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Please Join Us For Worship!



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.

Sunday, December 1

Advent

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 4

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday) w/Holy Communion and Noisy Offering

Saturday, December 7

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, December 8

(Second Sunday Noisy Offering)

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, December 11

No WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Youth Soup Supper

5:30 PM-7:30 PM Living Nativity

Saturday, December 14

5:30PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 15

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, December 18

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Saturday, December 21

5:30PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 22

First Day of Winter

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 24

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 25

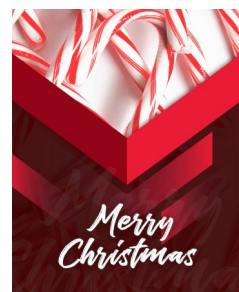
No Worship-Christmas Day

Saturday, December 28

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, December 29

9:00 AM Worship



Pastor's Message

A Note from Pastor Adam

*"The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;"*

-Psalm 24:1

Some believe Climate Change is real, some think it is a hoax, but as Christians there are some things that we can all agree on. We can all agree that all of creation is God's and whether a person views creation as a gift or as property loaned to us, all Christians should agree that we ought to take care of what God has created.

That being said we know that burning fossil fuels is not good for our health, nor the health of creation. We also know that there are finite resources on this planet and finite places to put those resources (landfills). We know that God's original creation (before humans) was cyclical and regenerative, meaning there was no permanent waste nor any permanent destruction.

Therefore, as Christians, we should all be on the same page with making sure that we do what mother taught us when we stay at a relative's house and leave it better than we found it.

We are living in a time of convenience (paper dinnerware, we drive two blocks away instead of walking, etc.) and convenience comes with a price, whether that's poison being pumped into our atmosphere or more land space allocated for trash.

As Christians let us show God our love by working harder at caring for God's creation. Use real plates and cups and wash them. Walk more or ride your bike. Buy rechargeable batteries. Use green energy (solar and wind). Buy less, and when you need something, try and find it used. Recycle everything you can. Spend more if it means buying a product that is more environmentally friendly (made of recycled and/or biodegradable materials). Spend more time in God's creation instead of burning fuels to be entertained by screens.

Currently we are blessed with a younger generation leading the fight across the world to change our environmentally destructive habits and they are coming up with new ideas and strategies. It's true, some are expensive and will require a lot of change, but we all know that doing something the right (godly) way requires effort and money. God bless our youth and may we support them in their godly calling of finding better ways to care for God's creation.

As it is there are seven billion people living on this planet and we're rapidly approaching eight, God has blessed us with a miraculous resource that self-maintains itself so long as we don't damage the self-maintaining systems. Let us show God our gratefulness for God's gift to us by putting in extra effort to leave our planet better than when we found it.

Pastor Adam Roberts





Worship & Music Notes

from Jane Cartwright, Worship & Music Coordinator (831- 5032)

Narrative Lectionary text selections as the journey begins into Advent, celebrate Christmas, and end with the light of Epiphany:

December 1st	Promise of the Messiah	Jeremiah 33:14-18
December 8th	Isaiah of the Exile	Isaiah 40:1-11
December 15th	Rebuilding the Temple	Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13
December 22nd	Zechariah's Song	Luke 1:5-13, 57-80
December 24th	Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
December 29th	Beginning of Good News!	Mark 1:1-20



The days of December grow shorter and shorter as Winter approaches. However, one can feel the excitement building as each day passes. Our Narrative Lectionary starts to transition into the New Testament, as one waits in hope for the savior, as promised. It is time to prepare!

“O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to you, O Israel.” ELW #257 v1

The Advent candles will be lit each week symbolizing where one finds God's love within the community; in words, in places, in community, and in mystery. Come, join in worship as the message is proclaimed through songs.

“We are called to ponder mystery and await the coming Christ,
To embody God's compassion for each fragile human life.
God is with us in our longing to bring healing to the earth,
while we watch with joy and wonder for the promised Savior's birth.” ELW #258 v.3

American Lutheran Church of Windom Worship Opportunities:

Weekly worship is available:

9:00 AM Sunday – in the Sanctuary

5:45 PM Worship on Wednesday – A light supper is offered at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

5:30 PM Saturday- in the Chapel

Dates to Remember:

December 11: 5:30-7:30 PM Living Nativity- a church wide event. Contact me if you would be willing to offer musical talents, voice or instrumental, in one of the time slots. The sign-up sheet is located on the Worship and Music bulletin board, in the hallway near the church office.

December 15: ALC Choir will provide musical selections during the 9:00 AM service to highlight the messages of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

December 22: BAM students will hold a Christmas program at 2:00 PM

December 24: 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 10:00 PM Christmas Eve services held in the sanctuary. The 10:00 PM service will offer Holy Communion. If you would like to provide a musical selection, voice or instrumental, at one of the services, please contact me or sign-up on the bulletin board as soon as possible.



Noisy Offering This Month: Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a fund here at the American Lutheran Church that allows us to provide help for individuals in need. Thank you for your support!

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 ALC family!

I simply CAN NOT believe that it is December! As I'm writing this it is not quite yet December, but it will be soon enough! As I think about what life has to bring these next few weeks that are left in November, it is going to go very fast! Of course, this time of year does for everyone; with holiday family get-togethers and Christmas preparations and all kinds of other things happening! But, let's all remember to take time to slow down a little and take in all the goodness God brings up this time of year as well! I've seen a quote a few times, often on a wall hanging in a home, and it reads "There is always, always, always something to be thankful for!" Boy, if that ever true! Please join with me in remembering this during this busy and blessed season!



The youth and BAM kids have a lot of great stuff coming up at American Lutheran! At the end of November, the Jr. High Youth attended the SWMN Synod Jr. High Youth Gathering. A great time was had by all! I prayed that each child would be reached by God while we were there in whatever way He knows that they need!

Coming up on Wednesday, December 11th the confirmation kids will be participating in the Living Nativity by playing the part of Mary, Joseph, 3 Wisemen, Shepherd or Angel. They will also have the opportunity to serve in the kitchen at the soup supper! We do hope you take the time to enjoy this very special and blessed evening here at church!

Sunday, December 22nd at 2pm is the BAM Christmas program! The kids will be performing a Christmas musical called On Our Way to Bethlehem. This is for grades Nursery-6th. Happy Holidays and Merry CHRISTmas to you all! I'm so blessed to call this my church family!



Melanie Shamp

Christian Education/Youth and Family Coordinator

Youth News:

Jr. League:

December 1st: No League, Thanksgiving weekend
 December 15th: Christmas party! Goodies and games
 January 5th: No League, Christmas Break

Sr. League: Will continue to meet each Wednesday night until the end of the year. Then there will be a few schedule changes. Stay tuned for information on that. We will not meet December 11th due to Living Nativity and we will not meet over Christmas break.



December 11th LIVING NATIVITY!

The youth will again be serving a soup supper the night of Living Nativity. Turkey Noodle soup and Chili are on the menu! Also buttered bread, cracker, bars, milk, water and coffee! Suggested donation is \$5. The Youth would greatly appreciate your help with food donations for the Living Nativity soup supper. Sign-ups are on the bulletin board across from the office. Thank you!

Confirmation Wednesdays 6:30 PM

December 4th- Exploring Article Three
 December 11th- No Confirmation/Living Nativity
 December 18th- Stewardship of Money
 December 25th- No Confirmation-Christmas Day

BAM-Sunday 10:15 AM

December 1st- A Righteous Branch from David
 December 8th- Comfort, Comfort My People
 December 15th- Practice for Christmas Program
 December 22nd- Christmas Party in rooms
2:00 PM- Christmas Program
 December 29th- No BAM-Christmas Break

BAM-Wednesday 6:30 PM

December 4th- Comfort, Comfort My People
 December 11th- No BAM/Living Nativity
 December 18th- Practice for Christmas Program
 December 22nd- **2:00 PM Christmas Program**
 December 25th- No BAM- Christmas Break

December Acolyte schedule:

Sunday, December 1st- Camryn Elness and Peyton Winters
 Wednesday, December 4th- Chloe Shamp and Riley Borer
 Sunday, December 8th- Bekah Johnson and Henry Erickson
 Wednesday, December 11th-No Worship/Living Nativity
 Sunday, December 15th- Leah Hauge and Aubriana Spielman
 Wednesday, December 18th- Olivia Hoffman and Eli Freiwald
 Sunday, December 22nd- Owen Dahna and Miranda Cory
 Wednesday, December 25th- No Worship- Christmas Day
 Sunday, December 29th- Wyatt Scrivens and Allison Negen



Holiday Fair 2019 Report

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Holiday Fair 2019 a success. We appreciate all who stepped up to co-chair the various committees, donated items to sell and needed for the lunch, those who worked the various points of sale, set up and take down and the SHOPPERS!! Everyone was needed to make this a success!! Once again Thank you to everyone involved in the 2019 Holiday Fair.

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Crafts	\$2,507.25	\$0.00	\$2,507.25
Baked Goods/Lefse	\$3,904.18	\$0.00	\$3,904.18
New & Nearly New	\$799.20	\$0.00	\$799.20
Lunch	\$1,908.00	\$227.74	\$1,680.26
Thrivent Funds-lefse supplies	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
After Fair Sales	\$235.75	\$0.00	\$235.75
	\$9,604.38	\$477.74	\$9,126.64

Disbursements:

Shetek Capital Campaign	50%	50%	\$4,563.32
Sharing Center	10%	10%	\$912.66
Lutheran Disaster Relief	15%	15%	\$1,369.00
ALC Youth	5%	5%	\$456.33
Winfair Backpack program	5%	5%	\$456.33
ALC Helping Hands	5%	5%	\$456.33
Emergency Maintenance fund	5%	5%	\$456.33
Luth. Imm. & Refugee Service	5%	5%	\$456.33
			\$9,126.64



Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service

Good to Know

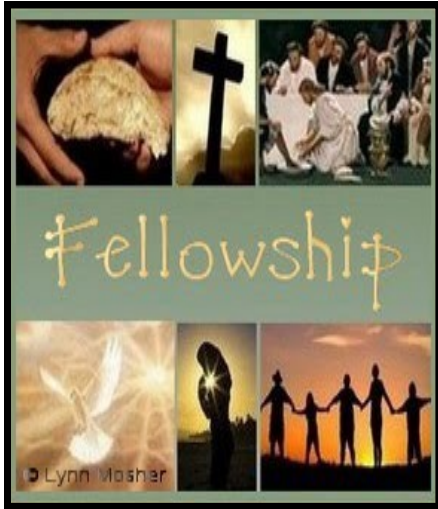
Wednesday Suppers in December

December 4th, 5:00 PM– Tater Tot hotdish, corn, buttered bread, and cookies.

December 11th, 5:00 PM– 7:00 PM– Living Nativity Youth Soup Supper- Chili and Turkey noodle soup.

December 18th, 5:00 PM– Walking tacos, fruit cup, and cookies.

December 25th– No Supper (Christmas)



SOUP & BREAD is a great fellowship opportunity. We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We'd love to have you join us! Child care is provided.

December plans:

December 1st: Ginger Bread Houses

December 22nd: White Elephant/Christmas Party

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

God is good! We have had an amazing year in so many ways. We are so grateful for all our volunteers, those who give in so many different ways to keep our Church flourishing. We are always looking and in need of more volunteers! If you have not already done so, please fill out and turn in your **STEWARDSHIP FORMS** (Volunteer Opportunity Form and Pledge card) that were distributed in November. As Christians we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our Neighbor. We serve this calling by faithfully stewarding the gifts God has so abundantly given us. Stewardship encompasses so much more than just money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care, our time, our talents, and our treasures to love God and our neighbors. If you need a Volunteer Opportunity Form or Pledge card you can pick those up in the Church office. Volunteer Opportunity Forms may be turned back into the Church office and Pledge cards can be placed in the offering plates. Remember today and everyday to love and serve our neighbors through God! Thank you for your contributions!

Volunteer Opportunity Form

The American Lutheran Church of Winona VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FORM

We are grateful for all the hands and hearts that allow us to live out our mission of being a community of Christ, experiencing God, reaching out and nurturing faith. As we reflect on what we are thankful for here at ALC, we ask: where are you willing to share your gifts to ensure our community of faith and community outreach continues to be vibrant and transforming? Thank you for your service! Please complete one form per person in your household. Additional forms will be in the office and the gathering space. Please indicate if you will Continue and/or if it is a New opportunity you would like to be involved in.

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 Date: _____

	Continue	New		Continue	New
Leading					
Church Council (Exec. Member)			Hospitality		
Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship			Coffee Center		
Church in Society Board			Greeter/Usher at Worship-Sat. 5:30		
Spiritual Life and Fellowship Bd.			Greeter at Worship -Sunday 9:00		
Youth & Family Board			Wednesday PM Meal Server		
Christian Education Board			Baking Treats for Special Occasions		
Worship & Music Board			Van Driver - Sunday Mornings		
Properties Board			Church Decorating		
Budget & Finance Board			Administration		
Mutual Ministry Committee			Living Nativity Coordinator		
ELCA Scholarship Committee			Library Committee		
Trust Fund			Office Assistance		
Teaching					
BAM Volunteer			Newsletter Collating Team		
VBS Volunteer			Office Phone Receptionist		
Adult Learning Leader			Special Assembly Volunteer		
Confirmation Small Group Guide			Community Outreach		
Music					
Choir Member			Befriender		
Small Group Singer			Stetek Conference Delegate		
Bell Choir Member			SWMN Synod Assembly Delegate		
Vocalist			St. Dymas (Attend Prison Worship)		
Instrumentalist			Meals on Wheels Volunteer		
Accompanist			Living Nativity Volunteer		
BAM Music			The Banquet Mission Meal Serving		
Worship Assistance					
Communion Assistant - 9:00			Soup & Bread Participant		
Lay Reader - 9:00			Prayer Shawl Ministry		
Assistant Minister - 9:00			Quilting Ministry		
Usher at Worship - 9:00			Lutheran World Relief Projects		
Usher at Worship - Wednesday			Maintaining Property		
Usher at Worship - Saturday			Grounds (Winter)		
Worship Assistance					
Altar Guild Member			Grounds (Summer)		
Camera Operator for Worship - 9:00			Painting/Carpentry		
Projectionist for Worship			Maintenance Volunteer		
Sound Booth for Worship			Praying/Sharing Faith		
Youth			Prayer Chain Member		
Chaperone Youth Outing			Bible Study Leader		
			Bible Study Participant		
			Communication		
			Event Photographer		
			Technology Workgroup		

Pledge Card

NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Financial Stewardship Commitment for 20____

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church through our congregation.

\$ _____ per week month other _____
(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)

I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning

(HL3401196.1)

Keep this portion as a record of your financial stewardship commitment for the year 20____

My (our) financial stewardship commitment \$ _____

per week month other _____
(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph. 4:7)

Good to Know

Lutefisk Supper

Saturday, January 11, 2019

Serving 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

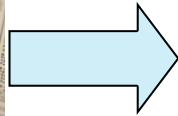
Lutefisk, Meatballs, Lefse, and More

Tickets are \$15 and will be available December 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th & January 5th.

You may purchase tickets in the church office or by calling the church office at

(507)831-1794.

These tickets could make a great Christmas gift!!



Adult Learning:

Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 10:15 AM

“Bruised and Blessed by the Bible”

Martin Luther taught that the Bible is the manger that holds the Christ. What do you believe about the Bible? How do you read it? How do we approach scripture as ELCA Lutherans? Are we in love with the Bible, never open it, or have favorite verses that we turn to guide our lives? How have words from scripture bruised and blessed us and others in our world? Join Pastor Sarah for Adult Learning to dig deeper.

Holiday Hours

Tuesday, December 24th-

Office will be closed at 12:00 noon.

Wednesday, December 25th-

Building and Office Closed.



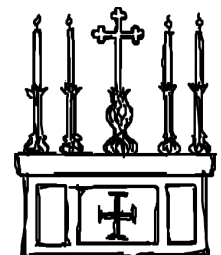
COMFORT CUPBOARD

THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Comfort Cupboard! We have had an overwhelming response so will be "closing the cupboard" at this time. When supplies dwindle and needs arise again, the Comfort Cupboard will reopen. We'll let you know. Thanks.



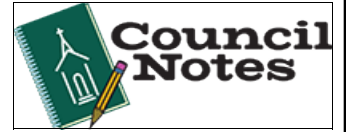
GET INVOLVED!

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 or Judy Holt, 831-2128 or jjholt51@gmail.com.



Good to Know

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM November 12th, 2019 MEETING



- Wedding and Funeral Fee Update – J. Cartwright shared updated suggested fees/schedule for Wedding & Funeral fees. MM/S to approve the wedding schedule pending input from the wedding coordinators & removing the “sanctuary service” line from the custodian line. MM/S/C to table the motion. The council discussed the wedding schedule and it will be revised. The funeral schedule was reviewed & revised to suggest the Work Group/lunch should be modified to be \$2/person. MM/S to accept the proposed schedule. The council discussed the building use fee. Motion carried.
- Annual Meeting – The preferred meeting date is January 26, 2020. MM/S/C to hold the annual meeting on the 26th. The council discussed the agenda & meeting goodies.
- Approval of New Members – The council approved Beryl Morton, Will and Jamie Pohlmann & Brayden Pohlman, Sonja Stoesz, and Cody Winker as new members.
- Debt Reduction – Envelopes continue to go out and come in. In addition to the envelopes, the finance team is working on a “designated giving” program, whereby members can give to the church with a specific purpose in mind.

Board Reports:

Worship and Music Board – J. Cartwright provided a brief update. Thanksgiving/Living Nativity/Christmas services will be here soon.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board – Judy Trotter provided an update. Planning on Thanksgiving Eve pie after service, cider for Living Nativity, and the Lutefisk Supper (January 11, 2020).

Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship Board – Steve Johnson provided an update. Handouts have been created to welcome new people coming to Windom. A no-cost live Dave Ramsey learning opportunity will be Nov. 20.

Properties Board – Linda Jaakola provided an update. The board is working to reduce the budget for next year & plans are in place for the Living Nativity.

Budget and Finance – M. Wojahn provided an update. Boards are encouraged to submit their budgets with YOY reductions.

Christian Education Board – T. Holt provided an update. Living Nativity is set and the Christmas Program is coming soon.

Youth and Family Board – J. Shamp provided an update. Living Nativity meal is arranged and M. Shamp is working on the 2020 Mission Trip. Congregation will be surveyed, with an intention to better reach families.

Church in Society – Dorothy Fundahn provided an update. Thanksgiving Boxes are in the works & \$1355 has been raised so far (with a goal of raising ~\$1,000 more to cover the boxes).

GLOW – J. Johnson provided an update. Love boxes will be prepared the Saturday before Thanksgiving and a Christmas party will be held at the nursing home.

For the Record

From the Church Records

Baptisms:

Mollie Claire Arndt,
daughter of Waylon
and Leesa Arndt.



Burials:

Glenn Emmons
Douglas "Doug" Stemm
Wilfred "Willy" Metz

*In Loving
Memory*

SUNDAY USHERS FOR DECEMBER:

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

SATURDAY USHERS:

December 7 – Ron Becker
December 14 – Lori Seifert (Noisy Offering/Communion)
December 21 – Cheryl Hochstein (Communion)
December 28 – Lori Seifert



ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 11/20/19:

Income: \$371,561

Expenses: \$422,567

Borrowed to date: \$62,000

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

ALC books for 2019 will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Let's work together and meet all 2019 commitments here at ALC. No gift is ever too small.

MEMORIALS:

Renovation Fund: In memory of Hilma Thompson and Wilfred Metz.

Music: In memory of Douglas Stemm.

Video/Media: In memory of Wilfred Metz and Ernie & Gen Carlson.

Altar Guild: In memory of Doug Stemm



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

Gals Living our Witness

Mark your December Calendar!

Sogge Christmas Party

Friday, December 13

3:00 p.m.

Sogge Good Samaritan Chapel

Please come for and share the

Christmas spirit with our

ALC family at the Sogge Campus.

Enjoy a time of fellowship,

Christmas devotions, singing and goodies!

Please bring a plate of goodies to share!

December Bible Study

Thursday, December 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

ALC Meeting Room

December "Gather" magazine

Devotional "Watch, wait, create"

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Questions?

Contact

Carolyn Torkelson

831-5986



LIVING *Nativity*

Wednesday, December 11th, 2019

From 5:30pm to 7:30pm

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

To drive-by Nativity from 10th Street turn south on Prospect Ave

- View the manger scene by vehicle or walk by.
- Come pet the animals both inside and outside.
 - Carriage Rides.
 - Music inside the Skylight Court.
 - Cider & popcorn in the Skylight Court.
- Holiday Bake Sale with proceeds for the ALC Youth.

**Church in Society Board will be taking donations for our Windom Area Sharing Center. Please bring food or cash donations to the Living Nativity!

**Soup & Chili Served by
the Youth
5:00PM to 7:00PM**



Our Christmas Eve Services on Tuesday, December 24th, 2019

3:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Welcome New Members



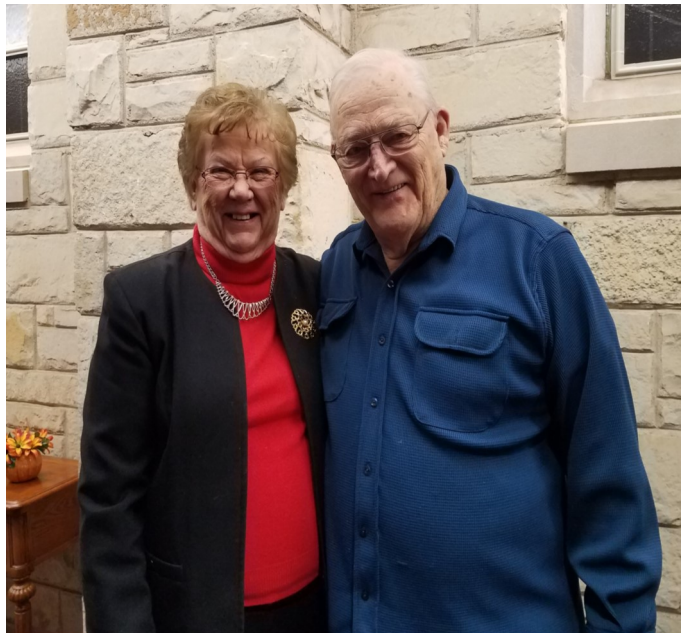
Cody Winker



Sonja Stoesz



Jamie, Will, & Braydon
Pohlmann



Beryl Morton

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 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.



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 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.

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

MISSING A CAKE PAN? Our collection of orphaned pots and pans in Room 102 is growing! Please stop in and see if one of them is yours. Thanks for all the food you have shared!

WANT TO RECEIVE THE MESSENGER ELECTRONICALLY? Save the church paper, ink and postage! Contact the church office to share your email address.

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Join us on Dec. 8 for our Lutefisk Supper!

Mark your Calendar 2019-2020

- Winter Nature Crafts for Kids – Dec. 1
- Lutefisk Supper – Dec. 8
- Winter Fun Day – Dec. 27
- Summer Ministry Team Reunion – Dec. 27-28
- Family Ski Day – Dec. 28
- Family Snowshoe Day – Dec. 29
- Snowshoe and Stargazing – Jan. 10
- Quilting Retreat – Jan. 17-19
- Scrapacular Retreat – Jan. 24-26
- SLM Annual Meeting – Feb. 9
- Women’s Tea and Ski – Feb. 9
- Winter Toddlers and Trees – Feb. 22
- Family Day – Syrup on the Prairie – March 7
- Pre-Marriage Retreat – March 14
- Sugarbush Pancake Breakfast – March 22

Shetek is hiring for summer 2020!

“Being called to work at Shetek has been one of the greatest joys. Not only did I get to have a job where I got to share God’s word with the campers, but my own faith grew as well. Even though I’m not at camp, I carry the lessons I’ve learned there with me in my heart.” (Quote from a summer ministry team member) Apply – shetek.org

Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!

- Can you help Shetek out? Here’s our Wish List!
- Vehicles in good condition (Mini-vans)
 - 17 foot aluminum canoes
 - Flatscreen TV’s
 - 4 Drawer dressers
 - Office supplies – reams of paper, dry erase markers
 - Box fans
 - Double and single sheet sets
 - Bath towels and washcloths

Thank you for your support and have a blessed and Merry Christmas!

