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Please Join Us For Worship!

Saturday, July 6

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, July 7

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, July 13

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, July 14

(Second Sunday Noisy Offering)

9:00 AM Worship at the Lake

Wednesday, July 17

6:00 PM Campfire Church

Saturday, July 20

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, July 21

9:00 AM Worship

Saturday, July 27

5:30PM Chapel Service

Sunday, July 28

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion



Our Vision:

People experiencing a life-giving relationship with God.

Mission:

Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.

Values:

Relationships

God. Each other. Creation.

Belonging

Affirmed. Included. Valued.

Faith

Active. Inquiring. Hopeful.



Pastor's Message

From Pastor Sarah

“Are you a runner?” **‘Yes, I love to run!’**

‘When do you run?’ **‘I ran in high school. I’ve run several races. I even ran a marathon once!’**

‘Oh! Cool, but what I mean is, do you run now?’

‘Let’s see, I tried to jog from my house over to Cottonwood Lake 10 days ago. Does that count?’”

That’s about how a conversation would go if someone asked me about running. I think I’m a runner, and I would love to be, but honestly I don’t run very often. If I hope to identify as a runner, I better get running!

What does it look like to a Christian? How do we practice our spirituality in everyday life? Take a look at the bookmark that was on our tables at Synod Assembly “Baptismal Discipleship”. Read through the list, and think about each activity’s place in your life. These are faith practices that Christians do, just like a runner runs. It’s part of how we live as followers of Jesus. It’s what makes up the lives of the baptized people of God. We *each* do these things, and we do them *together*. Through our lives, and the living out of our Everyday Spirituality, God blesses the world. *Thank you!!*

July marks the second half of this calendar year. Already! As I write, I am filled with gratitude.

I am grateful for **prayers prayed** – I cannot imagine them all. *God knows.*

I am grateful for the all the ways that you **invite** others to know God. *How will you invite today?*

I am grateful for your **generosity**. *We give because God gives to us!* Our ministries share God’s love. Generosity is most satisfying for the giver, and meets real needs in our congregation and beyond! Wow.

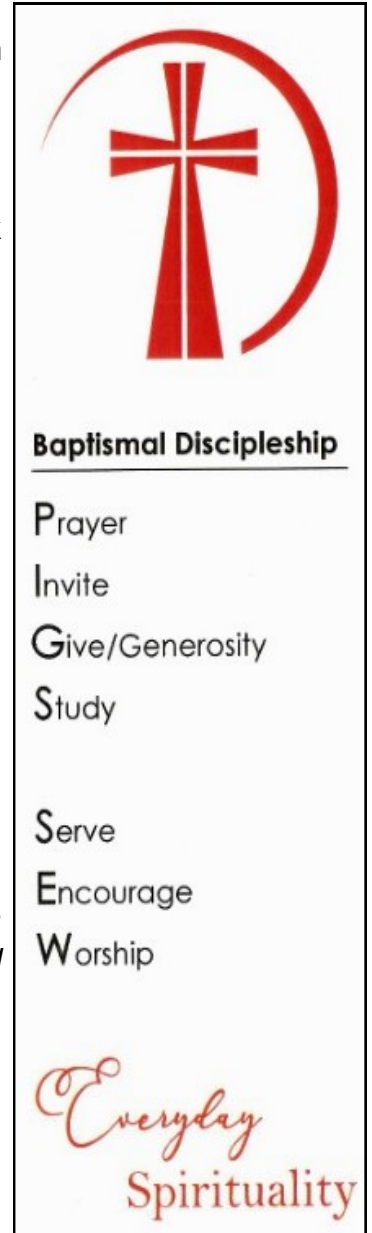
I am grateful for **study** - the hunger in the human spirit to know more, to search it out, to connect with others as we learn together. One who studies is humble. “I don’t know it all! I have more to learn.” *What are you studying this summer that is helping you grow as a follower of Jesus?*

I am grateful for your **service**. Jesus served, washing his disciples feet, and then went to the cross. Our serving seems small in comparison, but it is not!! *Be ready for how God will use you today, to serve.*

I am grateful for the way you **encourage** one another. None of us is complete onto ourselves. That is how the Body of Christ works. I need your encouragement as much as you need mine. *Keep encouraging!*

I am grateful for our time together in **worship**. Worship is the best!!! It is what we were created to do. Our communal worship feeds us and reorients us every seven days so we are ready to live all the days in between. *Worship God!* When you do, it helps me worship God too. 😊

May God bless us, as we practice our faith every day.





Worship & Music Notes

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

At our weekend worship services this month, we will conclude our Psalm series and then begin a 5-week series on Paul's letter to the Hebrews:

July 7	A New Song	Psalm 40: 1-10
July 14	God Has Spoken	Hebrews 1: 1-4
July 21	Praise for Those Being Tested	Hebrews 2: 10-18
July 28	Jesus the Great High Priest	Hebrews 4: 14- 5: 10

If you are willing to volunteer for worship as a scripture reader, greeter, or communion assistant, or you can provide music for a service, please sign up on the Worship & Music bulletin board.

Keep on singing!

Tune in to ALC's Worship Broadcasts on Sunday at 10:30 AM on KDOM 103.1 FM
Thursdays at 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Worship at the Lake



July 14th
9:00 AM

at Cottonwood Lake. Come as you are and bring your own lawn chair and sunscreen. Spiritual Life and Fellowship will be serving Root Beer floats following the service.

IT'S CAMPFIRE CHURCH SEASON!!



The Youth & Family Board and the Worship & Music Board will be hosting 3 Campfire Church Services this summer on 3 Wednesday Nights. The remaining dates are July 17th, Aug 21st all at 6pm. Hotdogs with fixings and s'mores will be provided, along with good music, some good worship and community time.

Come and join in for
Smoke fun!

Please bring your own chairs and beverages and come and join us around the fire pit on the church lawn, weather permitting.



Thank you

Thank you to Karen Wojahn who has served as our Worship and Music Coordinator since the spring of 2013. Karen has brought many gifts, and passions to our worship life at ALC. Sadly, Karen resigned her position at American Lutheran Church of Windom, effective July 15th to accept a new position at Vinge Lutheran Church of Willmar. Her last Sunday at the organ will be July 28th. We wish Karen well!

Christian Education & Youth News: JULY

Nice, warm July greetings to you!

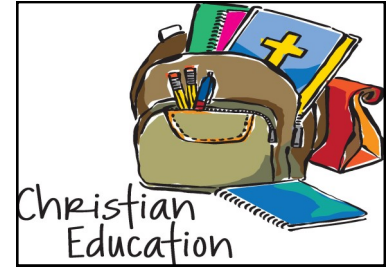
It is hard to believe it is July already! I am so thankful for the good weather (kind of good) that we have been having but also to see everything so lush and green! Life sure is busy during the summer, as we all try to fit in our family vacations and be outside to enjoy the weather, but please don't forget all the great opportunities ALC has for your families!

We have just recently sent off 10 of our youth to San Diego with Pastor Adam and Maria Soleta to do mission work! This is so exciting and I ask that you please keep them in your prayers! They will be returning on July 6th!

We are gearing up for Vacation Bible School now! What exciting work! As always, I am thankful to be able to do this work and HIS work!

God's blessings on your Summer!

- Melanie Shamp, Christian Ed Coordinator



Events This Summer:



VBS!!!!!! ROAR!!!!!! Will be held Sunday, July 28th-Thursday August 1st. Each evening from 6pm-8pm. Registration sheets are available in the church office! If you would like to have one emailed to you, please contact Melanie Shamp at (507) 380-8656 or by email at melanieatalc@gmail.com. Please register your child by Friday, July 19th so we can plan accordingly.

If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact the church office or Melanie Shamp (507-380-8656 or email: melanieatalc@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out with VBS! We can use people ages 13 and up!



This awesome **Bible Study** is still happening! If you haven't been able to make it, IT'S NOT TOO LATE! The remaining dates are Session 5-July 7th, Session 6-July 28th, Session 7-August 4th, Session 8-August 11th and Session 9-August 18th. Your kids will like this too, but there will be childcare available for littles who would not enjoy it! You can check out what you may have missed by going to www.grace101.org Username: ALCWindom Password: alcw



The Christian Ed Board will be sponsoring a **night at the pool** on Sunday, July 21st from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The Christian Education Board covers the cost of any family that doesn't have a summer pass. Tell the front desk you are with the American Lutheran Church and you will get in free! Come and enjoy fellowship with other ALC families at the local Windom Pool!

Christian Education & Youth News: JULY

More Youth Events This Summer

Jr. League Will be held only one time in July and that will be Sunday, July 21st at 6:30pm. Weather permitting, we will be meeting at the pool! Jr. leaguers AND YOUR FAMILY will get in for free!



Sr. League: will be held Wednesday, July 17th at 8pm, we will be meeting at the sand volleyball courts at Cottonwood Lake, weather permitting! We will let everyone know if the location changes!



Valleyfair! It's not too late to sign up! Youth that are going into 9th grade and up to 12th grade (or just graduated!) are welcome to come to Valleyfair on Tuesday, July 23rd. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 8am. Cost is \$40, plus you will need money for food. You can use your youth account money to buy the ticket but not food. We will be taking the bus. The bus is limited to 14 people, if we have more than that, we will get other drivers. Please sign up soon so we can arrange other drivers if needed! We will leave the church parking lot at 8am. Sign-up sheet is located on the Youth Bulletin board. **Sign up by Friday, July 19th!**



Come to Arnold's Park with us! Youth, AND THEIR FAMILIES, that are going into 5th grade-up to going into 8th grade to Arnold's park on Thursday, July 11th! Tickets will be \$20, plus money for food. Those of you that have a youth account can use money from that to buy your ticket, but not for food. You can pay the church office (or let them know if you would like to use account money) and we will order tickets all together to get the group rate. We will be taking the church bus. The bus is limited to 14 people, if we have more than that we will get other drivers or families can ride together! Please sign up ASAP, so we can arrange other drivers if needed! We will leave the church parking lot at 9am. Sign-up sheet is located on the Youth Bulletin board. **Sign up by Friday, June 28th!**



Thank you to all who supported our youth to go on the Mission Trip to San Diego, CA. They will be gone Sunday, June 30th to Sunday, July 6th. Look for updates in the bulletin and on Facebook on the trip and all God's work they are doing.

"In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

What's Happening?

The Banquet, Sioux Falls

Thursday, July 25th

Bus leaves at 3:00 PM

A DONATION box is located in the Skylight Court. Suggested

donation items include travel size hygiene

products, toiletries, clean cool whip containers, feminine products, diapers, and coloring or puzzle books. There is also a jar for monetary donations.



July Noisy Offering: School Kits

The Noisy Offering on July 14th will go towards school supplies for the ELCA Mission in Action Backpacks filled with school supplies.

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook.

School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford.

Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.

These backpacks are assembled by GLOW.



Holy Happy Hour is back for the summer!

Come to Plaza Jalisco, upper level, every Wednesday evening from 5:15 – 6:15. Pastor Adam and

Pastor Sarah will take turns leading a discussion based on a little book Lutheran Trump Cards *Playing our Best Hand in the 21st Century*.

No need to BYOB (bring your own book), we'll have copies there!

Come for conversation, chips and salsa, a beverage (of your choosing). You may learn something, and it's sure to be a good time! (There may even be cards!)

Church Softball Schedule



July 7:

8:00 pm ALC 1 vs. The Gathering 2 @ Eagle Field

6:45 pm ALC 2 vs. The Gathering 1 @ Eagle Field

July 14:

6:45 pm ALC 1 vs. Methodist @ Eagle Field

6:45 pm ALC 2 vs. Bergen @ Bergen

July 21:

6:45 pm ALC 1 vs. Free Church @ Bergen

8:00 pm ALC 1 vs. Assembly of God @ Bergen

8:00 pm ALC 2 vs. Baptist @ Eagle Field

July 28:

8:00 pm ALC 1 vs. The Gathering 2 @ Bergen

5:30 pm ALC 2 vs. Bergen @ Bergen

August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

Church Softball Tourney @ Bergen Ball Field



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM June 2019 MEETING

- Mid-Year Meeting is scheduled for July 21.
- Ad-hoc Committee Members - John Shamp and Keith Pohlman have volunteered to be the council members to the committee. Discussion on volunteers and naming the committee members. Rosalie Brodin and Amanda Wilson were selected.
- MSC (K. Pohlman/L. Jaakola) to recommend by Mutual Ministry Committee and Budget and Finance, an increase in compensation for Gina Hauge, Administrative Assistant of \$1.05 per hour based on expanded duties (website coordinator) retroactive to May 27, 2019.
- MSC (L. Cartwright/K. Pohlman) to recommend to the congregation at the midyear meeting to use funds from the Renovation Fund not to exceed the \$80,000 that was borrowed last June, to purchase a new commercial water heater for the church for an estimated cost of \$7000.00.
- MSC (K. Pohlman/ S. Johnson) recommend raising the capital expenditure that must go to the congregation in the constitution from \$5000 to \$10,000.



Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, July 21st
following worship.**

***God is on the move
in our congregation.***

Make plans to attend.

Agenda items will include:

- ◇ Financial Report
- ◇ Synod Assembly Report
- ◇ Constitution Changes
- ◇ Report from the Ad Hoc

Committee on Marriage Practices

Board Reports:

Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board – Pictorial Directory is at the forefront of our time.

Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship Board – More volunteers sign-up, Lawn placards advertising the church.

Properties Board – Walk through completed.

Budget and Finance Board– Bills were paid

Christian Education Board – VBS July 28 Summer events Baseball game etc., Family 101 after church, Rally Day Sept. 8th

Youth and Family Board – Summer events to increase attendance, donated \$500 to the Banquet.

Church in Society Board– Banquet coming up July 25, 2019.

Worship and Music Board - No report

GLOW – Proceeds from the 2019 Holiday Fair in November will be: 50% Shetek Capital Campaign, 15% Lutheran Disaster Relief, 10% Windom Sharing Center, 5% Windom Backpack Program, 5% ALC Youth, 5% ALC Helping Hands, 5% ALC Building Maintenance Fund, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Southwest Minnesota Assembly Report



June 7-8, 2019 Redwood Falls

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; don not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1.9

The stated goal of the Assembly was that participants leave with the body of Christ stronger and the leaders of our synod encouraged, ready to move forward living out our Christ centered "Everyday Spirituality." We were *thanked* for our mission support dollars which make our ministry at the synod level possible.

Some actions of the Assembly were:

- Election of a new Vice-President, Freeman Woodberry of Jackson, to replace Gwen Arneson (sister of Jane Cartwright) who has served in this capacity for two decades. A number of other positions were filled by election.
- Receive the Treasurer's and Bishop's reports. Approve the 2020 Budget and Compensation Guidelines.

Voting members share highlights:

“The worship services were a highlight of the assembly for me. The message, the hymn singing and Communion with the synod community are inspiring”

Carol Christianson

“Worship with the community of the assembly is one of the things that inspire me as an assembly participant. Second for me is to discover through various reports the many wonderful things our church is accomplishing among God's people. A bonus is the assembly gives me the opportunity to reconnect with many friends that I have not seen for some time.”

LaVern Christianson

“I enjoyed being part of the food packing event. I feel energized by all the ideas I bring home from what I see and hear at Assembly each year. With all our congregations combined in the Southwest Minnesota Synod and across the ELCA, amazing things are happening! It is good to be church together!”

Pastor Sarah

A full report from the Assembly will be presented at the Mid-year meeting on July 21st.



ALC's Delegation at Assembly: (left to right) Pastor Sarah, Jane & Lindsey Cartwright, Pastor Adam, Carol & LaVern Christianson.

For the Record

From the Church Records

Baptisms:

+ Madison Louise Schmit,
daughter of Justin &
Ashley Schmit.

+ Bexlee Mae Powers,
daughter of Bramer &
Michelle Powers.



Burials:

+ Cora Brugman

*In Loving
Memory*

SUNDAY USHERS FOR JULY:

Gary Nelson, Ryan Elston, Scott Ralston, Conrad Heggeseeth, Kevin Heggeseeth, Dick Torkelson, Larry Eike, Don Brugman, Lindsey Cartwright, Vern Huebert, Dan Knigge, and Steve Johnson.



SATURDAY USHERS:

July 6 – Lori Seifert

July 13 – Cheryl Hochstein (Noisy Off/Comm.)

July 20 – Ron Becker (Communion)

July 27 – Kermit Twait



As of 6/24/19:

Income: \$151,998

Expenses: \$189,614

Borrowed to date: \$28,000

(These figures do not include June end-of-month commitments and benevolences.)

MEMORIALS:

Renovation Fund: In memory of Cora Brugman & Louise Wickstrom.

Organ Fund: In memory of Louise Wickstrom.





Summer Bible Study

Bethany Lutheran in Bergen

Tuesday, July 9 @ 9 a.m.

June & July Gather Magazines
"For just such a time as this"
Sessions one, two and three
(a few copies are available in the Church Office)
All gals, young and old and in between
are WELCOME!
Come for a morning of enrichment,
refreshments and fellowship!



**Save
the Date!**

**Women's
Fall
Recharge**

"All things in Christ"

**Saturday, October 5
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
American Lutheran
Church**

Check the August
Messenger for more de-
tails!

What are your



**Do you make stuff?
Share your Crafty Powers!!!
Please consider making
something for the Holiday
Fair Craft Department!**

**Holiday Fair
Saturday Nov. 9**

For Your Information



Are you interested in **SPONSORING THE RADIO BROADCAST** on Sundays? The cost is \$57 for a

Sunday service sponsorship. Please contact the ALC office if you are interested in a sponsorship.

Did you know that you can see sermons on the **ALC WEBSITE**? Don't miss out. Go to <http://www.alcofwindom.com/> and click on the Media tab to hear a sermon that you might have missed.

HAVE YOU BEEN receiving weekly emails from us here at ALC with weekly happenings? If not, and you would like to, please call the church office to update your email address and keep you posted on events!

Follow us on Facebook!



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.

REMINDER: Altar Guild will not meet in July or August!



Have you recently cancelled your telephone landline or changed your cell phone number? Please let the church office know, so that we can stay in touch with you!

ALC Prayer Chain Request Change: 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 an email may be sent to winalc@windomnet.com. If you are not part of the ALC Prayer Chain and would like to be, please send the church your email address. Thank you!

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.

KEEP SAVING your canceled stamps. Correctly cut stamps by leaving 1/4" to 1/3" boarder around the stamp. You can turn your stamps in at the church office.

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, please call the church office at 831-1794 or an email may be sent to winalc@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.

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CANEWS FROM CAMP

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empower

SHETEK ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

2019 PROGRAM SCHEDULE



<p>January</p> <p>1/11: Snowshoeing & Stargazing (8-10pm) 1/27: Family Ski Day (1-4pm)</p> <p>February</p> <p>2/2: Family Snowshoe Day (1-4pm) 2/10: Women's Tea & Ski (2-4pm) 2/23: Winter Toddlers & Trees (3-4:30pm)</p> <p>March</p> <p>3/2: Syrup on the Prairie Family Day (10am-2pm) 3/9: Syrup on the Prairie Family Day (10am-2pm) 3/16: Syrup on the Prairie Family Day (10am-2pm) 3/23: Sugarbush Square Dance (7-10pm) 3/24: Sugarbush Pancake Breakfast (9am-1pm)</p> <p>April</p> <p>4/13: Little Sprouts Garden Class (3-4:30pm) 4/28: Spring Toddlers & Trees (3-4:30pm)</p> <p>June</p> <p>6/15: Fun in the Sun with Water Bugs (3-4:30pm) 6/30: Little Sprouts Garden Class (3-4:30pm)</p> <p>July</p> <p>7/20: Summer Toddlers & Trees (3-4:30pm)</p>	<p>August</p> <p>8/11: Little Sprouts Garden Class (3-4:30pm) 8/24: Sun Science Kids Class (3-4:30pm)</p> <p>September</p> <p>9/22: Forest Adventure Kids Class (2-4pm)</p> <p>October</p> <p>10/13: Fall Toddlers & Trees (3-4:30pm) 10/26: Spooky Spiders & Creepy Crawlies (3-4:30pm)</p> <p>November</p> <p>11/9: Owls in the Night (7-9pm) 11/17: Fall Nature Crafts for Kids (3-4:30pm)</p> <p>December</p> <p>12/1: Winter Nature Crafts for Kids (3-4:30pm) 12/28: Family Ski Day (1-4pm) 12/29: Family Snowshoe Day (1-4pm)</p>
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All dates subject to postponement or cancellation. Information for each event will be posted online at www.shetek.org, and www.facebook.com/shetekelc. Registration for each class will become available online or via email (Katie@shetek.org). Call SLM for more information!

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Mark your Calendar 2019

Donor Picnic – July 16

Summer Toddlers & Trees – July 20

Little Sprouts Garden Class – Aug. 11

Young at Heart Retreat – Aug. 23-24

Sun Science Kids Class – Aug. 24

Pre-marriage Retreat – Sept. 14

Road Scholars – Sept. 15-20

Forest Adventure Kids Class – Sept. 22

Fall toddlers & Trees – Oct. 13

Octoberfest Retreat- 18-19

For more information call 763-3567 or check www.shetek.org



Lasting Friendships!



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