

Matthew 6.34



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Sundays 9:00 am Worship

Ministers: Everyone

WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

If you are new to us or visiting from another church, please fill out a postcard for us. We'd love to be in touch with you.

A table with PRAYER CANDLES is located near the front of the church on each side.

You are invited to light a candle and say a prayer while you are here.

WORSHIP BAGS with a variety of quiet toys for small children are available at the back of the church.

COFFEE HOUR immediately follows our services every Sunday morning in our Skylight Court. ALL are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship.

GATHERING MUSIC

Dustin Stevens, Pianist

WELCOME and GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Seek God's kingdom first,

C: For God knows all that we need.

L: Seek God's kingdom first,

C: For life is more than food and clothing.

L: Seek God's kingdom first,

C: And all that is needed will be granted.

All: Amen.

OPENING SONG

"You Are My All in All"

ALC #90

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Generous God,

C: You have blessed us with riches overflowing. And yet we waste what we are given. We hoard what we have. And we long for what we don't have. We dishonor your gift when we deny those who are in need. We bankrupt our own souls with greed. Forgive our blindness. Make our hearts clean again. Amen.

L: A contrite heart is what God desires. A spirit humbled and opened to the service of others. Receive the redeeming mercy of Christ and believe in his promise. You are forgiven. You are made whole again. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord, you have given us all we need—and more.
Turn our spirits away from worry and toward your
faithfulness, that we might be freed to serve you in joy,
hope, and gratitude. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

VOCAL SOLO *“His Eye is on the Sparrow”* Hogan Vaupel

CHILDREN’S SERMON Pastor Sarah

READING Matthew 6:19-34 Pew Bible p. 787
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY *“Lord of All Hopefulness”* ELW #765

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ELW p. 227

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

*We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's
love.*

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING Piano/Organ Duet
Dustin Stevens & MicheLe Larson

RESPONSE *“What Have We to Offer”* ALC #13

PRAYER

**Bless these gifts, O Lord: the fruits of your blessings to
us. Reveal to us the deep riches we enjoy as your
children—beyond material things, and into the spiritual
gifts you seek to use in your kingdom. For the sake of
our savior. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *“Go in Peace and Serve the Lord”* ALC #70
DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. / We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! We are glad you are here to worship with us. Please stay after worship for coffee and treats in the Skylight Court!

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

SCRIPTURE READER: Max Brodin

GREETERS: Dorothy Hiebert

ASSISTANT MINISTER: Kim Armstrong

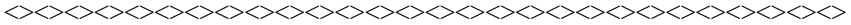
SOUND TECH: Dan Knigge

RADIO SPONSORSHIP: was given today in honor of Melinda Flatgard and Michael Holmen who shared August 17th birthdays, by Milo and Corrine Holmen, and Brenda Flatgard.



Attendance last Saturday 26; Sunday 142

Envelope: \$3,492 Borrowed to date: \$31,000



BROUGHT TO CHRIST through Holy Baptism today is Lybia Lee Meinhardt, daughter of Michael Meinhardt and Emily Jacobson. Lybia's sponsors are Eric and Amber Johnson. May God bless Lybia and her family!

VBS: Shipwrecked starts tonight!! VBS families join us for a supper kick-off starting at 5:00 pm, followed by VBS starting at 6:00 pm. We appreciate all the help to make this the best week for the kiddos!

WINDOM SENIOR DINING will be serving a \$2 Tuesday meal on Tuesday, Aug. 21st. Please see the flyer with details about this event on the church office bulletin board.

BISHOP LAURIE SKOW-ANDERSON, a former ALC Pastor, will be installed as Bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin on Saturday, August 25 in Hudson, WI. All are invited to attend! See the Worship & Music bulletin board for more information.

SINGERS of all ages are invited to be a part of Summer Singers on Sunday, August 26. Join Karen Wojahn in the Choir Room at 8:15 a.m. to prepare an anthem for worship that morning.

GLOW (Gals Living Our Witness) Summer Outing to the Round Lake Winery. We will be meeting in the ALC parking lot @ 4:00pm on Thursday, August 30 and traveling to the Round Lake Winery for an evening of wine, dinner and girl time! Women, young and old and in-between are welcome! Tour the beautiful grounds, enjoy a wine tasting (optional) and order dinner off the menu. Please sign-up across from the office by Aug. 27.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will be on Sunday, September 2. Students bring your backpacks and school supplies to worship for blessing as you begin the new school year.

SHETEK CONFERENCE FALL GATHERING all women are invited to attend on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Gathering starts at 9:00 am with a yummy brunch, a morning of singing and fellowship, important information for all WELCA Officers, and an inspirational Bible Study “God and the Floodwaters” led by Tera Elness.

Lots of **NEW & EXCITING** activities are happening in our church this Fall! Beginning September 12th, 2018. Here is what you can look forward to at our church this fall:



Saturdays: 5:30 pm Worship Service in the Chapel

Sundays: 9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Coffee

10:15 am BAM-S “Bibles and Me”

Wednesdays:

5:00 - 5:45 pm Meal in the Fellowship Hall

5:45 - 6:30 pm WOW (Worship Service in the Sanctuary)

6:30 - 7:15 pm “Bible and Me” (BAM-W)

6:30 - 8:00 pm Confirmation for Grades 8 & 9

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS for September are needed. Please sign up on the Worship & Music bulletin board to be a Greeter, Scripture Reader or Communion Assistant.

PRAYER SHAWL YARN is now available in the church library closet. If you are one of our prayer shawl knitters or crocheters, please pick some up as we may be running out of completed shawls in the near future. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE: All prayer chain requests will now be handled through the church office. To activate ALC's Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 831-1794 or send an email to winalc@windomnet.com. If you are not currently part of the ALC Prayer Chain and would like to be, please let the office know.



VOLUNTEERS are needed to edge the lawn and trim the hedges and bushes. If you are available, please contact the church office.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BACKPACK MISSION

We are well on our way to meeting our goal! The following supplies are still needed:

- 80– 70 count theme notebooks
- 150 pens (black or blue)
- 62 Pencil sharpeners
- 43- 12" Ruler (with centimeters on one side)
- 25 Blunt edged scissors

If you're able to donate, a box is located in the Skylight Court.

BAM NROLLMENT:

Do you have a child that will be 3 by the first of September and would like them enrolled in our Christian Education Program, BAM (Bibles and Me)?



APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for the Christian Education position at ALC. Want to be a part of a fun team? ALC is now seeking an individual who would be interested in working with the Christian Education board, pastors, and alongside the ALC staff to provide Christian Education opportunities for the congregation. This includes but is not limited to the BAM (Bible and Me) programming, and Adult Education. Recommend to the board and provide age appropriate curriculum for BAM Students, provide teaching tools, and materials for teachers. Applications are available in the church office and on our website.

THE ALC CONFIRMATION PROGRAM is still looking for a few more Adult Mentors to volunteer to work with another Adult Mentor as Small Group Guides. Don't get caught up in the idea of needing to teach anything, these mentor roles are designed for adults that are willing to care and invest in a community building relationship. No one is too old to make an impact. Hope you will consider giving it a try. Give the church office a call (831-1794) if you are interested. Thank you.



YOUTH NEWS

CALL. LOVE. GRACE. HOPE...THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!!

Senior League: It's a **NEW SEASON!** August is here!!

Senior League will be meeting this Wednesday Night,

August 15th at 8pm. Everyone is welcome! We get together every week on Wednesday Evenings at 8pm, hope you can come and hang out with the rest of us.

JUNIOR LEAGUE: Keep your eyes open for a **FALL KICK-OFF** that will be held in September 2018.

SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES: Due to the flooding in July Shetek Lutheran Ministries had to cancel several scheduled activities which has set them back financially. Together we can make a difference! If you're able to help move your camp forward please pick up an envelope from the church office bulletin board. Thanks for supporting our camp!



THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 19th

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:00 AM GLOW Planning Meeting

5:00 PM VBS: Family Supper Kick-off

6:00 PM VBS: Shipwrecked

Monday, August 20th

Messenger Deadline

6:00 PM VBS: Shipwrecked

Tuesday, August 21st

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM VBS: Shipwrecked

Wednesday, August 22nd

6:00 PM VBS: Shipwrecked

8:00 PM Sr. League

Thursday, August 23rd

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

6:00 PM VBS: Shipwrecked

Friday, August 24th

Saturday, August 25th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, August 26th

8:15 AM Summer Singers Practice

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Coffee Hour