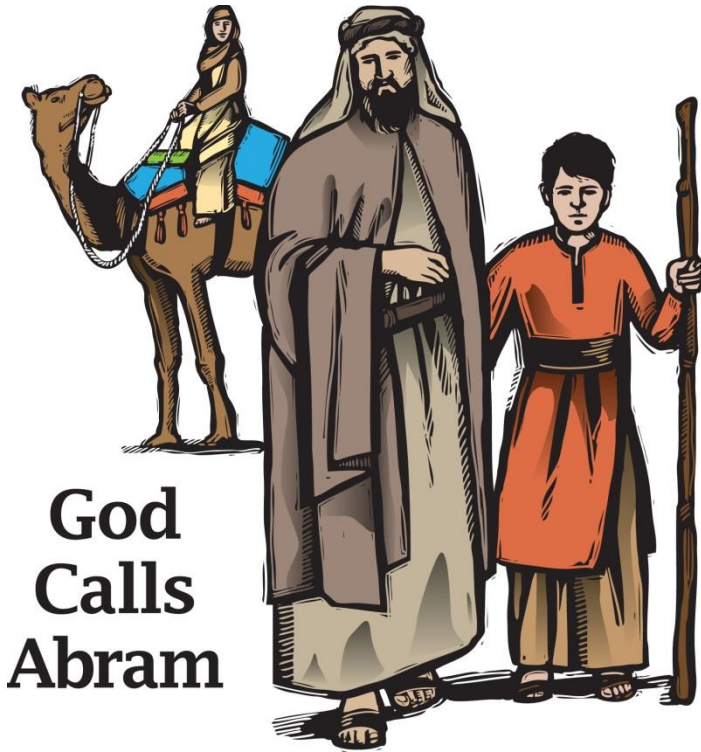


The American Lutheran Church of Windom



God Calls Abram

September 16th, 2018 9:00 AM
17th Sunday after Pentecost

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship & 10:15 am BAM-S
Wednesdays 5:45 pm Wow & 6:30 pm BAM-W

Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
Ministers: Everyone

WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE 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

Karen Wojahn, Organist

SING ALONG on screen: *“Blessings”*

WELCOME and GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We step out in trust, not knowing where we go.

C: God is faithful!

L: We follow your lead, O Lord, even when we don't understand.

C: God is faithful!

L: Bring us to the place where your promise is fulfilled.

C: God is faithful!

OPENING HYMN *“We All Are One in Mission”* ELW #576

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Faithful God,

C: You have called us to places unknown and have promised to be our guide. Yet we prefer to find our own way and do our own thing, taking credit when things go well and blaming others when they don't. We resist putting our trust in you. We forget your covenant with us. And we suffer for it. Turn us back around to walk where you are leading. Forgive us for wandering from the path. In Jesus' name.

L: God is continually faithful to all who seek guidance.

May you know the grace which has been freely offered to you, and the special blessing which God continually grants to all who simply ask. Receive the forgiveness of your loving creator, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

(Setting One)

ELW p.98

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

ELW p. 101

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, Abram and his family trusted you with their lives and all that they owned. May we also place our days within your hands, sure of the promise you have made us: to go before us, beside us, and after us with your protection. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

READING

Genesis 12:1-9

Pew Bible p. 8

The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY *“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”*

ELW #808

VOLUNTEER INSTALLATION

BAM Leaders, Befrienders, Confirmation Guides

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

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

RESPONSE ***"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*** (vs.1) ELW #686

PRAYER

As Abram built altars in thanksgiving, so we place upon your altar these signs of our gratitude for all the blessings in our lives. Mercifully receive them for the good of your creation and bless us with the peace which comes with following in your generous footsteps. For the sake of our Savior. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG ***"As You Go On Your Way"*** ALC #68

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! Our scripture lesson tells us how Abram spends his golden years following God's leading on a long and uncertain journey. He risks everything on the promise that the best is yet to come. May you be blessed through worship today!

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

GREETERS: Dave & Carmen Brockman Family

SCRIPTURE READER: Jane Cartwright

TECHNOLOGY TEAM: Jordan Bussa, Randy Olson, Tom Wickie, Mark Brodin

ACOLYTE: Ethan Brockman & Alexis Haken

RADIO SPONSORSHIP was given today in memory of Richard “Dick” Severson on his birthday that was September 14th, given by Grace and Family.

Attendance last Wednesday 51; Saturday 42; Sunday 157
Offering: \$4,821 Borrowed to date: \$31,000

WE WANT TO THANK Abby Grove for her service as Christian Education Coordinator. Your passion for kids brought many great programs and activities to our youth and church. We thank you for all that you have done, and wish you luck in your new position.

TODAY IS THE DAY Junior League Kick-Off is here! You and your parents are invited to come to the church at 6:00 pm to enjoy some pizza welcoming 6th-8th grade. We regularly meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday evening from 6-8pm!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY "GLOW" meets this coming Thursday, September 20th at 2:00 pm.

BURGER BASH and KICKBALL TOURNAMENT:

When: Sunday, September 23rd at 6pm. **Where:** Kastle Kingdom. We are planning to serve 100 meals. This event is a FREE EVENT. Bring yourself and your family members, friends; all ages are welcome. Don't forget to bring your own chair!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Plan to join singers from the Windom area to prepare a Christmas Cantata! Practices will be here at American Lutheran on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, beginning on Tuesday, October 2. The Cantata, "*The Glory of Christmas*," includes familiar carols and inspiring new songs. The Cantata will be presented as a benefit for the Windom Area Sharing Center on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 PM in the ALC sanctuary. For more information, contact Karen Wojahn at 831-3161.

ENJOY HYMN SINGING? The 2018 Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival will be held next Sunday, September 23, at First Presbyterian Church in Mankato at 1:30. There is no admission charge to participate in this inspiring afternoon of congregational singing.

SOUP & BREAD GROUP BEGINS TODAY, and hereafter, the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 5-7 pm at the American Lutheran Church basement kitchen. All are welcome, you do not need to be a church member, bring a friend! Child care is provided so adults can enjoy being adults. What we do: share a meal and discussion with each other, game nights playing board games, cards trivia, craft activities around the holidays, community service such as cooking and serving lenten meals, and lots more.

YOU ARE INVITED to a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration honoring Merle and Gayle Derickson Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at American Lutheran Church. Let your presence be your gift!

FOOD SHELF DONATION is getting low. Church in Society is collecting items for the local food shelf. We will take any items anytime. Cash is also great!!!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BACKPACK SUPPLIES: We have met our goal for the Backpack challenge. It's because of your generosity; we will be able to send 100 underprivileged kids to school. "Every charitable act is a stepping stone toward heaven" – Henry Ward Beecher. Thank you for your love and compassion.

BAZAAR: Bethany Lutheran WELCA will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10 AM - 1 PM. They will be having Norwegian goodies, baked goods, quilts and crafts, farm produce and turkey and barbecue sandwiches with homemade pies for their noon lunch.

YOUTH NEWS:



SENIOR LEAGUE: Attention ALL 9th - 12th Graders! Senior League is YOUR community within ALC. Think about joining us on Wednesday Nights at 8pm.

Everyone is welcome! A few things that we have been kicking around as a group are:

- Hosting F3 Events after School Events. What is an F3 Event? Faith, Food & Friends (F3). The ALC Youth are going to host a time where everyone can just hangout after the games. There is an open invitation to all youth from 6th to 12th grade.
- A Lock-In or Retreat over MEA Weekend.
- Next Summer's Events including a Mission Trip and other Trip Ideas.
- Reworking the Youth Room and turning it into more of a teen center space..
- ALC YOUTH - Online Community - Podcasts & Blogs

PLUS A TON MORE...THIS IS YOUR YOUTH GROUP...IT CAN ONLY BE WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE IT. Come Join in the Fun!! Come Join the Community!!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 16th

- 9:00 AM Worship & Installation of BAM Volunteers, Befrienders, & Confirmation Guides
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour
- 10:15 AM BAM-S Begins/Rally
- 5:00 PM Soup & Bread
- 6:00 PM Jr. League Kick off

Monday, September 17th

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, September 18th

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM ALC Choir

Wednesday, September 19th

- 5:00 PM Supper: Ham sandwiches, potato chips, baby carrots, bars
- 5:45 PM WOW /Installation of BAM Volunteers, Befrienders, & Confirmation Guides
- 6:30 PM BAM-W
- 6:30 PM Confirmation
- 8:00 PM Sr. league

Thursday, September 20th

Messenger Deadline

- 9:00 AM Conference Pastors Meeting
- 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV
- 4:30 PM Grief Group
- 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Friday, September 21st

Saturday, September 22nd

- 5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 23rd

- First day of Autumn
- 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour/ Houston Presentation
- 10:15 AM BAM-S
- 6:00 PM Family Kick Ball Burger Bash