

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WINDOM

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010, 11:00 A.M.



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5:30 PM SATURDAY CHAPEL WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

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TERA ELNESS, EDUCATION & YOUTH COORDINATOR

COMPANION TO THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
IN NIGERIA #1 DEMSA
CONTEMPORARY ORDER FOR WORSHIP
Liturgist: Tera Elness

GATHERING MUSIC.....Priscilla Jacobson, pianist
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/FRIENDSHIP PADS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (front of ALC songbook)
GATHERING SONG “*God Forgave My Sin*” ALC #72
APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

AND ALSO WITH YOU

KYRIE “*Create in Me*” ALC #14
PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 (Read Responsively from Scripture Insert)
CANTICLE OF PRAISE “*How Majestic...*” ALC #150
PRAYER OF THE DAY (On Scripture Insert)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching & song

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Pastor Letnes
FIRST READING.....Genesis 12:1-3; Joshua 24:14-15
The Word of the Lord / **Thanks Be to God**
SECOND READING.....I Peter 1:13-16
The Word of the Lord / **Thanks Be to God**
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “*Open the Eyes*” ALC #96
GOSPEL READING.....Luke 4:1-13; Matthew 28:16-20
Response before: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Response after: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON **TEMPTATIONS & PROMISES** Pastor Letnes
SONG OF THE DAY “*Spirit*” (vss 1,4) ALC #40

APOSTLES’ CREED (inside back cover of ALC songbook)
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION “*The Spirit Intercedes*” ALC #3

THANKSGIVING

Our grateful response for all God's gifts

LIGHTING OF PRAYER CANDLES

(Come to the front & light a candle and say a prayer
for yourself or on behalf of someone else.)

OFFERING *(Stand as the offering is brought forward)*

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING "What Have We to Offer" #13

PRAYER:

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through
your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our
selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what
we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. AMEN**

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING **Amen**

DISMISSAL **Thanks be to God**

SENDING SONG "As You Go On Your Way" ALC #68

SENDING MUSIC

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*Dear Lord, on this first Sunday in Lent, stir up
within us the desire to be more Christlike.*

*Purify our spirits and lead us daily in all our
thoughts and actions. AMEN.*

Attendance last Saturday 41; Sunday 228; Offering \$6445
Sunday School \$58.64

Fourth Quarter Statements are available in the Skylight Court

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

ACOLYTES – Ashley Schoenenberger & Astarla Blanshan

GREETER – Lonnie Gannott

READER – Jean Fast

RADIO SPONSORSHIP today is given in memory of Katie and Doug Zimmerman by their family.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

TODAY: 2 pm Shetek Conference Assembly at Grace Lutheran in Luverne; 5-8 pm Youth providing Child Care; 5-7:30 pm Fireside at the Parsonage.

MONDAY: 7:15 am Youth Breakfast at Si Jambo's; 6:30 pm Transition Team; 7 pm Handbells.

TUESDAY: 6:45 am Men's Breakfast; 9 am Staff; 6:15 pm "Walk by Faith".

WEDNESDAY: Noon Ecumenical Worship at 1st Presbyterian Church; 5:15 pm Kids' Choir; 5-6 pm Supper; 6:30 pm WORSHIP.

THURSDAY: 6:30 pm Cable TV.

FRIDAY: 6:30 pm Friendship Group; 8 pm to 11 pm Youth Christian Rave in Youth Room.

SATURDAY: 5:30 pm Chapel Worship.

SUNDAY: 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion; 9:45 am Sunday School; 9:45 am Book of the Month; 9:45 am Beyond the Walls; 5-7 pm Youth Group; 5-7:30 pm Fireside at the Parsonage.

FIRESIDE at the Prospect Parsonage will be tonight & Feb 28 from 5 to 7:30 pm. The focus will be on "Open Faith-Open Hearts-Open Minds" as they discuss what it means to be the Church of Jesus Christ.

THE "ARK" PROJECT is underway. The movie "Evan Almighty" had to be postponed and will be now shown on March 26 at 7 pm. ARK stands for "Acts of Random Kindness". Take note of the Ark display on the bulletin board in the north hallway and the opportunity to help build the Ark by showing kindness to one-another. For further details, check the February newsletter.

CALL COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS are available next to the YES box, the church office, or on the Transition Team bulletin board. Deadline is Sunday, February 28. Applications can be placed in the YES box or dropped off at the office. NEED MORE INFORMATION about serving on the Call Committee? A paper has been prepared entitled "What Do Call Committees Do?" You can pick up the paper at the same location as the application. For further questions, talk with Pastor Ron.

CIRCLES OF SUPPORT is a community lead program tackling issues such as poverty, racism, & social injustices. C of S brings persons together across class, race, age, ability...lines to create positive solutions and raise consciousness in our community about poverty issues & move people into action. Weekly leadership development meetings are held Mondays from 5-7 pm 1st United Methodist Church in Windom. Everyone is welcome from all walks of life. For questions, contact Tamara at 507-847-2632 Ext 9.

SW SYNOD LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION RETREAT will be March 5-6 at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer. This year's theme is "The Hands of Real Men Pray". Jeff Siemon, former Viking linebacker, will be speaking both Friday night & Saturday. Worship, singing and small group sessions will fill the weekend. Registration begins Friday at 4:30 pm and dinner at 6 pm and the event concludes at 3 pm on Saturday. Cost is \$100 for the full retreat, housing & 3 meals.

BEYOND THE WALLS --- It is the mission of the Church to minister to those persons and situations "Beyond the Walls" of the congregation. We gather to hear the Word, to feel each others' support, to be empowered by the Spirit of Christ to be Jesus' disciples. Then we go out, into the community, "Beyond the Walls" to be the hearts & hands of Jesus. It is therefore important to understand the issues & challenges within our community "Beyond the Walls" of ALC. And then, to listen and learn of ways that each of us can step-up and step-out to be a partner in addressing these issues and challenges. This is what it means to be a **CHURCH IN MISSION**. **The Church exists for MISSION**. THEREFORE, the congregation is invited to engage in conversation with several of our community leaders today and next Sunday from 9:45-10:45 am in the Skylight Court.

February 21: Steve Nasby: Economic Development; Wayne Wormstadt: Superintendent of Schools; Cheryl Hanson: Chamber of Commerce; Eric Hanson: High School Principal.

February 28: Kirby Kruse: Mayor of Windom; Jeff Shirkey: Chief of Police; Jason Purrington: Sheriff; Mike Wojahn: Agriculture; Craig Myers: Cottonwood County Family Services.

COME LEARN & QUESTION!

YOUTH NOTES.....

- TODAY: 5 to 8 pm – “Sitting for the Starving”
ALC Youth group will be doing child care for children ages 4-10 in the Youth Room for a \$5 donation to “Feed My Starving Children”.
- MONDAY: 7:15 am Youth Breakfast Si Jambo’s.
- WEDNESDAY: 5:15 pm Kids’ Choir.
- FRIDAY: Christian Rave for 7th-12th Graders in ALC’s Youth Room from 8 pm to 11 pm \$5. donation for “Feed My Starving Children”.
- SUNDAY: 5-7 pm Youth Group

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT
Bring your children ages 4-10 to the Church Youth Room tonight from 5-8 pm.
ALC Youth will feed and entertain Your child while you have an evening off.
All for just a \$5 donation to “ Feed My Starving Children ”

PLEASE fill out the “Future Ministry Survey” included with this bulletin and place in the “YES” box in the Skylight Court.

PEOPLE’S REVIEW OF FUTURE MINISTRY PRIORITIES will be held on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 pm in the Chapel. A time to come and hear a report on the results of the FMP. It is also a time to ask questions and make comments. All are welcome!

THE ALC CHOIR will be singing an Easter Cantata on Sunday, April 11 at both worship services. Rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, March 3 following the Lenten Service. “Amazing Grace” will be the cantata and all are welcome to join in!

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a program at BARC on Thursday, Feb 25 at 7 pm. LaVern Christianson will be portraying King Harald Hardrada – the last Norwegian Viking King.

LENTEN SERVICES - the next five Wednesdays we will be using the Lenten Holden Evening Prayer and using the Theme: PRAYER FOR THE PROMISES. Bethany Lutheran & First Presbyterian Church will be joining us. Speakers each week will give a ten minute homily on the Promises. Following worship, discussion & coffee will be held in the Fellowship Hall and conversation about how we, as a congregation, can fulfill the PROMISES within our congregation.

Feb 24 – WORSHIP – LaVern Christianson

Mch 3 – WITNESSING – Tera Elness

Mch 10 – SERVING – Gary Natterstad (Service this evening will be a Bethany Lutheran)

Mch 17 – COMMUNITY – Linda Jaakola

Mch 24 – PEACE & JUSTICE – Pastor Sarah Butler of First Presbyterian Church

SUPPER will be served each Wednesday from 5-6 pm with the following groups providing.

Feb 24 – ALC Youth --- Lasagna, salad, garlic bread

Mch 3 – ELCA Scholarship Committee

Mch 10 – Bethany Lutheran Church

Mch 17 – ELCA Scholarship Committee

Mch 24 – First Presbyterian Church

Apr 1 (Maundy Thursday) – ALC Youth --- Spuds & Splits

NOON ECUMENICAL WORSHIP with several churches in town will be held on Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church. Come for worship and lunch beginning this week.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kyle Haglund as he receives his “Eagle” Scout award Monday evening at their Blue & Gold Banquet.

HOLDEN VILLAGE TRIP NEEDS YOU! The group traveling to Holden Village, June 19-27, needs at least one more person to ride the train to Holden Village. If interested, please contact Pastor Terry as soon as possible.

WANTED TO BORROW: An adult sized Superhero costume. It will be needed in March. Please let the church office know if you have one.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING tonite from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Windom E-Free Worship Center. Come sing your favorite hymn in worship to our great God. All are welcome.