



# April 2019

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### Please Join Us For Worship!

Lenten Worship at 5:45 PM  
Saturday Chapel Services at 5:30 PM  
Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 AM



### Wednesday, April 3

5:45 PM Lenten Worship w/HC

### Saturday, April 6

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### Sunday, April 7

9:00 AM Worship w/HC

### Wednesday, April 10

5:45 PM Lenten Worship

### Saturday, April 13

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/HC

### Sunday, April 14

#### ***Palm Sunday***

*(Second Sunday Noisy Offering)*

9:00 AM Worship/BAM N-K Sing

### Wednesday, April 17

No Lenten Worship

### Thursday, April 18

#### ***Maundy Thursday***

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/HC/1st Communion

### Friday, April 19

#### ***Good Friday***

6:00 PM Good Friday Worship

### Saturday, April 20

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/HC

### Sunday April 21

#### ***Easter Sunday***

7:00 AM Sunrise Service w/HC led by Youth

9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship w/HC

11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship w/HC

### Wednesday, April 24

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

### Saturday, April 27

5:30PM Chapel Service

### Sunday, April 28

9:00 AM Worship





# Pastors Message

*Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly...  
-Romans 12:13-16a*

A group of us made our way to Equipping Congregations where we learned quite a bit. The first presenter spoke about the way we talk about our towns and our congregations. He noted that people have a tendency to talk negatively to new residents saying things like, "Why would you ever move here?" Or, "Our town used to be thriving but now it's a dying," etc.

The fact is that research shows that about 60+% of Americans want to live in a small town. Some of the reasons include a higher quality of life, a loving community, slower pace, and small towns are safer. Yet for some reason we feel this need to put a negative spin on a place where we all choose to live.

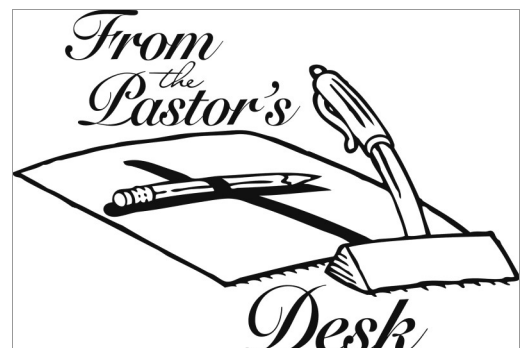
The same goes for our congregation. Now to be honest, ALC and Bethany are very impressive congregations. The buildings are well-kept, we are well-staffed, we have a wonderful abundance of artists from music to crafting, and as many people as we have worshipping here people still seem to know most of the people they worship with. That's something to not only be proud of, but to brag about; don't downplay our towns or congregations!

Share the stories you have of the Holy Spirit working in this place and through the people around town. Here's a personal sample story: as new homeowners Beth and I don't have many tools yet. We went to Runnings to get a roof shovel and it turns out they're not only out, but so are many stores in the area with a backorder of who knows how long. So I ask a neighbor if I could borrow theirs and next thing I know there's this thumping on my roof. That's right, the kids came right over, got up on the roof, and started shoveling snow. You know what they were doing the next day? Shoveling another neighbor's roof! (Thanks Clay and Chance!)

Since I've been here I have heard stories of people giving rides to people without cars, new people driving in from out of town because the people at worship are so friendly, I've seen people stopping in businesses to check on people who are struggling and/or ill, people chipping in money for kids who can't afford the youth trips, driveways being plowed out for those who are unable to shovel and on and on and none of these people are doing it because they have to or to get anything out of it, they just do it! You know what that is? The Holy Spirit acting through them!

We have the Holy Spirit active in our congregation and also in our town. We have a great place to worship and a great town to live in. People who worship with us and live here are blessed and we are blessed that they are here. So keep on being the blessing that you are while also being a little less humble so that you can brag things up and spread that good news about what God is doing here.

Pastor Adam.





### **Pasta Bar and Silent Auction!!!**

The San Diego Mission Trip kids will be holding a Pasta Bar and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm! There will 3 different kinds of pasta and 2 different kinds of sauces to choose from, garlic bread, dessert, coffee, water, milk and pop. \$10 a ticket. Stop in the church office to get a ticket or call the church office to reserve a ticket to pick up at the door. If anyone would like to donate themed baskets and/or gift cards to the silent auction contact Melanie Shamp at [melanieatalc@gmail.com](mailto:melanieatalc@gmail.com) or call the church at (507)831-1794.

### **Sunday Morning Coffee & Cookies**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Mornings

Freewill Offerings will be divided between the 2 kids that provided the treats.

### **Hot Dish Sunday**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Morning

9"x13" = \$15

8"x8" = \$8

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Serving from 10:15am to 12noon

Everyone is Welcome!!

The ALC youth want to let you know, that whether you are a Mom, or will be a Mom or whether you are remembering a Mom, everyone is welcome to come down to the Fellowship Hall and attend the Mother's Day Brunch. Freewill Offering.

Menu to be announced at a later date.

The church has been Called, Loved, Filled and Released to do what God has called us to do, "Love your Lord God with all of your heart and love your neighbor as yourself." All of the youth's activities are generated with these fundamentals as the central focus and purpose to what we do.

Attention Adults: If you are interested in getting involved in the youth program. I would love to have some other positive and caring adults involved in the youth program.

Any questions, please give the church a call at 507-831-1794,



**American Lutheran Church and the San Diego Mission Trip Group Present:**



# Pasta Bar

and

# Silent Auction

Tickets are \$10 each for adults, ages 10 and under \$5. Get your ticket by stopping by the church office or pay at the door!

**Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Serving from**

**5:30pm-7:30pm**

This is a come and go event!  
Many different silent auction items to bid on!  
The San Diego Mission Trip group greatly appreciates your support!

The group going on the mission trip will be helping the San Diego community by serving in soup kitchens, cleaning up areas, helping kids and families in need and more.

Menu includes 3 pasta options (spaghetti, fettucine, rigatoni); 4 sauce options (red sauce, red sauce with meat, garlic alfredo sauce, garlic alfredo sauce with chicken); garlic bread, and bars. Coffee, milk, water and pop to drink.

### **Save the Date!!!**

**The Annual Easter Sunday Breakfast** will be put on by San Diego Mission Trip kids! Menu items included egg bake, muffins, coffee, orange juice, milk and water. \$5 donations in support of the Mission Trip Youth are suggested.



## April 2019 Messenger

### *Worship & Music Notes for April*

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

American Lutheran is the place to be on Wednesdays during Lent! Supper and fellowship in the Dining Room begins at 5:00 PM. At 5:45 PM, our Lenten worship services are focusing on eyewitness accounts of Jesus' ministry. On Wednesdays, April 3 and 10 we will see video presentations of the woman at the temple and Peter's denial, and we will hear meditations by our pastors connecting these accounts with our Lenten journey. Christian Education opportunities for everyone follow worship, with Pastor Sarah's Lenten Study for adults in the Skylight Court and Bible & Me (BAM) and Confirmation classes and for our students.

At the Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship services, our readings will continue from the book of Matthew:

April 7	Final Judgement	Matthew 25: 31-46
April 14	Triumphal Entry	Matthew 21: 1-17
April 21	Easter Sunday	Matthew 28: 1-10
April 28	Great Commission	Matthew 28: 16-20

Follow Christ through his betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection at our worship services during Holy Week. Our Maundy Thursday (April 18) and Good Friday (April 19) worship services will be held at 6:00 pm. Festival Easter Sunday worship services will be held at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM.

Want to sing in the Easter Choir? We're working on a fun spiritual "Angels Rolled the Stone Away." Join us for light-hearted practices on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. All ages welcome! On Tuesday, April 2, choir members will be packing backpacks for the school food program after a short rehearsal.



Looking ahead, the BAM students in grades 1-5 are preparing a spring program for Sunday, May 12 that you won't want to miss. During worship that day, the students will share an inspiring message with song and narration.

**See you in church!**

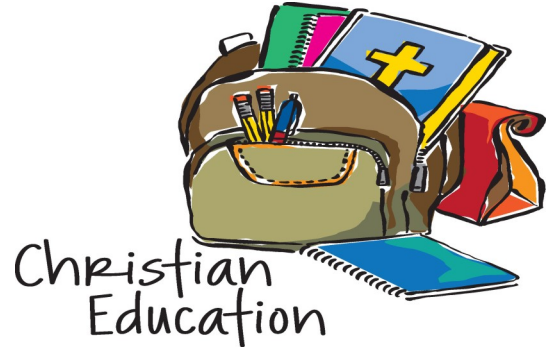




# Christian Education News:

Spring is finally here, I think! What a change in attitudes I have seen! Everyone's spirits seem as though they have lifted.

We had family day at BAM for Wednesday and Sunday at the end of March and did a family scavenger hunt which involved them finding items that we took pictures of around the church. All went well and was very fun! Thank you to everyone who came! It was great seeing families come together for this event! I also had the privilege of bringing 5 of our Sr. High youth to a Leadership Seminar called Step Up which was held at Gustavus Adolphus College. It is such a great opportunity for the kids to build on their leadership skills! It has been an exciting time for me helping the Pastors with First Communion instruction and also starting to look at what we will be doing for VBS this summer. Also, being a parent of a kid that is going on the mission trip has been fun too!



I hope you have had time to reflect as we get closer to Easter. It is for sure a season of

## Events coming up!

We have a Family Fun day coming up on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-3pm. Tina Mesner will be leading us in an Easter themed painting. Please sign on the sheet located on the bulletin board outside the office so we know how many supplies we need.

Nursery through Kindergarten will be singing at our Palm Sunday worship service. What a great day that will be!

Some of our BAM and Confirmation students in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will doing skits in our Easter Sunrise service. Come and see the great talent we have here at ALC!

If you have any question you can contact me at [melanieatalc@gmail.com](mailto:melanieatalc@gmail.com)

Thanks,

Melanie Shamp, Christian Education Coordinator.

### BAM- S April Schedule

April 7<sup>th</sup>— Last Judgement

April 14<sup>th</sup>— Palm Sunday Craft Day

\*\*Palm Sunday— N-K sing at 9am Service

\*\* April 18<sup>th</sup>— 1st Communion for 5th Graders

April 21<sup>st</sup>— Easter— **NO BAM-S**

April 28<sup>th</sup>— Great Commission

### BAM-W April Schedule

April 3<sup>rd</sup>— Last Judgement

April 10<sup>th</sup>— Palm Sunday Craft Day

\*\*April 14<sup>th</sup>— Palm Sunday N-K sing at 9am Service

April 17<sup>th</sup>— Holy Week—**NO BAM-W**

\*\*April 18<sup>th</sup>— 1st Communion for 5th Graders

April 24<sup>th</sup>— Great Commission

# Lent in April 2019



## **GOOD FRIDAY– PRAYER VIGIL**

**Friday April 19, 2019**

**7:30 AM– 5:00 PM, Sanctuary**

**7:00 AM– 7:00 PM Chapel**

We ask, you, your family, friends, neighbors to come and take PAUSE in your day to thank God for the sacrifice of Jesus, suffering for all of us.

Experience in prayer and meditation, the unselfish love that took Jesus to the cross, and may it flow to all we connect with in our daily work: Bibles, Prayer books, and suggested reading will be available.

### **Palm Sunday, April 14**

9:00 AM Worship  
Nursery - Kindergarten  
students will sing

### **Maundy Thursday, April 18**

6:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion / 1st Communion

### **Good Friday, April 19**

6:00 PM Worship

### **Easter Sunday, April 21**

#### **The Resurrection of Our Lord**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service led by  
Youth w/Holy Communion

8:00 AM Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship  
w/Holy Communion

11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship  
w/Holy Communion

### **Wednesday Lenten Schedule**

*April 310*

5:00 PM Supper

5:45 PM Worship

6:30 - 7:15 PM Lenten Study  
in Skylight Court

6:30 - 7:15 PM BAM-W

6:30 - 8:00 PM Confirmation

### **Lenten Worship Theme**

***“Prayers Around the Cross: Eyewitness  
Accounts of Jesus’ Ministry”***

Woman at the Temple

Peter’s Denial

### **Lenten Study**

***“Living Well: Christian Practices  
for Everyday Life”***

4. Praying

5. Reading the Bible

Childcare will be provided.



During Lent the Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board encourages you to reach out to someone you don't know and engage them in conversation. These relationships will bring us all closer and make new friendships!

## Good to Know

### Wednesday Suppers

**Lenten Suppers** As in the past, various groups will be serving dinner on Wednesdays during Lent to familiarize the congregation about their ministry and to raise funds for this

ministry. Those serving in April:

April 3rd– Scholarship Committee

April 10th– South African Partnership

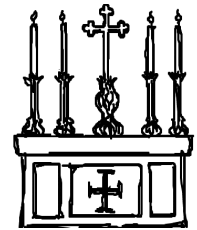
April 17th– No Supper

April 24th– Ham sandwiches, chips, baby carrots, & bars



### GET INVOLVED!

**ALTAR GUILD** is looking for new members – male and female! Altar Guild prepares communion for worship, dusts the chancel area (around the altar) and changes the paraments. In both the sanctuary and the chapel. We have monthly business meetings (September - May) with dessert and fellowship. It is not a huge time commitment and it is a wonderful way to serve your church. Please consider this important ministry of American Lutheran. Questions? Please contact Kathy Hiley, 831-4109 or [momhiley@gmail.com](mailto:momhiley@gmail.com) or Judy Holt, 831-2128 or [jiholt51@gmail.com](mailto:jiholt51@gmail.com).



**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** Individuals and groups of 4-6 from our church are needed to help pack food backpacks for the Winfair Backpack Food Program on the first week of each month. To sign up call Lisa Turner at (507)831-3245 or sign-up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board by the office.



Do you use amazon.com to shop? If you do there is now a way to give a portion of your purchase to ALC. If you type in the following link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0742499> it will ask you if you'd like to designate ALC as the charity of your choice and when you buy items on smile.amazon.com (not amazon.com but the same company) a portion of the money spent on eligible purchases will help out ALC. The price of the item is still the same and it costs you nothing extra. Please consider looking into this if you use amazon.com.

# Good to Know

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member you may have the ability to allocate Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars are money which Thrivent gives to charities based on how much your Thrivent premiums are and it costs you nothing. March 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day you can allocate your 2018 dollars. Their number is 800-847-4836. Call them and tell them to allocate it to ALC and that money will go to our renovation fund.

### Pans left in room #102



Please come and pick up your pans from bringing in baked goods for funerals or other events. We are truly grateful for everyone's hard work and donations, but would like everyone to get their Tupperware/cookware back.

### Old Bibles

Have old Bibles laying around your house? The best thing you can do is give them to someone who needs them. A simple internet search will find you charities that will accept them. You can also rebind them and use them. Some people treat them with respect and burn them but don't feel guilty if you simply recycle them either.



**Forty Day Challenge!** Church and Society is challenging **EVERYONE** to give \$1 a day for forty days during lent. The money collected will be given to the Southwest Crisis Center. Donations help provide a safe place, food, and clothing for men, women, or children escaping domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or sex trafficking. Hotels are frequently used for a temporary safe place till housing is found. Please join us in supporting this important ministry. Please make checks to the Southwest Minnesota Crisis Center.

Thank you!



### **Grace Ministries 101:**

Something very exciting is happening at American Lutheran! We have access to a whole video library of digital resources through Grace Ministries. Stay tuned for courses that will be offered in the weeks and months to come. In the meantime, check-out the library yourself and start watching at home!

STEP 1: Go to [grace101.org](http://grace101.org)

STEP 2: Login information -

Username: ALCWindom

Password: alcw



# Good to Know

## February 2019 American Lutheran Church

### Meals on Wheels:

A HUGE Thank You to all the members who helped with Meals on Wheels in February. Especially all those who battle the winter weather. Thank you for giving your time to a great cause!

**Volunteers:** Duane & Barb Pingeon, Dale & Linda Gravley, Jerry & Barb Torkelson, Al Peterson, Roger Nerhus, Steve & Lori Seifert, John Berge, Robert Halverson, Deanna Voth, Lou Masters, Dean Schoeb, Tom Cowan, Dick & Becky Wiens, Kermit & Betty Twait, Louanne Grams, Page Kern, Bernie & Judy Woizeschke, Deb Minion, Dorothy Fundahn, Rozanne Gronseth, Betty Olson, Tim & Kathy Hiley.



**Subs:** Barb Pingeon, LeAnn Steere, Gordy Scarset, Duane

## CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM MARCH 2019 MEETING

- Constitution Ad-Hoc Committee – MM by Cartwright and S by Michalski to add Michael Wojahn to the committee. Council approved
- Motion made by L. Jaakola 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Shamp to approve Rhonda Haglund as Marketing, Stewardship, and Discipleship Board Member.
- Spring ALC Campus Work Day – L. Jaakola provided an update for a spring clean up day.
- Pastor Adam provided an update on constitution (from Annual Meeting). MM by Steve Johnson and 2nd by Keith Pohlman to accept proposed changes. Council approved.
- Pastor Adam and Lindsey Cartwright reviewed proposed constitutional changes/amendments to the ALC Constitution. MM by Steve Johnson/2nd by John Shamp to accept proposed changes according to document “Proposed Constitutional Changes”. Council approved. Looking ahead, communicating the proposed changes to members ahead of the next congregational meeting will be important.
- Lindsey Cartwright provided an update on ALC’s pledge to support Equipping God’s People. This is a SW MN Synod initiative to boost synod ministries in a number of ways. ALC pledged \$7,500 over 3 years. Two years have been funded

### BOARD REPORTS

Board Chairs were named:

**Worship & Music:** Denise Houston

**Spiritual Life & Fellowship:** Judy Trotter

**Discipleship and Marketing/Stewardship:** Steven Johnson

**Properties:** Linda Jaakola

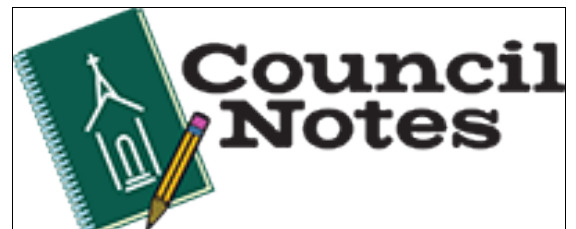
**Budget & Finance:** Keith Pohlman

**Christian Ed:** Jamie Frank

**Youth & Family:** John Shamp

**Church in Society:** Dorothy Fundahn

**GLOW:** Jean Johnson



# Good to Know

## Constitution Update

An ad hoc committee was made to update the constitution. A new model constitution was put out by the synod in 2016 and one of the big changes was that the bylaws are now put underneath the amendments to which they correspond as opposed to the bylaws being a separate section. The new constitution doesn't change the way the congregation operates it is simply set up differently. If you'd like a copy please contact the office. At the next congregational meeting it needs a majority vote to become effective immediately.

We also worked on changing the constitution and those changes are listed below. If there is a line through anything that means those parts are being asked to be deleted. If anything is in parenthesis it means we want it to be added.

Amendments need a majority vote at a congregational meeting, then a 2/3 vote at the next annual meeting, and then the synod needs to ok them for them to come into effect. Bylaws need a majority vote at a congregational meeting and the synod's approval for them to come into effect.

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Adam, Jean Johnson, Nancy Michalski, Don Brugman, or Michael Wojahn.

## Amendments:

C11.03. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than ~~two~~ (three) consecutive terms in the same office except that the treasurer will be eligible to serve more than 2-(three) consecutive terms as treasurer.

(C13.11 **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** A technology committee of five voting members will be comprised of the audio visual coordinator, the media coordinator, and the remaining three will be appointed by the congregation council. The term limit for those appointed by the congregation council will be three years with at least one member being appointed each year. The Technology Committee will administer the technology of the church including, but not limited to: sound systems, video systems, presentation systems, office technology, website coordination, and volunteers to operate said technology.)

(C13.12. Committee terms are for a specified time period. Once the term is completed, a person may be reappointed unless specifically stated in the Constitution.)

## BYLAWS:

~~C9.06.01 In the event there is a vacancy in the office of the lead pastor, the incumbent pastor may continue service until the vacancy has been filled. The possibility exists that the incumbent pastor may be called to the position of lead pastor. In any event, the incumbent pastor shall submit resignation through the Congregation Council to the congregation within six (6) months after the new lead pastor has taken office. If the Congregation Council in consultation with the pastoral staff decides to accept such resignation, then the incumbent pastor shall then vacate the office. If it is the decision of the Congregation Council in consultation with the pastoral staff to retain the incumbent pastor, a new Letter of Call shall then be issued defining the responsibilities in the new pastoral relationship.~~

**C21.01.06. DISCIPLESHIP, AND MARKETING, (AND) STEWARDSHIP BOARD** (The Discipleship, and Marketing, Board and Stewardship Board will combine to make one board that shall) promote faith in Christ and the Good News of our Savior by welcoming all, and through our work together within the church, the community and beyond. Duties shall include but not be limited to: new members, promote and market the church, and work with the missions both locally and globally. They shall also lead the congregation to be Biblical stewards through the proportionate giving of their time, abilities, and money as they have been given. It shall be made up of seven persons elected by the congregation.

**C21.01.03. YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY BOARD** shall consist of seven persons elected by the congregation for two-year staggered terms with a maximum of three consecutive terms. The Youth Coordinator will serve as an ex-officio member of the board. (The Youth and Family Board shall also be responsible for directing and assisting the youth coordinator in implementing programs and events for the youth organization and family organization of the church.)

C21.02.01 b) is absent from three consecutive regular meetings of that board without cause. (The board member must be contacted by the Board Chair and/or the Pastor before the position is declared vacant.)

## A Message from the Ondini Circuit, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa

*The following was posted on Facebook on March 14<sup>th</sup> by our friend, Pastor Nkosi of the Ondini Circuit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. He served as host during our Partnership*

Well I'm not trying to be theologically sound or eloquent. But...The season of Lent sometimes makes me feel like Jesus needs me more than I need Jesus.

At times I look at my life and I see so many faces at Ephangweni Community. Faces of people who love and support me. Whilst on the same time I read a passage of a lonely, crying, in pain, betrayed and tortured Jesus. Yet when I drive around the community I see hands waving at me. Some are even shouting "hello Pastor". I see so many people who are willing to go an extra mile for me and with me.

Whilst Jesus is more vulnerable, meek, disarmed and a great crowd that is screening on top of their voices "crucify him" or "Free Barnabers"

I feel like I wanna be there for him. Share some wavings and love with him.

I wanna be there with him praying on the mountain when his three disciples had fallen asleep. I want to be there when Judas gives him that poisonous kiss and politely say "may I have one too".

When the disciples fled the scene (including Peter who said "where you die i will die") and left him to be taken by the centurion i wanna say "i am as guilty take me as well".

When Peter denies him three times, I wanna shout and say "YES I Know Him! He is my Lord and Savior."

When they handed him to Pilate, I want to join Pilate and wash my hands together with him and say "in deed we found no sin in this man"

When he is taken to the Cross and beaten, I wanna give my back and chin as well. Because he can do with some love. I wanna join Simon who helped Jesus with the Cross, I want to take turns until the summit of Calvary.

On the Cross can they get the fourth one for me because "I am by nature sinful and unclean."

Sometimes Lent calls us to be there for Jesus. Be there through this painful journey of the Cross. Be there with our sufferings. Mostly be there with love.

We can be there for Jesus through the poor, the vulnerable, the meek, the tired, the abused, the betrayed. Be there for Jesus through them and through yourself. The journey of the Cross is self giving. Being there for Jesus is being there for one another.



I wanna be there... ♥

Rev Ntuthuko Malibongwe Nkosi

A Lenten Dinner will be served by the in support of the Shetek-Ondini Partnership on April 10th at 5:00 PM. All are welcome!

# April Happenings

**April 7th**— Easter Painting Family Day 2:00pm-3:00pm

**April 13th**— Silent Auction & Pasta Bar 5:00pm-7:00pm

**April 14th-Palm Sunday**, Second Sunday Noisy Offering, BAM N-K Sing at 9am Worship

**April 17th**— No Lenten Worship, Supper, Lenten Study, BAM-W, Confirmation, or Senior League.

**April 18th**— Maundy Thursday, First Communion

**April 19th**— Good Friday

**April 21st**— Easter Sunday

**7:00am** Sunrise Service led by Youth w/Holy Communion

**8:00am** Easter Breakfast

**9:00am** Festival Easter Worship w/Holy Communion

**11:00am** Festival Easter Worship w/Holy Communion



**GLOW Happenings:** April 2: 9am Sewing

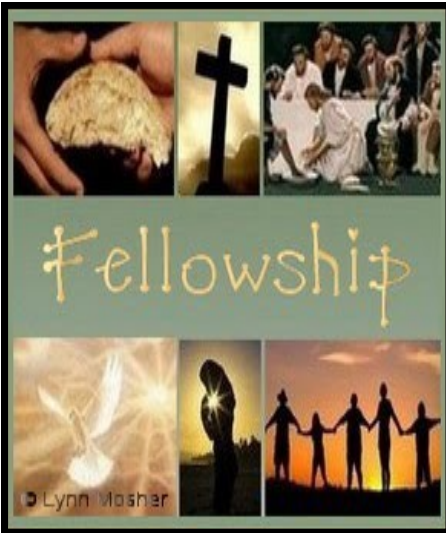
April 9:2pm Altar Guild

April 11: 2pm Bible Study - ALC

April 16: 9am Sewing

April 19: Prayer Vigil

April 27: Shetek Conference Spring Gathering



***Soup & Bread is a great fellowship 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.***

***April Date:***

***April 7th***

***For more information, contact Kathryn Ralston at (507) 822-0686.***

## Holiday Hours

Friday, April 19th— Office will be closed at 12:00 noon.

Monday, April 22nd— Building and Office Closed.

## 12 Noon Ecumenical Lenten Worship

The First Presbyterian Church will be hosting the noon Ecumenical Lenten Worship Services at their church. You are all invited to this half hour worship followed by lunch. Here are the dates:

**April 3rd**

**April 10th**



# For the Record

## From the Church Records

### **Baptisms:**

Axton Douglas Merle Manns,  
son of Alyssa Derickson and  
Shea Manns.



### **Burials:**

*In Loving  
Memory*

## **SUNDAY USHERS FOR APRIL:**

Ron Vought, John Berge, Kermit Twait, Steve Nasby,  
Keith Bloomgren, Jay Mickelson, John Holt, Steve Hag-  
lund, Travis Freiwald, Jason Rupp.

## **SATURDAY USHERS:**

April 6 – Cheryl Hochstein

April 13 – Lori Seifert (Noisy  
Offering, Communion)

April 20 – Ron Becker (Communion)

April 27 – Myrna Anderson



## **ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE**

As of 2/22/19:

Income: \$81,468

Expenses: \$103,673

Borrowed to date: \$28,000

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



## **Memorials:**

**Renovation Fund**-In Memory of Joan Heggeseeth



# GLOW in APRIL

## "Gals Living Our Witness"

All women of American Lutheran Church are members of GLOW! Our Purpose Statement: "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in our church, our society, and our world."



New  
Date!

### Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 11  
2:00 p.m. in the meeting room  
by office  
April "Gather" Magazine  
Bible Study  
"Meetings with Jesus"  
Session 4, page 25  
"Seeing the risen Christ, coming to faith"

Questions?  
Contact: Carolyn Torkelson, 831-5986

### Sewing Days

April 2 and 16 9:00 a.m.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, sewing kits, personal care kits, and school kits for missions.

Come for part of the day or bring a sack lunch and stay for the whole day (until about 2:30 p.m.) No experience necessary.

Questions: Contact Carolyn Janssen (831-5986)

Great Fun and Fellowship!!!

### Prayer Vigil- Good Friday, April 19

7:30 AM- 5:00PM, Sanctuary

7:00 AM- 7:00 PM Chapel

Come take a PAUSE in your day to thank God for the sacrifice of Jesus, suffering for all of us. All are welcome! More information on page 6

### Shetek Conference Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 27  
8:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakefield  
Program: Pastor Mike and Teri Stangeland  
"Study Tour of Ireland"

\$12.00 registration fee will be paid by GLOW. Contact Jean Johnson (822-2715) for details and carpool information.

### 2019 Synodical Women's Convention

#### "Embraced by the Winds of Grace"

May 3 (plenary sessions)

May 4 (worship, speakers,  
workshops, displays)

Marshall, MN

A complete packet of information for this SWMN Synodical Women's Organization convention is available on the bulletin board by the office. GLOW will pay the registration fees for up to 3 women to attend one or both days. **Registration due by April 13.**

Contact Jean Johnson (822-2715)



## For Your Information



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

ship. 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 so we can 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.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*April 2019*



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# CANEWS FROM CAMP

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empower**

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries**

**Clean-up Days**

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> & May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**9:00 to 4:30p.m.**

**Lunch will be served in the Dining Hall**

**Please RSVP by April 22<sup>nd</sup> if you are  
able to help. Thank You!**

*The joy of the LORD is your Strength.*

*Nehemiah 8:10*

**Mark your Calendar 2019**

**Little Sprouts Garden class-April 13**

**Pre-marriage Retreat- April 13**

**Confirmation Retreat- April 26-27**

**Spring Clean-up day- April 27**

**Spring Toddlers & Trees –April 28**

**Spring clean-up day- May 4**

**Road Scholars – May 5-10**

**Leadership Staff Training- May 22-26**

**Staff Training – May 27-June 7**

**First Day of Camp- June 9**

**For more information call 763-3567 or  
check [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)**



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