



# May 2019

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WINDOM, MN



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### Please Join Us For Worship!

WOW (Worship on Wednesday) at 5:45 PM

Saturday Chapel Services at 5:30 PM

Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 AM



### Wednesday, May 1

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday) w/HC

### Saturday, May 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM Worship w/HC, Healing Prayer, Blessing of the Quilts, & Care of Creation Sunday.

### Wednesday, May 8

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

### Saturday, May 11

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/HC

### Sunday, May 12

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

(Second Sunday Noisy Offering)  
9:00 AM Worship/BAM Musical  
Gr. 1-5

### Wednesday, May 15

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)/Welcome of New Members

### Saturday, May 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/HC

### Sunday May 19

9:00 AM Worship, Senior Recognition, & Welcoming of New Members

### Wednesday, May 22

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday) Last Day

### Saturday, May 25

5:30PM Chapel Service

### Sunday, May 26

9:00 AM Worship w/HC

# Pastors Message



"ALC is a fully inclusive church." This was a claim made by one of our church leaders this past month. I love that statement, and I hope and pray it is so. If Jesus could call the tax collector Matthew to be his disciple, is there anyone who is beyond the reach of who can be welcomed and received by us, Jesus' followers?

I am amazed and overjoyed by the diversity of people who are a part of our faith community. This is God's doing. It is the story told in the book of Acts how more and more people from varied backgrounds and identities came to believe.

*Then Peter began to speak to them "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." Acts 10.34.*

Monday of Holy Week, the People First group had its monthly potluck in the Fellowship Hall. The wheel chairs got unloaded, and the participants came walking in excited to share food and be with friends again this month. A group of these people come every month from the DAC to refill the children's bags that we have in the narthex. Many of these worship with us. One of these joins the crew of volunteers at our Wednesday suppers.

## Values of American Lutheran Church

### Relationships :

God. Each other. Creation.

### Belonging

Affirmed. Included. Valued.

### Faith

Active. Inquiring. Hopeful.

We have a family where the husband and wife are both deaf. On Thanksgiving we bring in an American Sign Language interpreter so they can participate fully. On Easter we were not able to have an interpreter, but we provided written transcripts of most parts of the service, so the family could follow. I wish we could have a signer, or closed caption script on a screen for them every week!

We have been a congregation that welcomes all. That is why we have a ramp leading to the sanctuary, and an elevator to facilitate accessibility. We have devices to facilitate hearing. People have been welcomed, regardless of income, race, or sexual orientation. I thank you for the

welcome you have extended! We continue to be stretched and grow as a congregation to know how far that welcome will reach. Is a person really welcome if he or she cannot be married in this church to his or her intended partner? Then what the congregation offers is not for all, but only for those who are heterosexual. That is not welcoming or inclusive.

Easter Sunday was a glorious celebration of new life in Christ! God raised Jesus from the dead, and we too, get a new start. Our hope is renewed! For me, one of the most beautiful things is distributing the bread of Holy Communion. Hands are outstretched. No two sets of hands are the same. Yet, behind the hands are hearts and bodies that are hungry for Jesus. We all need what He offers: forgiveness of sin and new life. We are all equals at the table. Thank you, Jesus.

Pastor Sarah Tadé





# May 2019 Messenger

## Worship & Music Notes for April

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

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

While singing with our youngest members during BAM recently, I mentioned that soon it would be Easter, when we remember that even though Jesus died, he became alive again. One of the children remarked, "He does that every year!" Yes, indeed He does! Alleluia!

At our weekly worship services, the readings follow the early Christians and Paul's ministry:

|        |                              |                         |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| May 5  | <b>Peter's Vision</b>        | Acts 10: 1-17, 34-48    |
| May 12 | <b>Paul's Mission</b>        | Acts 13: 1-3; 14: 8-18  |
| May 19 | <b>Gospel as Salvation</b>   | Romans 1: 1-17          |
| May 26 | <b>God's Love Poured Out</b> | Romans 3:28-30, 5: 1-11 |

On the first weekend in May, we will be observing "Care of Creation Day." At these worship services, we will honor God for the gift of creation and pray for the land and those who care for the land. Individual prayers for healing will bless the earths that week-



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The BAM singers in Grades 1-5 will be sharing a special spring program at the 9 AM Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, May 12. Come hear them sing "Soul on Fire!" and other songs about God's mighty name, the Holy Trinity, and what we can do to spread the Good News.

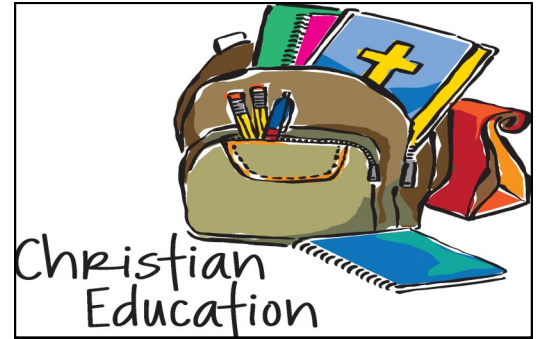
We will honor our graduating high school seniors at worship on Sunday, May 19.

May marks the end of the year for our musical groups. The Handbell Choir will share music on May 5 and the ALC Choir will sing on May 19, before both groups take a break for the summer.

See you in church!

# Christian Education & Youth News:

We Survived April! And the ice storm! We patiently awaiting steady warmer temperatures. Just as Jesus patiently waited for His time to come. It had to be awful, waiting for what He knew would be awful. But He knew God loved Him and had great plans for Him! Please let us do the same daily. As we try to wait patiently for what God has in store for us, let us remember that He loves us so much and it will always be good.



Mother's Day is up next! Happy Mother's Day to all the hard working moms out there! And then Graduation! Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they take a big step in their lives at the end of this month!

As I take on some of the work for the mission trip, I want to say it has been an honor! These kids are so great to work with. They work extremely hard and this is in addition to work schedules, sports, school work and other things they have going on.

The Pasta Bar and Silent Auction on April 13<sup>th</sup> was a great success, bigger than we imagined! We raised about \$2, 200 for the mission trip youth. This congregation and the community are to thank for that! So, THANK YOU for supporting these kids! Also, Thank You to the parents of the kids who do all the leg work for them!

I hope you all had a blessed Easter and got to spend time with Family.

God's peace and blessings to you as we enter another wonderful season!

Melanie Shamp

Christian Ed Coordinator

## Upcoming Youth Events

May 12<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day Brunch 10am-12pm-Fellowship Hall/ Pancakes, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, coffee, orange juice and milk/ Freewill donation

May 19<sup>th</sup> -Senior Recognition Sunday

May 22<sup>nd</sup> -Baccalaureate/ Ice cream social following Baccalaureate in Fellowship Hall

## BAM-W May Schedule

May 1st- Peters Vision

May 8th- Last Day of BAM-W

\*\* May 12th- Musical at 9AM Worship

Grades 1-5.

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# Good to Know



## Photo Directory 2019 Edition

Photos will be taken June 17-22 and June 24-29

2:00 – 8:00 pm Mondays

1:00 – 8:00 pm Tuesday through Friday

9:00 – 4:00 pm Saturdays

### Several ways to register

1. Go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yq876mg6/>
2. Sign up through the Church website, [www.alcofwindom.com](http://www.alcofwindom.com) and click on the link on the home page under quick links.
3. Sign up through Facebook, go to American Lutheran Church– Windom and click on the link in the Photo Directory 2019 Edition Post.
4. As available, there will be people to help you after Church services.
5. You may also call the Church office and Gina and Wendy will assist you.

### How to register

To schedule your photography session, follow these steps:

1. **Select number in your group.** Using the drop down to the left, select the number in your group (larger families may require more time).
2. **Select day.** A calendar will now display showing the month and day of our photography sessions. If multiple months are available, an arrow next to the month will be displayed. Click on the arrow to advance to the next month.
3. **Select your session time.** A list of available session times will be displayed. Click the Book it button next to the desired time. You will then be prompted to register for your session.
4. **To complete your registration,** enter the information below (First name, Last name, phone, email, create login and password) , then click on the Finalize Photography Session Button. (You must create a login and password to confirm your session. This will also allow you to return and change your session, if necessary.)

When your session has been confirmed!

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you. You will get another reminder e-mail three days prior to your session. You may log in at any time to see your existing session.



**\*\*We are looking for people who would be willing to help with registrations after church services. There is a sign-up sheet across from the office for volunteers willing to help with registrations .\*\***

Thank you!

Spiritual Life and Fellowship board

# Good to Know

## First Communion

This year the first communion kids had a class at Shetek Lutheran Ministries and here at ALC to learn about first communion. They also baked bread with their families and Dr. Mary Olson for their first communion on Maundy Thursday. We had such a wonderful group of kids. We would like to thank everyone who helped with first communion and all the children and families involved. We Pray that Jesus, the Bread of Life and Cup of Eternal Salvation will always nourish your faith. Remember that God’s love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you.



God’s Blessings on our students who partook in Holy Communion for the first time: *Jace Anderson, Zadie Bergquist, Grace Buckentin, Lizzie Carlson, Bradyn Evans, Drayton Fritz, Stella Schmidt, Logan Hanson, Jackson Joyce, Eagan Maras, Michael Marcy, Anja Nielsen, Katie Purrington, Matthew Redman, Xavier Roberts, Fiona Robillard, Lincoln Rupp, Grace Scheitel, Erin Shamp, Jacob Winters, Brita Tjentland.*



*Please join Noel and Pastor Sarah for a celebration of their daughter’s graduation.*

*Eliana Tadé*

Sunday, May 26th 1:00 - 4:00 PM  
American Lutheran Church of  
Windom



# Good to Know

## Wednesday Suppers

May 8th will be our last Wednesday supper.



**Wednesday, May 1st, 5:00 pm– Smorgasbord**

**Wednesday, May 8th, 5:00 pm– Hot dogs Grill Out**

# Thank you

to Lisa Petersen who has served as our Youth Coordinator since September of 2016. Lisa brought many gifts to the ministry of The American Lutheran Church and its youth. Sadly, Lisa resigned her position in April. We wish her well!

In the interim, Pastor Adam Roberts is overseeing the youth programming, assisted by Melanie Shamp, our Christian Education Coordinator, and the Youth and Family Board. We don't anticipate any changes in planned activities.

Plans for the upcoming Mission Trip to San Diego this summer are ongoing. This trip will be chaperoned by Pastor Adam Roberts and Maria Soleta.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued support for the youth programming and your prayers for our ministry of the Gospel!

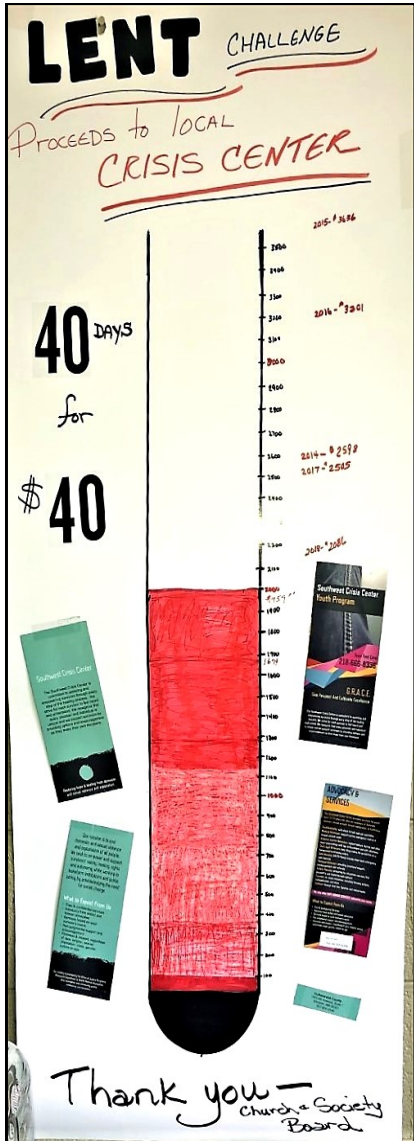
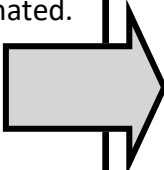
# Contribution Analysis

Hi, my name is Steve Johnson. I serve on the Discipleship, Marketing and Stewardship Board. At our last meeting we reviewed the 2017 annual report to 2018 report in contribution analysis. There was very good news in comparisons. I think many of us are concerned about the direction of our church in membership and giving. Below are some of the comparisons we drew out of our reports. One highlight being the number of contributors increased by 2%. Our overall giving rose by 12%, very good in light of a poor farm economy. We still have 55% who do not contribute in a way that we can track, but that has held steady for many years. Our ranges of giving have increased, especially from \$500 to \$20,000!! Our board and church thank you gratefully and God Bless!

|                             | <u>2017</u>  | <u>2018</u>  | <u>Increase %</u> | <u>Decrease %</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Households                  | 736          | 727          |                   | 2                 |
| Average Weekly Amount       | \$21.62      | \$24.08      | 10                |                   |
| Average Annual Contribution | \$1,124.08   | \$1,252.07   | 12                |                   |
| Contributors                | 318          | 326          | 2                 |                   |
| Total Contributions         | \$357,459.10 | \$408,173.37 | 12                |                   |

# Good to Know

**Thank you** to all who contributed to the Forty Day Lenten Challenge. There was a total of **\$2,000.00** raised for the Southwest Crisis Center. Church and Society is very grateful for everyone that donated. The Southwest Crisis Center donations will 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. Thank you again for supporting this important ministry!



Thank-you to all those that attended the adult class on Ministry to Same Sex Couples and Their Families! Your input and involvement is appreciated, and vital to the process needed to determine ALC's policies.

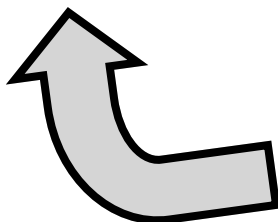
To address questions relating to biblical instruction on the topic, Pastor Adam will be leading an adult class on May 5, after the service. Just as the other class, this class is expected to be approximately 2 hours.

It is very important to the ALC council to have your input, and we encourage all interested parties to attend and provide feedback. If you are unable to attend, please share your thoughts with a pastor, council member or an executive officer.

Once discussions have completed, an ad-hoc committee, including pastors, council members and congregation members, will be created to address ALC's policies. If you are interested in being part of that committee, please contact the church office, or an executive officer: Nancy Michalski 822-0953, Lindsey Cartwright 830-1305, Bill Tjentland 822-0224, Page Kern 822-0724.

Thank-you for your direction and support as your council addresses the issues and policies that come to them.

Page Kern, President of the Congregation.





# Good to Know

## CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM April 2019 MEETING



- Youth and Family– President Kern reviewed a motion for the council to approve Melanie Shamp as temporary assistant to Youth and Family (motion approved by Youth and Family, and Budget and Finance) to allow Melanie up to 10 hours per week, at \$13.50 per hour, to assist with youth programming while Youth Coordinator Lisa Peterson is on leave until 4-26-2019. Amendment proposed to make this retroactive to March 20, 2019. MM/S/C on amendment. MM/S/C to approve Melanie Shamp as temporary assistant.
- Talking About Shared Ministry with Same-Sex Couples and their Families– Pastor Adam shared plans for a Bible Study on this topic to be held May 5, 2019. Pastor Adam is working on the study using a range of resources.
- New Member Orientation will be held May 2, 2019 at 7PM.
- Holiday Fair– Jean Johnson provided an update. Looking at November 9, 2019 as a possible date. Judy Trotter and Karen Skarpohl have agreed to chair the event.



## Senior Recognition Sunday

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Congratulations to the 2019 Senior Class! As graduation is fast approaching the American Lutheran Church wants to honor all ALC graduating seniors at our 9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 19th Worship service.

***\*\*Please email your senior photo for our screens to the Church Office at [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) by Friday, May 10th or sooner. \*\****

If you want to share your gifts and talents on this important day. Please call the church office at 831-1794, or e-mail the church office at [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) by **May 10<sup>th</sup>** to share in the following ways:

- Sharing special music with piano, voice, guitar, or instrument
- Read scripture
- Part of procession—cross bearer, Bible carrier, Christ candle bearer

**Proverbs 16:3** *“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”*

# May Happenings

**May 2nd**– 7:00 pm, New Member Orientation, Skylight Court

**May 5th**– 9:00 am, Healing Prayer, Blessing of the Quilts, and Care of Creation Sunday

10:15 am, The Bible and Same-Sex Marriage

**May 8th**– 6:30 pm, Last day of BAM-W

**May 12th**– 9:00 am, BAM Musical Grades 1-5/ 10:00 am , Mothers Day Brunch

10:15 am, Last day of BAM-S

**May 15th** , 5:45 pm & **May 19th**, 9:00 am,- Welcoming of New Members

**May 19th**– 9:00 am, Senior Recognition Sunday.

**May 27th**– Memorial Day– Building and Office Closed.

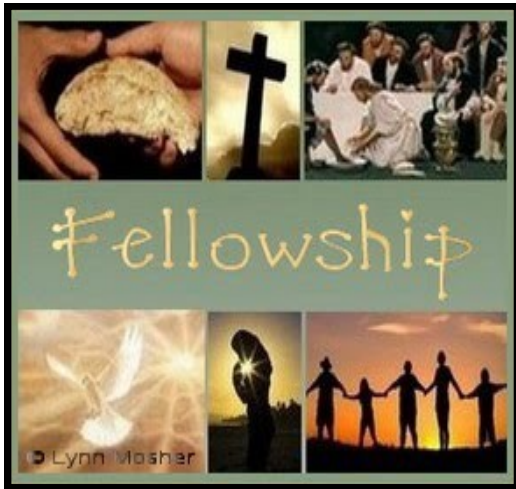


## GLOW Happenings:

May 3 & 4– 2019 Synodical Women’s Conference, Marshall

May 5– 9:00 am , Blessing of the Quilts

May 16– 2:00 pm Women’s Bible Study



***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. May Dates:***

***May 5th– Cinco de Mayo***

***May 19th— End of the Year Family Picnic***

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

## Holiday Hours

Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day– the Building & office will be closed.



# For the Record

## From the Church Records

Makhi Phaengkhouane, son of Jessica Krumwiede and Hong (David) Phaengkhouane.



Aila Irene Grumm, daughter of David and Anna (Hartberg) Grumm.

Violet Jo Rakotz, daughter of Timothy and Samantha Rakotz.

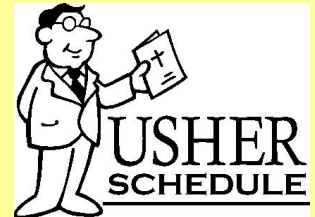
### **Burials:**

Janet Garrison

*In Loving  
Memory*

## **SUNDAY USHERS FOR MAY:**

Greg Hanefeld, Don Boltjes, Paul Voth Sr, Dean Schoeb, Bernie Woizeschke, Rahn Larson, and Rick Quade.



## **SATURDAY USHERS:**

May 4 – Lori Seifert

May 11 – Cheryl Hochstein

(Noisy Offering, Communion)

May 18 – Ron Becker (Communion)

May 25 – Kermit Twait

### **As of 4/23/19:**

**Income: \$128,025**

**Expenses: \$147,347**

**Borrowed to date: \$28,000**



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

### **Memorials:**

**Renovation:** In memory of Connie Johnson

**General Fund:** In memory of Wayne Fredin and Brenda Geffre.



# GLOW in May

## “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.”



**Blessing of  
the Quilts  
Sunday, May 5  
At the 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service**

**2019 Synodical  
Women’s Conference  
“Embraced by the Winds of  
Grace”  
May 3 and 4  
Marshall, MN  
Southwest MN Synodical  
Women’s Organization  
Convention.  
See further information on the  
bulletin board across  
from office.**

**May Bible Study  
Thursday, May 16  
2:00 p.m.**

Meeting room across from office.

May “Gather” Magazine page 25

“From generation to generation: Two-way blessings”

Learn from examples in Scripture.

Questions?

Contact Carolyn Torkelson

831-5986



# 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 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.  
831-1794



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.

May 2019



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# CANEWS FROM CAMP

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

**SAVE THE DATE...**

**SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

**33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION**

**JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> 10:30A.M.**

**HELD IN THE**

**SLM ACTIVITY CENTER**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**CALL 507-763-3567 OR CHECK OUT**

**WWW.SHETEK.ORG**

**Rejoice in the hope of the glory of  
God.**

**Romans 5:2**

**Mark your Calendar 2019**

**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**

**Fun in the Sun with Water Bugs- 6/15**

**Golf Fundraiser – June 17**

**Family weekend – June 21-23**

**Quilt Auction Preview – June 21**

**Quilt Auction- June 22**

**5K Pelican Walk/Run – June 22**

**Little Sprouts Garden Class- June 30**

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



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