

# THE LIVE WIRE

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## YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

MAKES A DIFFERENCE



“A HUGE thank you is in order! American Lutheran Church has been blessed in 2023 through your faithful giving. With your faithful and generous hearts here are some of the things that happened in 2023:

- 10% of all giving is set aside for quarterly donations decided on by the Benevolence Committee, to date \$114,874 has been paid out to 23 different ministries and charities! It is projected that an additional \$44,000 will be paid out at the end of the fourth quarter!
- Missions & Evangelism were able to give \$2,100 to Community Bible Study in South Asia.
- MOPS put together 64 boxes for Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan's Purse.
- Blanket4Kids delivered dozens of quilts and hand crocheted hats and scarves to school programs thanks to our ALC Quilters and Knitters.
- The pastors have been able to give over \$4,000 to aid the less fortunate with utility bills, rent assistance and food/gas cards.
- The Sunday Community Meal continue to feed around 20 people every Sunday.

These are just a handful of ways your giving impacts the community, the nation and the world. If you haven't already considered, one way you can continue to support ALC and the works of our many ministries is through your annual RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). This amount is usually taxable, however there is a way to avoid paying that tax. Having your RMD directly issued to the church, making it tax exempt. Please contact your financial advisor or tax preparer for specifics.



## LARRY'S RETIREMENT

After 16 faithful years, our beloved Larry Lee will be retiring at the end of this year. Larry has been steady and faithful to ALC during highs and lows. He has been a part of the Audio/Visual Department, as well as the worship band, he's lead Connection Classes and did various roles in Walk Through Bethlehem. Have no worries, though he will no longer be on staff, Larry still plans to give to ALC with his talents on the worship band and continue to call ALC his church home.



planning center

## WE ARE SWITCHING OUR ONLINE GIVING & APP. IN 2024

The office staff has been busy at work this year! It was decided to switch our churchwide data base to the company Planning Center. Planning Center is designed for churches and has many features we are excited to start using.

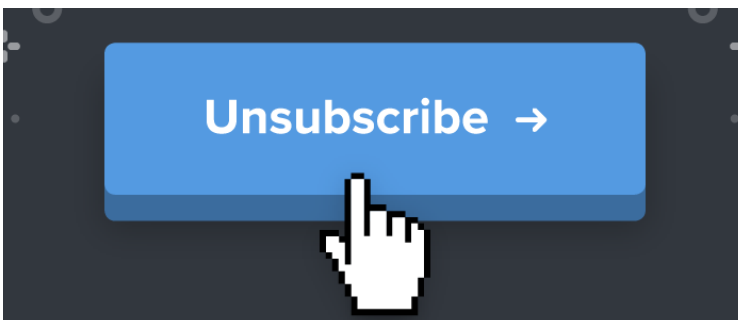
Currently we use Tithely & Servant Keeper for giving, member information and our church app. Starting January 2024 we will switch to Planning Center. This means giving and our church app with Tithely will no longer be available. But have no worries, Planning Center has both of those features!

On January 1, 2024 you will automatically no longer have access to giving with Tithely or have access to the church app. If you would like to get a head start on this before the end of the year you can download the app here : <https://americanlutheran.churchcenter.com/setup>

**OR** if you need assistance with setting up giving online, or downloading the app, I am happy to help you in any way, please just call or email and we will set up a time to meet and get this set up for you.

This is an exciting new chapter and we hope you enjoy these features as much as we do.

*Abbie Cornelius, Director of Administration & Bookkeeper*



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## WINTER WOW BEGINS JANUARY 10TH

Registration is open!

Sunday Registration Dates: December 17 and January 7  
WOW (Women of Wisdom) is a spirit-lifting, faith-renewing, life-inspiring program for women of all ages and backgrounds. WOW at ALC has been "Growing Women in Christ...for 23 years." We meet every Wednesday.

Winter WOW is Wednesdays, January 10 - February 28, 9 AM - 12:15 AM



Unfortunately, we live in a world with some bad people. It has been brought to our attention that a scammer has gotten ahold of our directory and is texting people pretending to be Pastor Mark. Please do not engage or do anything the scammer asks.

None of our staff have ever or will ever make financial requests of our church via text message or email like. Please block and report these messages if you receive them.

## LIVE WIRE SUBMISSIONS

For any Live Wire submissions, please send them to Diana at [diana@americanlutheran.net](mailto:diana@americanlutheran.net).