

The American Lutheran Church of Windom

Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.



September 15, 2019 9:00 AM
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship
Sundays 9:00 am Worship

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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

Dustin Stevens, Pianist

WELCOME and GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Jackie Turner, GLOW Recharge Event

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, worship the Lord:

C: The bringer of laughter,

L: The keeper of promises,

C: Promise of ages,

L: Who knows of no limits,

C: And gladdens forever!

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C: The bringer of laughter!

OPENING HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Creator God,

C: We have given you so many reasons to grieve. We disrespect your creation. We long for personal glory, material riches and other things which don't last. We mistreat ourselves and each other. We forget the power of your promises. We ask your forgiveness, counting on your never-failing mercy, in Jesus' name. Amen.

P: God's covenant is eternal and the promise is trustworthy: you are forgiven and belong to communion of saints forever. Rejoice and be glad. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Blessed Be Your Name" ALC #158

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Joyous God, You made Sarah laugh at your outrageous promises, and you delivered exactly as you said. Lighten our hearts with anticipation of what you are doing in our lives, and open us to possibilities far beyond what we ourselves could ever imagine. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

INSTALLATION OF BAM LEADERS & CONFIRMATION GUIDES

PRESENTATION OF NURSERY BIBLES

READING Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 Pew Bible p. 12&14
The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*
(screens)

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

RESPONSE ***“Create in Me”*** ALC #14

PRAYER

When we truly give ourselves over to you, O Lord, we allow your wondrous seeds to take root. Receive these gifts that we offer now before you, and also receive our whole lives, placed into your hands and entrusted to you, who keep all your promises and never cease to surprise us. In the name of our savior, amen.

LORD’S PRAYER ELW p. 112

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ***“Go, My Children with my Blessing”***
ELW #543

DISMISSAL Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to worship at American Lutheran! In our scripture reading today Abraham and Sarah had no idea on this day that God would send a message that would get them laughing—that in their old age, they would have a baby!

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Jacob wrestles with God:
Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Scripture reader: Melanie Shamp

Greeters: Bryan and Amy Joyce Family

Media Ministry Team: Mark Brodin, Lindsey Cartwright, Randy Olson, Darin Friesen, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett, Jen Anderson

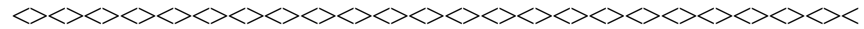
Acolytes: Chloe Shamp, Elijah Freiwald

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's service is in honor of Bernie & Judy Woizeschke's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given to wish Jan Yonker a Happy Birthday!



Attendance last Wednesday 80; Saturday 21; last Sunday 210;
Offering: \$4,807; Noisy Offering \$224.20; Borrowed to date: \$50,000



Council Decision on Marriage Practices

The ALC Council met on 9-10-2019. First, a vote passed that the decision on marriage practices should be made at the Council level. Secondly, after months of prayer, talking together, seeking input from the congregation's members, and guidance from Bishop Jon Anderson, the Council of the American Lutheran Church of Windom voted 7 to 4, to approve the policy recommendation of the Ad-Hoc Committee to *"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."* Consideration of Bishop Anderson's experience and insight included knowledge of current call challenges to those churches not providing same sex marriage, with candidates recalling their candidacy upon learning of that policy. Input from the congregation was vital and we are appreciative of those who took the time to share your thoughts, and learn from others. Together, we wrestled with difficult topics, and are seeking to be faithful. We pray to live our Mission Statement: Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.

Nick and Judy Trotter are eager to share their **HONDURAS MISSION TRIP** experiences. Please join them after worship on today Sunday, September 15 for a brief presentation. Thanks!

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Classes (9 total), led by Sarah and Chris Tailowright, You have a choice between Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm and Sunday evenings from 5pm-6:30pm starting Wednesday, Sept 18, and Sunday, Sept 22nd, here at American Lutheran Church. Anyone can participate, members and non-members, people in or out of debt. Dave Ramsey and his financial team will teach strategies on how to beat debt and build wealth with the most powerful tool there is, your own income. Contact Sarah and Chris Tailowright at 507-830-0311 or go to <https://www.fpu.com/1096450> and <https://www.fpu.com/1096636> to sign up! The cost is \$109 and assistance is available to ALC members upon request. You must attend 8 of the 9 classes to "graduate."

GLOW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be held on **Thursday, September 19th at 2:00pm** in the meeting room across from the Church office. We will be covering the September "Gather" Magazine Page 22 "No hard feelings? THE ANGST OF ANGER" All women are welcome! If you have any questions contact Carolyn Torkelson at 831-5986. Hope to see you there!

Calling all Women! Spend the day "recharging" at the **WOMEN'S FALL RECHARGE** "All things in Christ" **Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM here at the American Lutheran Church.** Tickets are \$15. Coffee, rolls, a craft, inspirational speakers, and lunch will be provided. Invite a friend and sign-up on the bulletin board across from the office to reserve your spot or by calling the Church office at 831-1794 by September 28th! To find out more information a poster is provided right next to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Ways to use your talents:

Are you able to share a smile, shake hands, and offer a "Good Morning" with others before service? **Be a Greeter!**

Serving communion to others is an opportunity to share the body or blood of Christ to worshippers. **Be a Communion Assistant**

Do you love to tell the story? The Bible is filled with stories to share with others. Scripture readers are provided selected passages to read during worship. **Be a Scripture Reader.**

Please consider one or more ways to participate in services by signing up on the **October Volunteer** sheet located on the Worship and Music bulletin board or speak with Jane Cartwright.

Choir Members, we are making music on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm in the choir room. Come on in! Don't be shy.

Many of our Middle School and High School students are in need of personal hygiene items during the school hours and at home. The women of American Lutheran, GLOW (Gals Living Our Witness), is spearheading an effort to collect items for students through donations to a **COMFORT CUPBOARD**, located in the Skylight Court. Items include: women's & men's deodorant, tampons, sanitary napkins, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash/bar soap, hand lotion, body lotion, men's & women's shaving cream, razors, and dental floss. These items will be collected and brought to the MS/HS periodically. **THANK YOU** for whatever you can give!!!

THE MINNESOTA WELSH HYMN FESTIVAL will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Mankato on Sunday, September 22 at

1:30. Enjoy great congregational singing of hymns and music by the Windom Chordhustlers. Free admission and refreshments after.

SOUP & BREAD GROUP BEGINS TONIGHT, and hereafter, the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 4:30-6:30 pm at the American Lutheran Church basement kitchen. All are welcome, you do not need to be a church member, bring a friend! What we do: share a meal and discussion with each other, game nights playing board games, cards trivia, craft activities around the holidays, community service such as cooking and serving Lenten meals, and lots more.



We are still in need of a 3rd Grade teacher for BAM Wednesday (45 minutes on a Wednesday Night).

Please let Melanie know if this is an area in which you are called to serve.

Kickball and Burger Bash!

The Youth and Family Board is hosting a Kickball and Burger Bash event down at the park and rec fields on **Sunday, September 22nd at 6pm**. Come and eat a burger or hotdog, chips, and cookie and then play a fun game of kickball!

Center Creek Orchard:

Join the Christian Ed Board for a fun Family Day at the Center Creek Orchard by Fairmont on **Saturday, September 28th at 10am**. There are games, a hayride, a big slide, mazes and all kinds of other fun activities to do for a fun fall day! Sign up on the Youth Events bulletin board. We will be taking the bus so please indicate if you will be riding the bus.



Sr. League: Meets every Wednesday night at 8pm! Let's plan out a great year of great things!

Jr. League: Will meet on TONIGHT at 6:30pm! I want to get to know all of you and plan some great things for the year!

Dare2Share LIVE, October 12th in Mt. Lake! A Rally point for Spiritual Revival in our community. Do you want to share the good news but you don't know where to start? This is a national, live, multi-site evangelism training and outreach event designed to spark a movement of Gospel conversations across the country, primarily for teenagers, but anyone can come! Sign up on the Youth bulletin board! More info on the bulletin board.

ELCA JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING!!!! This is for 6th-9th graders! Friday, November 22nd-Saturday November 23rd. Sign up on the youth bulletin board! Sign up and pay by **Oct. 14th**. More info on the bulletin board!

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 15

8:15 AM Skylight Court Café

9:00 AM Worship w/Installation of BAM Leaders, Confirmation Guides, and Blessing of Nursery Bibles

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:15 AM Honduras Presentation by Nick & Judy Trotter, Meeting Rm

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM

4:30 PM- 6:30 PM Soup & Bread

6:30 PM Jr League

Monday, September 16

6:30 PM Bell Choir

Tuesday, September 17

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

6:30 PM ALC Choir

Wednesday, September 18

5:00 PM Supper- Goulash, buttered bread, corn, and a cookie

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday) w/Blessing of 3rd Grade Bibles

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation Begins

8:00 PM Senior League

Thursday, September 19

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM ALC Worship on Windom Cable Channel 3

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Friday, September 20

Messenger Deadline

Saturday, September 21

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, September 22

9:00 AM Worship w/Blessing of 3rd Grade Bibles

8:15 AM & 10:00 AM Skylight Court Café

10:15 AM BAM-S

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1

6:00 PM Burger Bash & Kick Ball @ Recreation Softball Field