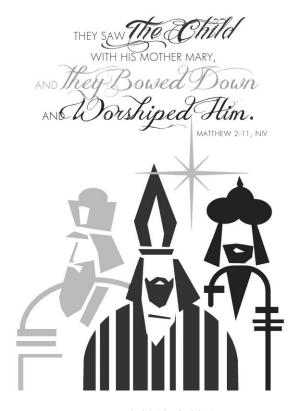
The American Lutheran Church of Windom



January 6, 2019 9:00 AM
Day of Epiphany
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Website: www.alcofwindom.com
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.

LITTLE READERS BOOK NOOK in the Narthex, has books from our church library for kids to borrow for service or to take home.

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

Be Aware: Audio and video recording may be in progress during church services /events. Audio, video, and/or photos of the services/events may be posted or aired online for public viewing.

GATHERING MUSIC

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: The Lord is king!
- C: God will judge the peoples with equity.
- L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
- C: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- L: Let the field exult, and everything in it,
- C: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy,
- L: For the Lord is coming to judge the earth.
- C: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with truth.

OPENING HYMN

"As With Gladness"

ELW #302

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: For the well-being of all God's children, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Faithful Teacher,

C: As we become fully immersed into a new year, we ask your forgiveness for those things that we have done and have failed to do that bring harm to you, others, or ourselves. Cleanse us from our sin and transform us by your forgiveness. Amen.

L: Our Lord Jesus walked on this earth to bring forgiveness and new life to all. In Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Today you are made new by the abundant love of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE (Setting One) ELW p. 98

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" ELW p. 101

CHILDREN'S SERMON Melanie Shamp, CE Coordinator

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, you deliver your faithful people in your good time. Give us courage to believe your promises and hope to carry us through our trials. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

READING Matthew 2:1-23 Pew Bible p. 783 The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY "Children of the Heavenly Father"

ELW # 781

APOSTLES' CREED ELW page 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

RESPONSE "Guided by the Star" (vs. 5) ELW #301

PRAYER

As the magi brought their finest gifts and laid them before the young messiah, we now offer the gifts of our lives and dedicate them to you. Please accept and bless these offerings of love, for the good work of your kingdom, through our lord and savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer ELW p. 112

Song during Distribution "We 3 Kings" CCLI Song #38002

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Brightest and Best"

(vss. 1, 3, 5) ELW #303

DISMISSAL Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran on this Day of Epiphany! Today's scripture reading tells us of a rising star that leads the magi to a growing child who is to become the king and messiah to deliver his weary people. But in Herod's jealous heart, there is room for only one king in the land.

Holy Communion is served to all who believe in the presence of Christ in the bread and wine given to us for the forgiveness of sins. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Children may come forward for a blessing.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Jesus' Baptism: Matthew 3: 1-17

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture reader: Fritzie Stemm **Greeters:** Melvin & Romelle Wojahn

Communion Assistants: Keith & Cindy Bloomgren,

Priscilla Jacobson

Media Ministry Team: Mark Brodin, John Shamp,

Tom Wickie, Mike Wojahn

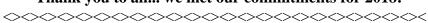
Acolytes: Brock Derickson and Henry Erickson

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is given in memory of all the loved ones that have passed away in 2018.



Attendance last Wednesday No Service; last Saturday 21; last Sunday 173

Thank you to all... we met our commitments for 2018!



Come to **ADULT LEARNING** today, Januray 6th at 10:15 am in the West Meeting Room or January 9th in the Skylight Court to get a preview of all that is offered in the Grace Ministries Digital Library.



Tickets for the **LUTEFISK SUPPER** Saturday, January 12th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM are on sale before and after church in the Skylight court. They are also available in the Church office during regular office hours. **ALL LEFSE MAKERS!** We will be making lefse for the lutefisk supper Tuesday, January 8th beginning at 8:30am and would appreciate your help! We also have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office, for those willing to help at the Lutefisk supper on Saturday, January 12th. Thank you in advance!

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER Sunday, January 20th following the Worship Service. Childcare will be provided during the Annual Meeting. Come and learn about the ministry we had in 2018 and learn about the year to come. Rolls will be provide. Hope to see you there!

Annex of the **SHARING CENTER** for children's clothing housed at the Presbyterian Church is low on inventory. They need young children sizes boys and girls winter clothing, sizes 10/12. Any contributions are welcome. You can drop off your contributions at the sharing center Tuesdays and Wednesday from 10am-1pm. Contact the Sharing Center at (507) 832-8267 if those times don't work for you.

BEFRIENDERS MINISTRY: Need a friend? Someone to listen? Just a visit would be nice? We are blessed in our congregation to have a group of volunteers called Befrienders. These individuals are good listeners, easy to talk to, willing to pray, lend a hand, or visit. They do not take the place of your pastor, but broaden the reach of pastoral care in our congregation. Contact the office or one of the pastors to get connected with a Befriender.

SEWING DAYS January 15th & January 22nd at 9:00 am. Come to the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, fabric kits, personal care kits, and school kits for missions. Come for part of the day or bring a sack lunch and spend the day (until about 2:00 p.m.).No experience necessary! Questions? Contact Carolyn Janssen, 831-3082.



<u>JESUS FILM FOR ALL!</u> When people encounter Jesus, everything changes! Come meet the Jesus of Luke's Gospel. Ask with the youth in the movie "Is Jesus for real, or is this a made up story?' This movie is for everyone looking to follow Jesus, to know him and his story, so that he may live in your life. Bring a friend!! Wednesday, January 16th, 6:30 - 8:00 in the Sanctuary.

MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM is looking for volunteer meal delivery drivers for the months of January and February. Meals on Wheels delivers over 40 meals to members of our community five days a week. Meals leave our site at the Community Center at 11:00am. The delivery route takes approximately an hour to deliver. Please call Kelly Kleven, site manager, at 831-6161 if you are able to deliver meals during the months of January and February. 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.

Christian Education News:

New bible study starting in February! Stay tuned for more details!



Camp Shetek is ready to take your registration for summer camp! The first early bird deadline is February 1st! There are many different camp options for your child and your family! Visit www.shetek.org for more information or talk to Melanie!



2019 Mission Trip: NEW MISSION MEETING!! There has been a huge response from the youth of this church, wanting to be a part of the 2019 Mission Trip. The Due Date for FINAL Sign-Ups is Wednesday,

January 9th at 8pm. Trip Deposits (\$200) and Permission Slips will need to be turned in that day.

EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS:

Attention: Every 1st Sunday, the youth will be bringing in homemade cookies or bars as a fundraiser for their 2019 Mission Trip. There will be a freewill offering, please consider supporting the youth!

There are a few kids that are needing help with gathering their Mission Deposits (\$200). If you would be willing to sponsor a kid to go, please contact Lisa or Wendy.

HOT DISHES ARE BACK!!

Starting Sunday, January 20th, 2019 Youth Hot Dishes are coming back to ALC. After that you can expect us to be back every 3rd Sunday until June 2019. Thank you for your support.

Jr League meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings from 6:30pm-8:40pm.

Everyone is welcome, bring a friend.

Sr League Next meeting is Wednesday, January 9th at 8pm. Hope to See You There! Everyone is Welcome!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 6 (Epiphany)

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Coffee Hour-Mission Trip Fundraiser

10:15 AM Adult Learning-Grace Ministries

10:15 AM BAM-S

6:30 PM Jr. League

Monday, January 7

Tuesday, January 8

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

2:00 PM Altar Guild

5:00 PM CIS Board

6:30 PM Disc/Marketing & Stewardship Board

6:30 PM Youth & Family Board

7:00 PM Budget & Finance Board

7:00 PM Christian Education Board

7:00 PM Properties Board

7:00 PM Worship & Music Board

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, January 9

Mission Trip Sign-Up Deadline

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

5:00 PM Supper

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

6:30 PM Adult Learning- Grace Ministries

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation

8:00 PM Sr. League

Thursday, January 10 (Second Thursday at Senior Dining)

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

9:00 AM Windom Ministerial Association

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

Friday, January 11

Saturday, January 12

5:00 PM -7:00 PM Lutefisk Supper

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, January 13 (Second Sunday Noisy Offering)

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour/Budget Presentation

10:15 AM BAM-S