobman
Thomas Hicken

8. Mary Monson

9. Latasha Howell

10. Marlene Fiese

12. Lisa Bihlmaier
Nathan Bihlmaier

13. Joslyn Zarek

14. Jessa Thompson
MaKaela Franzen
Dennis McCain

15. Carter Holmes
Sue Schmeackle

18. Mark Aden
Samantha Blasé
Scott Hillius

19. Larry Bihlmaier

20. Al Childers
Lexi Johnson
Craig Zarek

21. Garry Hicken
Landon Rosse

22. Rodney Aden
Andrew Aden
Bentley Christensen
Elliot Block
Alisa Keiser
Gretchen Philpot
Austin Schlake

23. Coltin Bebensee
Jeanne McCain
Ruth Rayburn
Jalisa Sabin

24. Linda Rodine
Lois Holbein

25. Cressy Rossell
Barrie Kuhn
Jaxson Gundell
Turner Gundell
Michele Warner

27. Delaney Harm
Alyson Thorman

28. Ernie Blecha
Sam Aden
Erin Feather

29. Owen Geiken

31. Kayla Holmes
Reagan Stevens

Anniversaries

2 Tom & Rhonda Jobman
3 Noel & Joni Jacobsen
15 Jim & Lori Long
23 Paul & Kathleen Stubbe



Sunday Volunteers

Acolytes

March 2 - Lathan Johnson, Alec Wagner

March 9 - Eli Erb

March 16 - Kya Roth

March 23 - Landon Feather

March 30 - Natalie Hengen

April 6 - Blake Brown

Ushers

March 2 - Joyce Hudson, Pat Jobman

March 9 - Rick & Pat Zarek

March 16 - Noel & Joni Jacobsen

March 23 - Craig & Mary Finke

March 30 - Boyd & Carolyn Hicken

April 6 - Glenn & Sue Finke

Communion Assistants -

March 2 - Kevin Boyd, Connie Dalrymple,
Bob Jorgenson

March 5 - TJ, Ashleigh & Colbie Brown

March 9 - Linda & Eldon Rodine, Carolyn
Hicken

March 16 - Scott & Jackie France, Macy Finke

March 23 - Tammy McMichael, LaMonte
Schlake, Will Rahjes

March 30 - Kim Kitzing, Lisa Wagner,
Rick Zarek

April 6 - Randy & Cressy Rossell, Kendra
Boyd

Reader -

March 2 - Carol Keiser

March 9 - Darla Schlake

March 16 - Linda Rodine

March 23 - Lori Long

March 30 - Logan Feather

April 6 - Kara Kreis

Welcome Center Host -

March 2 - Lisa Bihlmaier

March 9 - Barb Hicken

March 16 - Jan Blecha

March 23 - Connie Dalrymple

March 30 - Kurt Stevens

April 6 - Jena Rahjes

Greeters -

March 2 - Larry & Sue Schledewitz

March 9 - Jonie Birnie, Larry Franzen

March 16 - Dan & Sharise Scherer

March 23 - Elaine Keiser, Kathy Graff

March 30 - Steve & Lisa Bihlmaier

April 6 - Marci Ostergard, Karan Smith

Sound -

March 2 - Eldon Rodine

March 5 - Lori Johnson-Berke

March 9 - Cressy Rossell

March 12 - Kurt Stevens

March 16 - Lindly Anderson

March 19 - Eldon Rodine

March 23 - Scott Aden

March 26 - Cressy Rossell

Offering Counters -

March - Karl & Becky Randecker

April - Marci Ostergard

Communion Bread -

March 2 - Connie Dalrymple

March 5 - Jan Blecha

March 9 - Carol Wahlgren

March 16 - Karan Smith

March 23 - Joni Jacobsen

March 30 - Lisa Wagner

April 6 - Carol Keiser

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>March 2025</i>					1
2 9a Property 10a Service of Holy Communion/ Children's Church 11a Linger Longer	3 7p Women's Bible Study	4 Pony Express Cluster Text Study	5 2:30-3:30 JAM 7p Ash Wednes- day Service	6	7	8 Daylight Savings Time Begins Tonight
9 10a Service of Holy Communion / Children's Church 11a Linger Longer	10 1:30p Communion Stone Hearth	11 Pony Express Cluster Text Study 7p Congregational Council	12 NO JAM 5:45 - 6:45p Lenten Supper 7p Lenten Worship	13	14	15
16 10a Service of Holy Communion/ Budget Meeting 11a Linger Longer	17	18 Pony Express Cluster Text Study	19 2:30-3:30 JAM 5:45-6:45p Lenten Supper 7p Lenten Worship	20	21	22
23 10a Service 11a Linger Longer 3p Augustana	24 1:30p Stone Hearth 7p Women's Bible Study	25 Pony Express Cluster Text Study	26 2:30-3:30 JAM 5:45-6:45p Lenten Supper 7p Lenten Worship	27 9a Quilters	28	29
30 10a Service 11a Linger Longer	31 7p Women's Bible Study					