

# American Lutheran Church

March/April, 2024



**Palm Sunday: March 24<sup>th</sup>** worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with the dramatic reading of the Passion story.

**Maundy Thursday: March 28<sup>th</sup>** soup supper and worship at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Good Friday: March 29<sup>th</sup>** worship at 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Service of quiet contemplation on the day of our Lord's death.

**Easter: March 31<sup>st</sup>** Festival worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion.

## Adult Forums

March 3-17

**Christ's Passion through Art:** Pastor Elizabeth will put her Art History degree to good use by showing and talking about the art associated with the agony in the garden, the trial, and crucifixion of Jesus. Join us as we experience this meaningful way to remember the events of Holy Week.

March 24

**Palm Sunday: Coffee fellowship**

March 31

**Easter Sunday:** If you aren't rushing off to Easter brunch, share in coffee fellowship with fellow members of ALC.

April 7

**Coffee fellowship**

April 14

**Spring Bake Sale:** see information in the youth section of the newsletter

April 21

**Reconciling in Christ:** We'll explore further what it means to say *All Are Welcome* about our life together.

April 28

**Pre Bi-Annual Meeting meeting:** We do this before our Annual Meeting, so why not our Bi-Annual Meeting?! Come and join in discussion about life at ALC as we move forward with our Capital Campaign, *On Our Way Rejoicing*, and elect members of our Church Council, trustees to the Mission Endowment Trust, and delegates to St. John's United and Christikon Bible Camp.

## Sponsor Easter Flowers

A variety of colorful plants and flowers will decorate our sanctuary for Easter services on March 31<sup>st</sup>. You are invited to sponsor one or more in honor of or in memory of a loved one.



Acknowledgements will appear in the March 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin. Each sponsorship is \$20. Note "Easter Flowers" in the memo of a check, or pay online. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or dropped in the offering plate on Sundays.

You can fill out a form online by clicking the link in the weekly email. Forms will also be available on Sundays at the ushering table. **Deadline for this is March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is right around the corner, and that means it is almost time for American Lutheran's annual Easter egg hunt at Moss Mansion! Our egg hunt will be held on the front lawn of Moss Mansion on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> following the 10:30

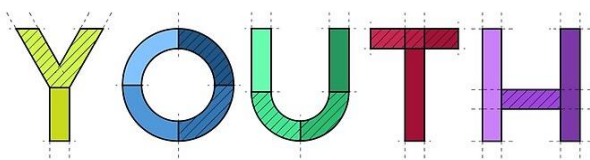


church service. Please bring your kiddos (and their Easter baskets), and join us for

some springtime fun as we celebrate the good news that Christ is risen! If your child is unable to bring something to collect eggs in, or forgets, don't worry – we will have bags on hand at the church. Feel free to contact Rochelle at [rochelle@amluth.org](mailto:rochelle@amluth.org) if you have any questions.

## Women's Spring Gathering

ALC Women join us **Saturday April 27th** for a time for food, fellowship and faith building. Pastor Julia Seymour from Big Timber Lutheran Church will lead us again this year. Stay tuned to your weekly email for registration information.



The schedule for Sunday and Wednesday youth activities during the month of March and April is listed below. Please email Rochelle at [rochelle@amluth.org](mailto:rochelle@amluth.org) if you have any questions.

### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>

9:30 – 10:15 Sunday School

### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

NO Sunday School – Easter Sunday

### Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>

5:30 – 6:30 Kids Club

7:00 – 8:00 Confirmation

7:00 – 8:00 Youth Group

### Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

NO Wednesday night activities – Spring Break

### Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>

5:30 – 6:30 Kid's Club

7:00 – 8:00 Confirmation

7:00 – 8:00 Youth Group

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>

9:30 – 10:15 Sunday School

\*\* On Wednesday, **March 13<sup>th</sup>** and **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a 'family style' meal at church at 6:30 pm. \*\*

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** The confirmation and youth group would like to say a heartfelt 'thank you' you everyone that



donated to the Billings high school food pantries during this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. Thanks to our congregation's

generosity, we were able to raise close to \$2,000.00! This will go such a long way in supporting the homeless and food insecure youth in our community!

Time to mark your calendars – it's a **SPRING BAKE SALE AT ALC!** We hope to usher in the Spring and support our summer high school mission trip by hosting a spring bake sale. **The bake sale will be held on Sunday, April 14th from**

**8:30 – 11:30.** This is a new event that we hope draws support for our summer mission trip and other summer youth activities. Please show your support for the youth at ALC by purchasing some of the



delicious goodies that will be available, or by donating some baked goods to be sold. Baked goods can be brought to the church the morning of the bake sale. Please make sure they are placed on paper plates or in containers that can be kept by the purchaser. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rochelle at [rochelle@amluth.org](mailto:rochelle@amluth.org).

## Preschool News

Hello from your preschool! March and April are packed with spring time fun. We celebrate each week by all wearing the same color every Wednesday. Our first week is crazy colors (as many as you can) to celebrate Dr. Seuss stories. Then we lead into Creation with Black/Yellow for day and night, Green for St Patrick, and Purple for Easter. At the end of the month we hope to walk down to Moss Mansion for our class Egg hunts. Then we enjoy the school's spring break week. In April we will learn about Joseph and his brothers, Moses, Noah, and the Walls of Jericho. We always say that we love teaching in a church where we can share these stories in an age appropriate way. Our own children, who are now all adults, were raised at ALC. They loved to come home from confirmation class and tell us their updated age appropriate versions of these Bible stories from Pastor Elizabeth. The Bible shares a darker version than what we learn about in prekinders class, but the overall message is the same. It's hard to believe we only have three more months to go with this fun group of preschoolers downstairs. Happy Spring!



## Financial Update

	Expenses	Income	Difference
January	\$54,016	\$57,650	\$3,634
YTD	\$54,016	\$57,650	\$3,634

Thanks to your generosity, we had a good start to the new year. Offerings for January were strong, and our line of credit balance remains at 0. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving as we look to ministry in 2024 with hope and anticipation!

## May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Bi-Annual Meeting of the congregation.

Hear updates on our ministries and vote on delegates to Christikon, St. John's and church council. 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

## Radio Broadcast Ending

Sadly, the radio station that we broadcast Sunday worship on has been sold. We will not be able to broadcast services after March 31<sup>st</sup>. We still offer YouTube services. Contact the office to get connected.

## Christikon Clips

### March, 2024

*Information for our Congregations*



Annual Benefit Auction is on April 21st at the Billings Depot. We are looking for items for the auction such as: fishing trip, weekend getaway, dinner out, themed baskets, artisan items. Have an idea? Let us know! Watch for more details as they become available on our website.

Pick up your Christikon Camping Program Brochure at your church. If you would like one mailed to you contact the office. Registration is online at [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org). We are excited about our new registration process! We believe you will be, too!

Adults and families: Watch for the special focus for each of the family/adult weekends next summer at Christikon: work projects, faith formation, and Bible study will be woven together with worship, meal fellowship, re-creation, folk dancing and much more. Check out camping for adults and families online at [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org).

Bus Attendants needed for 2024– Would you or someone you know be willing to ride with youth on their way to Christikon? Yes? Please call Kerry in the office at 406-656-1969 or email at [secretary@christikon.org](mailto:secretary@christikon.org) for details. It pays a daily rate as well!

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ—  
exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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