

The American LUTHERAN WINDOM, MN Church

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Please Join Us!

Here is our weekly worship schedule:

Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship

Sundays 9:00 am Worship

Wednesdays 6:00 pm Worship



Wednesday, May 2nd

6:00 pm Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, May 5th

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, May 6th

Rural Life Sunday

9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion

& Healing Prayers

Blessing of the Quilts

Wednesday, May 9th

6:00 pm Worship New Members

Saturday, May 12th

5:30 pm Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, May 13th

Mother's Day

9:00 am Worship w/New Members

Wednesday, May 16th

6:00 pm Worship

Saturday, May 19th

5:30 pm Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, May 20th

Pentecost

9:00 am Worship/SR. Recognition

Wednesday, May 23rd

6:00 pm Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, May 26th

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, May 27th

Trinity Sunday

9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, May 30th

6:00 pm Worship

ALC Statement of Mission:

**In the name of the Triune God,
we welcome all
walk together
reflect love and
serve creation.**

From Pastor Sarah

"Why did you want to join the church?" I asked.
"Community" he responded.



Church is a place to *belong*, not just on the books, but to each other and to God. "Do not fear. I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, *you are mine*." Isaiah 43.1.b

Do you realize that *community* is one of the best gifts you have to offer as a church? Yet, community doesn't just happen. Extending welcome and hospitality is an intentional spiritual practice. It is a theme we find throughout scripture.

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13.12

When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God. Leviticus 19.33

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:9-10

Yet hospitality and life together is hard work! I just heard hospitality described as "opening your life to intrusions." It goes against some of our cultural ideals of "being my own person" and making it "on my own" because life together means my life is open to yours, both to give and receive.

At the Fall Theological Conference in 2017 our speaker Scott Vaughn told us about how he was pressed in his own life to be more hospitable, not just at church, but to *open up his home*. His reading of scripture convicted him that his house was not his own, and he needed to open it up to others on a regular basis. His wife said "Scott, stop reading the Bible!!" None the less, the couple agreed to open their home. They host Sunday night soup suppers, forming deeper relationships, as community in Christ *with the lights dimmed*. (so no one is worried about the dust!) New life in Christ means we do things that didn't even seem possible, because the Spirit of the risen Jesus is at work in our lives. Thank you for all the ways you are opening your life to others!!

"We have something to offer – friendship, prayer, peace, love, fidelity, affection, ministry with those in need – and these things are so valuable that people are willing to make their resources available to sustain them..."

Henri Nouwen
[A Spirituality of Fundraising](#)

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When have you received hospitality and it impacted your life?

To whom could you show hospitality today?

Holy Spirit, help us to open our hearts, homes, lives and time to those whom you will show us. Amen.

Thanks to Pastor Jeanette McCormick and First Lutheran Church in Worthington for sharing their Lenten worship “Spiritual Gifts – Welcome, 4-4-2018”, one of the sources for this article.

Important Days in May:

The Day of Pentecost, May 20th As the birthday of the church, Pentecost Sunday is among the most important festivals of the Christian church. Occurring 50 days after Easter, Pentecost celebrates the day the Holy Spirit appeared to the first believers, providing the enthusiasm, faith, and courage to spread the good news of the gospel throughout the known world. We celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites.

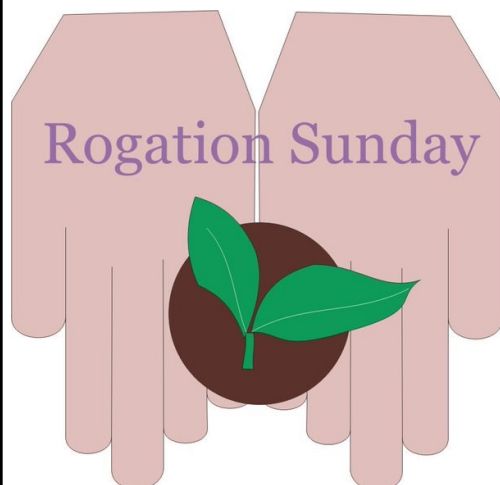


But the fruit of the *Spirit*
is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness,
self-control;
against such things
there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

“Rural Life Sunday,” Sunday, May 6th

(or “Soil, Water, Planting Sunday” or historically known as “Rogation Sunday”)
an annual observance when the Church lifts up and affirms the work of those who steward the land in producing food and resources for our common life!





YOUTH NEWS!

From Lisa Petersen, Youth Coordinator

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our fundraising has been very successful because of all of you!! Thank you! The last time that I looked, we were right around that \$12K mark. With the matching funds from the Trust Fund we are at \$22K of our \$26K goal. We still have plenty of opportunities for you all to get involved in our desires to meet with Christ and 30K other ELCA youth from across America in Houston, Texas this summer.

The National ELCA Youth Gathering is June 26-July 2, 2018. <http://www.elca.org/youthgathering>

We, 21 youth, 3 adults, plus Moms and Dads, have been working hard since last September to pull together as a team. Not only for fundraising, but to grow in trust for one another and to grow spiritually closer to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We know and are excited, that we will be joining 30K other ELCA youth and leaders in Houston to learn, grow and worship our Lord. Plus, there is one day that week that the ELCA will show up in a hurricane stricken Houston, Texas to just step up and help those in need.

We still have a few dollars to raise to hit our budget needs, so please consider making a straight donation or attending one or all of the following fundraising activities that are STILL coming up. Along with hosting Sunday Morning Coffee and our every 3rd Sunday "Hot Dish To Houston" Fundraiser, we are planning on some super fun nights for our whole church community.

Our next BIG Fundraiser is the HUGE GAME NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA: Date to be ANNOUNCED- STAY TUNED

Here's what will be going on at the HUGE EXTRAVAGANZA!!

Trivia Pursuit Game: Get your family and friends together and buy your admission ticket for \$8 a person and enter to play a huge Trivia Pursuit Game. Each table will work together as a team to answer trivia questions from all times and walks of life. This is for young and old. Silver Screener's, Baby Boomer's, Bible Thumper's, Sporto's, Science and Geography Guru's to Disney Enthusiasts.



Teams will be made up of 6-8 people per table. The winning Team will be awarded \$100.

After a rousing game of Trivia Pursuit, sit back, relax and enjoy a version of the Newlywed Show called, "**The NOT SO Newlywed Show!**" Five couples from our congregation will compete for a \$50 prize by answering each other's questions. The couple with the most correct answers will win! Just Like TV!!

You might think that is all the fun we can muster in one night, but we are not done, it will be time to play, **PIE-A-PASTOR!** Loose Change Jars can be found up in the Skylight Court for you to vote which Pastor or Chaperone will receive a HUGE PIE to the face. The one who raises the most cold hard cash, is the winner and WILL receive a Pie, but not in a good way! Those who are up for a pie to the face are Pastor Sarah Tade', Pastor Hank Campbell, Lisa Petersen, John Shamp and Melissa Vongsy. That will conclude the HUGE EXTRAVAGANZA!!

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FLAMINGO FLOCKING for FUNDS

The flock is on the move!! Here's what we've heard about how they are going to raise money for our trip. They are planning on dropping in on several yards and they won't leave until the home owner contributes (\$25) towards the Road To Houston Fund. Upon paying the Flee Fee, you will be able to tell the flock where they should fly to next.

If you are allergic to flamingos, please let the church office know and we'll make sure to pass it onto the flock, so they don't bother you. But, if you are up for a visit, just wait and see. Plus, get your list of friends or family that you might want to flock.

GAS 2 GO: There is a Gas Can and Thermometer up right outside of Lisa's office. Please consider dropping your loose change in the gas can and help us raise the money we need to go on our trip to Houston.



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TAKE STOCK IN OUR YOUTH: Another way that you can support our financial efforts, is by stopping by the Youth Bulletin Board and tearing off an envelope of your choosing. Place the amount of money that is indicated on the envelope and return it to the church office.

Sr. League will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday Nights at 8pm. During our bi-weekly meetings, we will be doing all our League Activity Planning, Bible Studying and end our evening with some Social Time. Get your 9th - 12th graders involved in Sr. League!!



Jr. League gets together on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm - 8pm. We will be doing all our League Planning, some Bible Journaling and then some good old fun!! Get your youth involved with Jr League this year!! All 6th - 8th Graders are welcome to come to Jr League.

NOTE: Both Leagues welcome ALL FRIENDS of the ALC Youth.

Attention Adults: If you are interested in getting involved in the youth program, let me know. I would love to have some other positive adults involved in the groups.

Any questions, please give me a call at 507-831-1794 or my cell 507-822-6680.

Sincerely, Lisa

Lisa

Eph. 6:10-18



Christian Education Corner – May 2018

May 6th : Family Fun Afternoon!
We will be planting and creating beautiful pots at 3:00 p.m.
Bring the whole family or come alone, anyone and everyone is welcome!

If you plan on coming, please let Abby know for purchasing purposes but if you decide to come last minute, no problem! COME and enjoy time together!

May 23rd : Last day of BAM
**We will be having a family celebration! The whole family is welcome: Parents, grandparents, siblings! Please come and celebrate the 1st year of BAM!

1st Communion Classes

The first communion kids had fun meeting for classes during BAM, baking bread with their families and Dr. Mary before their first communion on Maundy Thursday. They are such a wonderful group of kids that we are SO thankful for!

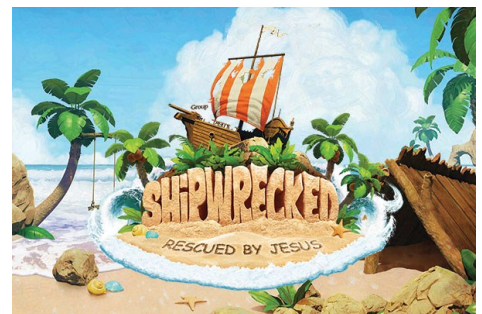


****In hopes of connecting with individuals who are interested in taking 1st communion classes, and inviting those who might have been busy during the class times, we have decided to offer a summer session of 1st communion! We are planning dates and will announce that as soon as plans are finalized.*

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** VBS: Shipwrecked 2018 will be held on August 19th – 23rd from 6-8pm. If you are interested in helping (We NEED you!!) please let Abby know! More info to come!

Any Questions, Contact Abby Grove – abbyatalc@gmail.com

-OR- 507-822-1777



WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES FOR MAY

By Karen Wojahn, Worship & Music Coordinator (831-3161)



Thank you to everyone who completed one of the Congregational Surveys! The results are being reviewed by the Worship & Music and Christian Education Boards and will be used as we move forward in our planning for the future.

As we turn the calendar page to the month of May, our scripture lessons for worship will help us reflect on our lives as disciples of Christ.

May 6	Serving God Through Our Partnership in the Gospel	Philippians 1:1-18a
May 13	Living a Life of Humility and Service	Philippians 2:1-13
May 20	The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-21

On the weekend of May 19-20, we will be observing Pentecost, considered by many to be the birthday of the church. Pentecost commemorates the arrival of the Holy Spirit. As we recall the flames of fire that appeared over the heads of the people gathered in Jerusalem that day, everyone is invited to wear the color red to worship that weekend. The Worship & Music Board also invites you to share red geraniums or other red flowers to decorate our sanctuary and chapel that weekend. Please bring your flowers to church by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. After Sunday morning worship, you may take your flowers home or leave them at church to be planted.

On Sunday, May 20, we will also celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors. It will be a festive day!

See you in church!



Breakfast on the Hill

Last summer, in cooperation with the Windom Schools Food Service Department, we began a Saturday morning free breakfast program. Every Saturday morning a free breakfast was served at American Lutheran Church. With financial assistance from the state of Minnesota and the contributions of members, the meal was free to everyone, children and adults.

Many members of our congregation helped to set out and serve this breakfast. Although the attendance for the meal was not what we had hoped for, we know the need exists in our community. Consequently, we have brainstormed new ways to offer this ministry and a discussion was held with school leaders.

One major change we hope to make in the program is to offer the meal at Kastle Kingdom. We feel that taking the ministry outside the church building may increase its appeal in the community. This will require transporting the food from the church to the park each Saturday.

In order to make this ministry happen, we need to form a Task Force of 6 volunteers who will share the responsibility of moving and serving the food and leading other volunteers. This is not a commitment to be present every Saturday morning.

If you are willing to serve on the Task Force and be a part of this leadership team, please contact Karen Wojahn (831-3161) or Abby Grove (822-1777) by May 3.

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Let's do God's work with our hands!

GLOW in May

Gals Living Our Witness

Sewing Day Added !!!

Tuesday, May 1 @ 9:00 a.m.

*3 of our 8 scheduled Sewing Days were
cancelled due weather and a funeral.*

We need YOU to help complete quilts for 2018!

No Experience Needed

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Questions? Contact: Carolyn Janssen, 831-3082.

Blessing of the Quilts

Sunday, May 6 at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, May 17 @ 2:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact: Carolyn Torkelson, 831-5986.

American Lutheran Church Women's Ministry 2018

Comings and Goings

- **May 7 - 10**

Pastor Sarah will be participating in a continuing education event entitled "The Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising". Enrollment in the program is by invitation of the Southwest MN Synod, and funded by the Ministerial Excellence Fund. The program is open and specifically tailored to all faith traditions. This event will be held at Luther Seminary in St. Paul.

- **May 24th-26th**

Lisa Petersen and Tim Herron will be attending a Lay Preacher's Training in Watertown SD. The Training will be taking place at the Joy Ranch.

DID YOU KNOW?

BAM Wednesday Night
offering goes to help the Windom Area
Schools Back pack program! This program
serves over 80 children some weekend
food. We would love your support in the
form of offering if you are able!



The 31st Synodical Convention for the women of the ELCA will be held in St. Cloud MN on June 29-30, 2018

Donating any of the following In-Kind offerings will be taken to the convention:

1. White Socks and Lip Balm for Adults– They will be donated to the VA in St. Cloud
2. Soles for Souls– Shoes– Any kind, any condition, even those that have lost their mate! Those found to be unusable will be recycled. Clean out those closets! A box is in the Skylight court.
3. Christian literature– Bibles, magazines, books etc. (Does not have to be new but literature cannot have any advertising in it.) Thanks for donating.





What a blessing a mother can be,
a gift of love for eternity.

Nurturing you from the very start,
with the beating of her heart.

A wise teacher to lead the way,
with gentle hands and word so kind,
she always knows what's on your mind.

A trusting friend whose always there,
A caring doctor who knows how you
feel,

with hugs and kisses that really heal.

With so many different jobs to do,
a mother is truly a blessing for you.



Dear Lord,

Lift the hearts of those

*for whom this holiday is not just diversion,
but painful memory and continued deprivation.*

Bless those whose dear ones have died.

*We remember with compassion and
heartfelt thanks, those who
have died serving their country.*

Amen.



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES





We are pleased to announce that we have hired Judy Lindvall to be our new part time custodian at American Lutheran Church. Please welcome Judy to her new job and church family.



ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 4/23/18:

Income: \$123,102

Expenses: \$132,831

Borrowed to date: \$11,000

These figures do not include April end-of-month commitments and benevolences

Repair Our Church Fund (ROC) Update: THE ROC FUND HAS BEEN PAID OFF!
Thanks to those that contributed to make this happen! The renovation fund will continue so we can catch up on some of our deferred maintenance in the church. You can continue to use the blue renovation envelopes to make contributions to this fund.

Memorials:

Renovation/ROC Fund - In memory of Gloria Hanefeld, Rich Menken, Idabeth Amundson, Kim Nielsen, Lorene Sutherland, Judy Derickson, Janice Stene & Leroy Heyenhoff.

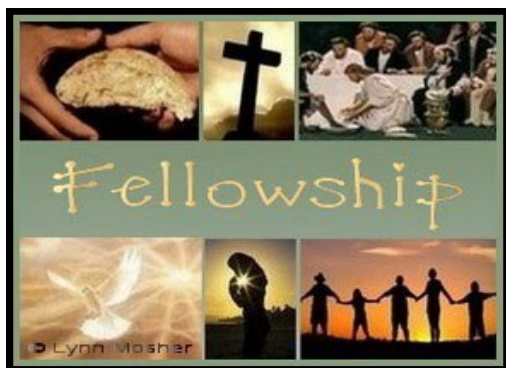
Video/Media Fund - In memory of Rich Menken.

RADIO-SPONSORSHIPS:

Please stop in today, or call the church office for sponsorships. We have lots of open dates available!!



IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE are hospitalized, going through any medical treatments or need pastoral care of any kind, please call the church office to let us know. 831-1794



Have you ever considered joining Soup & Bread but weren't sure what all the fuss was about? This is a great opportunity for the 25ish—45ish. We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We'd love to have you join us! Child care is provided. For more information, contact Kathryn Ralston at (507) 822-0686.

Bits and Pieces

PRAYER SHAWLS: If you know of someone in our church family who could use a Prayer Shawl, call the church office.

KEEP SAVING those empty printer ink cartridges. They are turned in for cash for our Education Department. The container is located in the hallway by the offices.

CONTINUE to remember the Windom Sharing Center in the coming months. Monetary gifts may be sent to PO Box 173, Windom. Contributions may be left here at the church or at the Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Call 822-7210,

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate ALC's Prayer Chain, call one of these women. Rosalie Brodin at 831-2330 or LaVonne Swenson at 831-5018. An email may be sent to swenson@windomnet.com.

REMEMBER 2nd Thursday of every month at Senior Dining. Join your ALC family once a month for lunch at the Windom Community Center.

MISSING A CAKE PAN? Our collection of orphaned pots and pans in Room 102 is growing! Please stop in and see if one of them is yours. Thanks for all the food you have shared!

WANT TO RECEIVE THE MESSENGER ELECTRONICALLY? Save the church paper, ink and postage! Contact the church office to share your email address.

SUNDAY USHERS FOR MAY: Greg Hanefeld, Paul Voth Sr, Dean Schoeb, Bernie Woizeschke, Robert Kirstein, Donny Pabst, Ron Jergenson, Rahn Larson, Rick Quade, Paul Thorkelson, Paul Johnson, Don Boltjes.

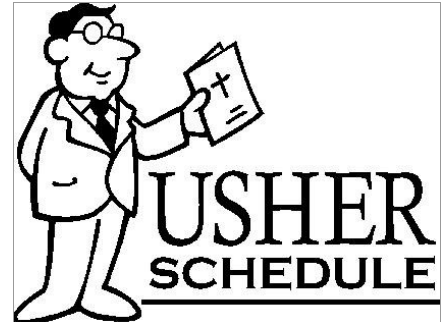
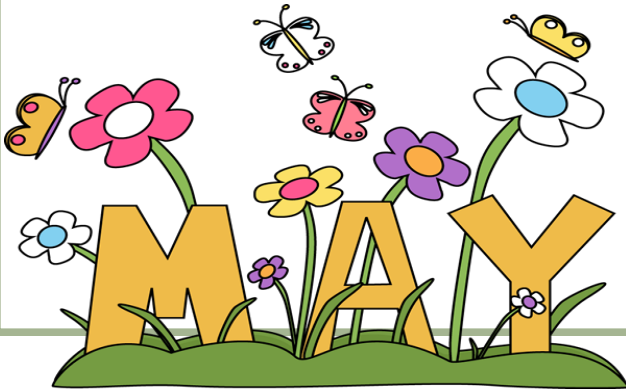
SATURDAY USHERS:

May 5—Kermit Twait

May 12—Lori Seifert (Noisy Offering, Communion)

May 19—Jean Blanshan (Communion)

May 26—Ron Becker



Council Notes

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM APRIL 2018 MEETING

- Mid Year Meeting of the American Lutheran Church will be held July 22, 2018.
- New Member Orientation May 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Welcome of new members May 9th and 13th, 2018
- Dorothy Fundahn hired as Lead Custodian
- Judy Lindvall offered part time custodian
- Church office hours are now Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Plan are underway for Breakfast on the Hill during the summer months.
- Bishop John will be facilitating a listen/learn conversation at Grace Lutheran in Westbrook on Tuesday, April 21, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

May 2018



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CANEWS FROM CAMP

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empower

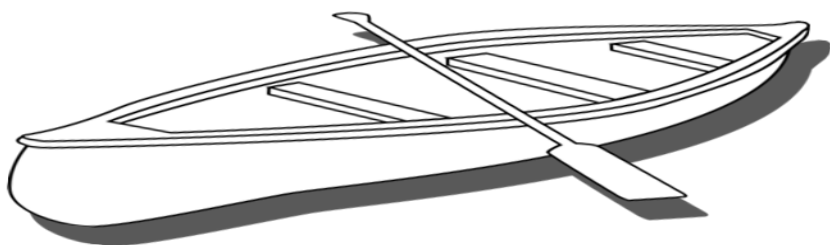
1st day of CAMP June 10th 2018

We look forward to welcoming you to Shetek Lutheran Ministries this summer! Camp is a great place to be renewed and refreshed through time in God's Creation, meeting new friends, playing games, singing, and having fun. But even more than that, Shetek is a place where we are reminded that we are loved, loveable, and not alone. We gather at Shetek as a Christian community and hear the good news of Jesus Christ. The Shetek summer ministry team are young adults committed to safety, fun and following Jesus and can't wait to welcome you to camp!

Mark your Calendar

May 5—Spring Clean-Up Day
May 6-11—Road Scholars
June 10— First day of CAMP!
June 18—XX Golf Fundraiser
June 22—Quilt Auction Preview
June 23—32nd Annual Quilt Auction
June 23—5k Pelican Walk/Run
July 17— Donor Picnic
July 29—Summer Toddlers & Trees
For more information call 763-3567
or check out our www.shetek.org

Help send Kids to Camp...Become a Pelican/Timber member today. For more info. Call 507-763-3567 or check out our website



Come and Join us this summer for Saturday Night Worship.
Shetek Lutheran Ministries Christ Center
June 9— August 11
5:30 p.m.

Lasting Friendships at CAMP!