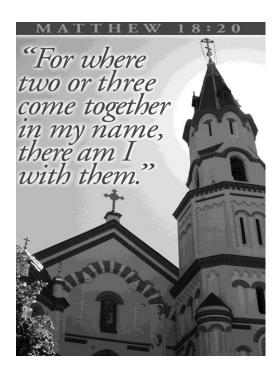
The American Lutheran Church of Windom



March 10, 2019 9:00 AM First Sunday in Lent

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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.

PRAYER CANDLES are 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.

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

Karen Wojahn, organist

HANDBELL CHOIR

WELCOME and GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please be mindful that this is cold and flu season and greet those around you without shaking hands. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Budget Update Lindsey Cartwright, Treasurer

NOISY OFFERING Windom Area Sharing Center

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgotten.
- C: Forgive one another, as you have been forgiven.
- L: Happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- C: Forgive one another, as you have been forgiven.
- L: Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
- C: Forgive one another, as you have been forgiven.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Faithful Lord,

C: You were obedient in every way, even when that obedience led to death. As we walk this penitent season with you, fill us with remorse at all the ways we have fallen short of being faithful, loving servants. Forgive us our shortsightedness, our waste, and our criticism of ourselves and others. We long for your grace and rely on your loving kindness. Amen.

L: Our God is indeed slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You have been forgiven and granted another chance to turn away from all which does not give life. Be assured and be made whole again. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE (Setting One) ELW p. 98

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you have forgiven us a world of transgressions. Make us likewise gracious to those who are in debt to us, showing them the mercy which you offer to all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HANDBELL CHOIR

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sarah

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 151

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."

READING Matthew 18:15-35 Pew Bible p. 799
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW #807

APOSTLES' CREED

ELW page 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING We give, because God gives to us!

Our ministries share God's love.

RESPONSE "Create in Me" ELW #186

PRAYER

Our debts are many, O Lord. Yet we bring these gifts as a symbol of all we owe to you, and to a world in need. Receive them with grace and use them to benefit those less fortunate than ourselves, that all might come to know your abundance. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 112

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW #359

DISMISSAL Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! Today's scripture reading is a lesson in forgiveness. We owe God a considerable debt, yet all has been forgiven us. Forgiveness is the willingness to let the scales of justice remain unbalanced, and to accept the imbalance as it is. How much more ought we to pardon our brothers and sisters for their relatively minor sins against us?

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for "Laborers in the Vineyard," Matthew 20:1-16.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture reader: Anna Holtz and Bekah Johnson

Greeter: Girl Scouts

Media Ministry Team: Lindsey Cartwright, Daron

Friesen, Eugene Hanchett and Mark Brodin

Acolytes: Tyra Khounsanthone and Kaden Holtz

RADIO SPONSORSHIP of today's service is given in honor of the ALC Pastors and staff given by Leland & Marilyn Erickson.

A gift was also given in memory of Karen Christensen, Karl Malchow, and Joan Heggeseth.

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Attendance last Wednesday 79; last Saturday 25;

last Sunday 136; Offering \$9,449, Borrowed to date: \$28,000

NOISY OFFERING will be designated for the Windom Area

Sharing Center. Bring your spare change!

"TALKING TOGETHER ABOUT SHARED MINISTRY WITH SAME-SEX COUPLES AND THEIR FAMILIES" will NOT be held today, as the weather may not allow all who want to attend to be here.



LENTEN SUPPERS are served by various ministries of our church. The second Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 13th will be hosted by Soup and Bread. Through these contacts we are able to build a stronger Church community where all are welcomed. We are also given an opportunity to learn more about these ministries and what they do. Perhaps you would enjoy being involved with a group. Those serving the meals are using this as a fund raiser. If you are able we appreciate your generosity towards our ministries. COME EAT! ALL ARE WELCOME!



GLOW (Gals Living our Witness) TEAM MEETING is postponed to Sunday, March 17th, 10:00AM in the ALC Meeting Room due to Talking Together meeting at 10AM Sunday, March 10th.

LENTEN 5 WEEK STUDY begins Wednesday, March 13th, following Lenten worship. Meet at 6:30 in the Skylight Court. "Living Well: Christian Practices for Everyday Life" 1. Forgiving 2. Managing Household Life 3. Participating in Community 4. Praying 5. Reading the Bible Childcare will be provided.



EASTER FLOWER order forms are now available at the back of the church or in the church office. Please return the order form to the office by March 25th.

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.



GLOW SEWING DAY Tuesday, March 19th, 9:00 am. Come to the



Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, fabric kits, personal care kits, and school kits for missions. No experience necessary! Questions? Contact Carolyn Janssen, (507)831-3082.

Didn't bring cash or a checkbook to worship but would still like to give an offering? Use this **QR CODE** to give an offering. Remember it costs thirty-nine cents per transaction plus three percent of how much you give. This is another great way to give.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

Congratulations to Braeden Moerke (son of Rachel Engler) who won the full week campership and to Ava Scheitel (daughter of Kari and Greg Scheitel) who won the mini campership!

Don't let finances get in the way of sending your child to Camp Shetek. Church will pay \$200 towards a full week and \$100 towards a mini camp! Camp Shetek also has scholarships. Got to www.shetek.org for more information on camp and other activities!

Reminder to parents of First Communicants, March 17th we will be going to Camp Shetek for the first instruction class. If you had not already done so,

please contact the church office to let us know if your child will be attending.

Wednesday, March 20th and Sunday, March 24th is Family Day at BAM! We would love to have Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, or family friends come and join us for BAM. We will start in the Fellowship Hall, the children will sing for us, we will do a family scavenger hunt around the church, and meet back in the Fellowship Hall for a snack.



Game Night Extravaganza - Tonight's the Night!!

Today! Sunday, March 10th / 5:30 - 8:30pm

Hot Dog Bar & Beverages Available

Come join in the fun!! The Game Night Extravaganza is a night out for everyone. All are welcome to join into the

fun. The church nursery will be attended, so you can drop your little one's off after having a hot dog or two. There will be the fixing for all kinds of different hot dogs, along with fruit salad, chips and a beverage. Suggested Price, \$5 per plate, but we will be accepting Freewill Offerings instead of charging at the door. What can you expect from the Extravaganza? A game or two of the word game, Scattegories, which we will play as teams. There will be Wii Tournaments. Open Mic for those that might want to sing a song or read a poem. Karaoke. Watch a game of "Not So Newlywed Game". There will be skits and commercial breaks and other fun activities. Plus, Hot Dogs, Hot Dogs, Hot Dogs!!

Come on out and let's have some fun together while the kids make a little moola for their mission trip. Expertise in anything, NOT NEEDED!! Just the ability to have a little fun. Hope to see you all there. More the merrier!!

Scrapbook/Crafting Retreat

Friday, March 29th 9am - 9pm • Saturday, March 30th 9am - 7pm
Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your favorite Crafting past time, rent a table and hangout with others that love to Craft also.
Reserve your table by Contacting Mary Mohlencamp for information. mary.b.mohlencamp@state.mn.us

Jr League & Sr League Are Combining Together and Becoming Christ Club!! ALC Youth from 6th-12th Grade are welcome to attend Christ Club.1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm & Wednesday Evenings at 8pm-10pm. Talking about having a Club Night on the 1st & 3rd Friday Evenings - Let you voice be heard if you are interested. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 10 Girl Scout Sunday/Second Sunday Noisy Offering

Daylight-Saving Time Begins

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:15 AM Youth Coffee Hour w/Christ

5:30 PM- 8:30 PM Game Night Extravaganza

Monday, March 11

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, March 12

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

2:00 PM Altar Guild

6:30 PM ALC Choir

6:30 PM Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship

7:00 PM Boards Mtgs- Budget & Finance; Properties; Spiritual Life/Fellowship

8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, March 13

12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship-Presbyterian Church, Windom

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

5:00 PM Supper- Hosted by Soup and Bread

5:45 PM Lenten Worship/Noisy Offering

6:30 PM Lenten Study

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation

8:00 PM Senior League

Thursday, March 14 Second Thursday at Senior Dining

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

Saturday, March 16

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour/Hotdish-Mission Trip Fundraiser

10:00 AM GLOW Meeting

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:15 AM Youth Coffee Hour w/Christ

1:00 PM First Communion Class at Camp Shetek

4:30 PM Soup & Bread-St. Patrick's Day Festivities

6:30 PM Jr League-Movie Night



