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Please Join Us For Worship!

Saturday, August 3

5:30 PM Chapel Service

<u>Sunday, August 4</u> 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

<u>Saturday, August 10</u> 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Com-

munion
Sunday, August 11

(Second Sunday Noisy Offering) 9:00 AM Worship

Saturday, August 17 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, August 18

9:00 AM Worship

Saturday, August 24 5:30PM Chapel Service

<u>Sunday, August 25</u> 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks and Healing Prayers

Saturday, August 31 5:30PM Chapel Service

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

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. Ephesians 1:20-21

The fourth commandment says, "Honor thy father and mother," and Luther explains that to mean that we are to obey all in authority including teachers, police officers, bosses, etc. I wonder if I'm the only one who fantasizes sometimes about being a police officer or the president in order to put people in their place.

On our mission trip to San Diego half of our group worked in a place that gave out three free meals a day called Father Joe's Village. It was in a neighborhood filled with homeless people. They hired out for many full-time security officers. One of the days we were there a skinny black man came through the line but didn't have a ticket and he was asked to leave and get one. The man became angry, he wouldn't leave, he slammed his hands on a table, and was raising his voice. At this point a big white security officer went over to handle the situation and to be honest my heart sank and I became nervous for the black man. I've seen the stories on the news and I know what could potentially happen.

The man was asked to leave and he wouldn't go. He got angrier at the security officer; he became a little defiant. At that point I was fairly certain that security officer could take him down, rough him up a bit, and drag him out of there and throw him in jail and no lawyer in the world would take that case because all the authority lay with the security officer and he had the power of the law on his side.

Yet though, the security officer remained calm, talked nicely to the man, was going to help him get a ticket for the next meal, and he also got him a bag lunch as he calmed the man down and got him to leave peacefully.

The security officer was hired from outside of Father Joes, he did not have to ascribe to their morals or philosophy, he was there simply to keep the peace. He had the power and authority to use force and show the other guy who was in charge. Instead he chose peace and generosity. It literally made me think of Jesus.

Jesus is God and has all the authority and power of heaven behind him, more power than the president and rulers of the world combined. Yet Jesus comes as a servant and a man of peace to serve the poor and suffering. Jesus doesn't use his power and authority as

a weapon to beat people down with but uses it as a means to raise people up.

Each one of us has been given authority here and there in our lives whether that's at our jobs or homes or elsewhere. Some of us have more, some less. Regardless, remember the one who gave you that authority and remember how that one used his own authority. Not as a weapon, but as a means to raise people up with peace and generosity.

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From Pastor Adam



Worship & Music Notes

At our weekend worship services this month, we will conclude our Hebrews series and then begin a 3-week series on the Creeds:

August 4	Earthly and Heavenly Sanctuaries
August 11	The Meaning of Faith
August 18	Creeds Creator God
August 25	Creeds Jesus Christ

Hebrews 9: 1-14 Hebrews 11: 1-16 (12: 1-2) Genesis 1:1-5; Matthew 6: 30-34 John 1: 1-18; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Individual prayers for healing will be available Sunday, August 25th at the 9:00 AM Worship Service.

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 or call the Church office at (507)831-1794.



16th HOLIDAY FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Please mark your calendar for this fun event!!

We are still looking for a Chair and Co-chair for the New and Nearly New Committee and a Chair and Co-chair for the Lunch Committee.

Please consider volunteering in these areas!! THANK YOU!!!!

SAVE THE DATE!!!



Church Softball Schedule

August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Church Softball Tourney @ Bergen Ball Field



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 on Windom Cable TV, Channel 3

Christian Education & Youth News:

Greetings Everyone!

I am grateful and humbled, once again, now being hired on as the Youth and Family Coordinator at ALC! Thank you to everyone for your continued support of my work in this ministry!

It is my goal to provide meaningful, fun and effective ministries to the children, youth and families of this congregation! I am very passionate

about getting more families TOGETHER involved in faith formation! I strongly believe that if a life of serving God and growing in faith is important to parents, it will be important to the children as well! I will be taking some courses to help better prepare me in this role.

This summer has been full of fun things. The youth that went on the mission trip had an amazing time ad I think the chaperones survived pretty well! New this year, the 5th-8th grade kids went to Arnold's Park amusement park! It was well attended and everyone had a great time! I think this event is a "keeper"! The 9th through 12th went to Valleyfair, they always have a great time there as well! ROAR VBS was a "roarin" good time! What a fun theme and Group VBS does a great job having things laid out for you!

Please continually look at the church calendar to see all the fun and exciting things we have coming up as we gear up for BAM and the school year!

In God's peace and grace-Melanie Shamp Christian Ed/Youth and Family Coordinator

CHRISTIAN ED EVENTS:

- BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will be on Sunday August 25th at the 9AM Worship Service.
- Join us on Saturday, August 24th at 8pm in the parking lot for a **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**! We will be showing A Dog's Purpose! Jr. Leaguers will be selling popcorn, pop,

SAVE THE DATES:

BAM WEDNESDAY RALLY DAY will be on Wednesday, September 4th! We will be having the Benson Family singers come and perform during worship that day! Kids will go play games in their rooms and meet their teacher and parents will gather in the Fellowship hall for a parent meeting! Parents, it is very important that you attend. BAM SUNDAY RALLY DAY will be on Sunday,

September 8^h! This will follow the same format as BAM Wednesday.

water, and other snacks (for cheap!) The movie will start at 8:30pm but come early to get a good spot and all your snacks and POPCORN! Please bring your lawn chairs! If the weather does not cooperate, we will be in the fellowship hall!

There will be **BAM LEADER ORIENTATION** on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30pm in the skylight court. Please contact Melanie Shamp if you would like to be a BAM leader or help in some way.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:</u> If you have a child that is turning 3 years old by September 1st and will be enrolling in Sunday school please call the office at (507)831-1794 and let us know.





Christian Education & Youth News:

YOUTH EVENTS:

- **SR. LEAGUE** will meet on Wednesday, August 14th at 8pm. We will meet at the church and do some planning!
- **JR. LEAGUE** will meet on Sunday, August 18th at 6:30. We will meet up at the sand volleyball courts at Cottonwood Lake!
- 8TH & 9TH GRADE ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held on Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.
- SMALL GROUP GUIDES MEETING Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:30 PM.
- **CONFIRMATION PARENTS AND KIDS MEETING** will be Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Please plan on attending this important meeting. A letter will be sent out to all confirmation students with more information.
- CONFIRMATION BEGINS on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 PM.

Starting in September, Jr. League will start meeting every other Sunday again! Be sure to keep an eye out for the September calendar to get all the dates!

Starting in September, Sr. League will meet every Wednesday evening at 8pm.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS

ALC is currently looking for confirmation mentors. If you have a positive relationship with Jesus and want to help our adolescents grow in their faith please consider volunteering. You don't need to know the Bible or be perfect, you just need to show up and let the kids know you care. Many of our confirmed kids mention how important their mentors are and it's not because of what they teach or the wisdom they impart, but because they care and listen. We meet Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 during the school year. Let the office know by stopping in or called (507)831-1794 if this is something you'd be interested in. Thank You!

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(Worship on Wednesday)

begins September 4th at 5:45 pm Scripture reading is Garden of Eden, Genesis 2:4b-25



WEDNESDAY SUPPERS will also begin on September 4th at 5:00 PM. Supper that night will be walking tacos, fruit cups, and a cookie. We need volunteers to help serve and prepare the meals

for Wednesday suppers to continue. Melanie is now on staff and is unable to serve all of the meals. If you would like to be a volunteer please contact the church office at (507)831-1794.

Good to Know

The Banquet, Sioux Falls

THANK YOU to all who volunteered and donated to The Banquet. We had a great turn out of volunteers and we raised \$1,035!



1 Peter 4: 10-11

"¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." NRSV, p. 986

Noisy Offering This Month: <u>St. Dysmas</u>

St. Dysmas is a congregation of the ELCA located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. They also support Sunday evening worship at the Yankton Minimum Unit in Yankton.

St. Dysmas you is a hospitable, welcome, and a dynamic worship experience. Worship is the only place the men are called by their Christian names. Everywhere else they are known by their surname or number. Members (inmates) serve as ushers, lectors, musicians, and communion assistants. The men take pride in their congregation.



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 <u>Lutheran Trump Cards</u> *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!)



Women's Summer Bible Study at Bethany Lutheran Bergen.

Good to Know

Ad– Hoc Committee Recommendation to Council

Why this conversation now? ALC is a congregation where all are welcome regardless of age, gender, race, income, sexual orientation or ability. What unites us is faith in God, and Jesus as Lord. For people who are LGBTQ, one thing has not been clear. "Would the congregation that has welcomed me as one of them in the Body of Christ perform a marriage for my partner and me if I asked?" For your pastors it is not clear either. "If I am asked to perform a same sex-marriage, am I free to do that as a called pastor of this congregation?" (It is within the call of the pastor to marry and bury, but a pastor would want to be within the marriage practices of the congregation.) This lack of clarity is what has driven the conversations of the last months around ministry with same-sex couples and their families. There is not a same-sex couple that has asked to be married, or that is waiting for a response, but we want to be ready when that question comes.

An Ad Hoc Committee was named by the ALC Council to address this question. What follows is the Committee's recommendation to the ALC Council, which has oversight of the life and activities of the congregation.

The Council at its meeting of 07/08/19 tabled the recommendation until its September meeting to allow congregation members time to review it and provide feedback to the council.

Given that:

- On June 26, 2015, The Supreme Court of the United States of America ruled in favor of legalizing same sex marriages in all fifty states, and
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has made the commitment "RESOLVED, that the ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations who choose to do so, to recognize, support and hold publically accountable life-long monogamous, same-gender relationships." Action of the Church Wide Assembly, Yes 619- No 402 – CA09.05.24, and
- The ELCA Social Statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust 2009* declares that "Marriage is a covenant of mutual promised commitment and hope authorized legally by the state and blessed by God."p.15 The statement further recognizes that "although at this time this church lacks consensus on this matter, it encourages all people to live out their faith in the local and global community of the baptized with profound respect for the conscience-bound belief of the neighbor." p. 21 We live with disagreement in the body called the ELCA, and
- The Constitution of The American Lutheran Church of Windom states "Each ordained minister shall offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and destressed, and bury the dead." C9.03b.1, and
- The Mission Statement of The American Lutheran Church of Windom is "Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.", and
- The Values of The American Lutheran Church of Windom are:

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Good to Know

- In the Lutheran tradition, marriage is a non-sacramental rite of the congregation. It is a long established practice of The American Lutheran Church of the Windom that weddings are a ministry of pastoral care and performed at the discretion of the officiating pastor. Pastoral care includes relationship counseling, enrichment, and ceremony planning. Additionally, pastors must be credentialed by a Minnesota District Court to legally perform any marriage, and
- There is disagreement on the subject of same sex marriage in our congregation. For this reason, we recognize and respect the conscience-bound choices of pastors, staff, elected leadership and congregation members who choose not to participate in or be present at same sex marriage ceremonies. We also understand the Supreme Court's ruling that legalized these marriages in every state of the union so that all may be held accountable and receive equal protection under the law.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

In harmony with the law of the land, the ELCA, the Constitution of the American Lutheran Church of Windom, and our statement of Mission and Values, we of the American Lutheran Church of Windom trust our pastors with the blessing and burden of fulfilling the pastoral role of officiating at legal marriage ceremonies for all couples regardless of gender makeup, and furthermore we support the pastoral care decisions regarding marriage officiated by the called pastors of this congregation.

BEMA Announcement

BEMA Live at the BARC, evening of September 14, Save the date!

How often do you think about being before the throne of Christ? Your life flashes before you, you see all that you've been given, but what did you do with it? Joe Mayers is ready to enact that scene before our eyes right here in Windom. Be prepared to be reminded of how good God is, and how amazing it is that he calls *us* to get the Word our, here and now. Don't miss it! Invite others.

The Gideons wrote: "It was a great blessing to be a part of your worship services on June 30th, 2019. Your congregation's love for the Word is obvious. The offering that was given in the amount of \$324 is evidence of what we consider to be a partnership between the church and The Gideon International in providing God's Word to a lost world." Thank you for sharing in this important ministry!

If you participated in our **2019 PHOTO DIRECTORY** and did not get your complimentary 8x10 photograph sent to your home address we received your photo here at the church. You can come to the church office and **pick up your complimentary photo** anytime Monday-Friday 9am-12noon and 1pm-4pm. Thanks!

ALC is accepting applications for a **WORSHIP & MUSIC COORDINATOR**. This position is up to 10 hours a week. Energetic and faithful members of ALC are invited to apply. You may pick up an application and a job description in the office or print one off the website. We will accept applications until July 31st or until the position is filled. If interested please check with the church



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM July 9th, 2019 MEETING

 Constitution/By-Laws Update – Pastor Adam shared an update. Copies of proposed changes/amendments are located in the back of the church for review prior to the July 21 Semi-Annual Meeting.



- MM/S to accept the recommendation of the Ad-hoc Committee (see document). The council discussed the recommendation at length. MM/S/C to table the recommendation to the September church council meeting to allow congregational members to review the recommendation and provide feedback to the council.
- Motion made by Nancy Michalski to hire Melanie Shamp as Youth and Family Coordinator at a wage of \$13.50 per hour with a maximum of 20 hours per week, with the condition that her total hours including Christian Education Coordinator and Youth and Family Coordinator not to exceed 32 hours per week. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Motion made by Nancy Michalski to recommend Melanie Shamp be encouraged to take online or other courses as approved by her supervisor that further her training in her ministry. These should be considered working hours and tuition and expenses incurred should be funded by the church within established budget parameters. The motion was seconded and carried.
- MM/S/C to accept Karen Wojahn's letter of resignation as the Worship and Music Ministry Coordinator (effective July 15, 2019). The council expressed thanks and appreciation for Karen's good work.
- MM/S/C that ALC hire a Worship and Music Ministry Coordinator to replace Karen Wojahn (as recommended by the MMC).
- The council reviewed a revised Worship and Music Ministry Coordinator Job Description. The job opening will be posted in the church bulletin and The Messenger.

Board Reports:

Worship and Music Board – Did not meet this month.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board – Did not meet this month.

Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship Board – No quorum....reminder...blood mobile is in town tomorrow.

Properties Board – Linda Jaakola shared the team's checklist and good work the board and volunteers have done. The hot water heater will be replaced with an 80 gallon water heater for a cost of just over \$2,000 vs. a larger commercial hot water heater that would have cost over \$6,000. MM/S/C to move forward with the new 80 gallon water heater.

Budget and Finance - Keith Pohlman provided an update.

Christian Education Board – Gina Freiwald provided an update on VBS and BAM curriculum for next year.

Youth and Family Board – Did not meet this month.

Church in Society – Dorothy Fundahn provided an update.

GLOW – Jean Johnson provided an update.

For the Record

From the Church Records

Baptisms:

<u>Burials:</u>

DeeAnn Crowell Maline Broburg

In Loving Memory

SUNDAY USHERS FOR AUGUST:

Ron Vought, John Holt, John Berge, Kermit Twait, Steve Nasby, Keith Bloomgren, Jay Mickelson, Steve Haglund, Travis Freiwald, and Jason Rupp.

SATURDAY USHERS:

August 3 – Cheryl Hochstein

August 10 – Lori Seifert (Noisy Off/Comm.)

August 17-Ron Becker (Communion)

August 24 – Lori Seifert

August 31 – Ron Becker

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 7/24/19:

Income: \$226,245

Expenses: \$267,362 Borrowed to date: \$41,000

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



MEMORIALS:

Video/Media Fund: In memory of Ernie & Gen Carlson. ENJOY

THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

ALC wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card. Online Giving allows you to go to the American Lutheran Church website at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

GLOW News

August GLOW Meeting August 11 10:00 am

(After Worship) Meeting Room by office All women are invited to help us plan for the future! Your ideas are very WELCOME!

American Lutheran Church Women's Ministry 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14 Shetek Fall Conference Gathering

@ Shetek Lutheran Ministries, Slayton

Program: Pastor Mike and Terry Strangeland, "C.S. Lewis's Irish Roots"

October 5 Women's Fall Recharge "All Things in Christ" American Lutheran Church See additional poster for more information

November 9 Holiday Fair!!!! Calling all CREATORS: Your CRAFTED CREATIONS are needed for the Craft Sale! Your yummy BAKED GOOD Delights are needed for the Bake Sale! Clean out those closets for the New and Nearly New Sale! Saturday October 5) 9:00 am to 2:30 pm @ American Lutheran Of Windom

"All things in Christ"

WOMEN'S FALL RECHAR

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things because of Christ who strengthens me.

Spend the day "recharging" with friends! The morning starts with coffee and rolls, opening worship and speaker Ginger Stadther, sister of Rozanne Gronseth, followed by a craft and noon lunch. In the afternoon we will hear inspirational words from our own Tera Elness.

> Invite a Friend and sign-up across from the office or by calling the church office @831-1794 by September 28. Please pay \$15 fee to church office before September 28.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Torkelson @ 831-5986

Fall Recharge brought to you by GLOW "Gals Living Our Witness", a women's ministry of American Lutheran Church

For Your Information



Are you interested in SPONSORING THE RADIO BROADCAST

The cost is \$57 for a Sunday service sponsorship. Please contact the ALC office if you are interested in a sponsorship.

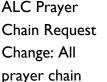
Did you know that you can see sermons on the **ALC WEBSITE**? Don't miss out. Go to <u>http://www.alcofwindom.com/</u> and click on the Media tab to hear a sermon that you might have missed.

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!





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!



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!

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

<u>CONTINUE</u> 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,

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<u>REMEMBER</u> 2nd Thursday of every month at Senior Dining. Join your ALC family once a month for lunch at the Windom Community Center.

August 2019



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empower



Our theme verse for this summer was Romans 12:2 – "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of god – what is good and acceptable and perfect."

We learned about the early Christian community in Acts 2 and how they joyfully shared what they had. On day 2, we learned about the wedding banquet in Luke 14 and how Jesus included everyone. Day 3 was about compassion and Luke 10 and the Good Samaritan story. Matthew 20 and the laborers in the field taught us about justice on Day 4. Our last day we learned about forgiveness and Jesus healing the paralyzed man in Mark 2. <u>Mark your Calendar 2019</u>

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 – Oct. 18-19 SLM Women's Retreat – Oct. 25-26 Spooky Spiders/Creepy Crawlers – Oct. 26 Confirmation Retreat – Nov. 1-2

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

Which of these passages resonates with you today?



Relationships are built in Christian community!

Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. For more info. Call 507-763-3567 or check out our website at www.shetek.org