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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.

Saturday, February 1

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, February 2

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 5

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

Saturday, February 8

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Sunday, February 9

(Second Sunday Noisy Offering)

9:00 AM Worship/Installation of all Board Members and Officers

Wednesday, February 12

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

Saturday, February 15

5:30PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, February 16

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, February 19

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Saturday, February 22

5:30PM Chapel Service

Sunday, February 23

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 26

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday

Saturday, February 29

5:30PM Chapel Service

Pastor's Message

A Note from Pastor Adam

New Year's has come and gone and probably the majority of the resolutions made have been dropped weeks ago. To me New Years doesn't have any teeth. January first arrives and it's just another day in another year as life moves on; nothing really different than the other days before it.

Ash Wednesday though, that day has some teeth.

New Year's comes as a joyful party and you're flying high, Ash Wednesday comes like Death.

We get our forehead smeared with ashes as we're told that one day we're going to die. We don't know when. It could be forty years from now, it could be thirty seconds from now. As that day approaches, as I'm reminded that I'm going to die someday, the question that always comes is: looking at my life right now would I be fine with dying?

That question spawns a whole lot of other questions. What are the things I currently do that I don't like and know I need to stop? What are the things that I know are important that need more attention than I'm giving? And as that ash gets ground on my forehead, and as I look at everyone else's ash crosses on theirs, everywhere I turn to look I am reminded that I am only alive for so long and I need to quit wasting the time that I have been given and start making the most of it.

As Ash Wednesday approaches I encourage you to spend time in discernment and prayer. Ask yourself what things you need to stop doing. Are you doing anything unhealthy in excess? Are you judgmental, selfish, mean, gossipy, impatient? If so either try to give that up or take on the opposite. If you gamble excessively make it a point to save or invest. Take on being generous, take on giving more compliments, take on saying only nice things about everyone (including politicians), etc.

Ask yourself what you've been neglecting in your life that is important? How's your relationship with God? How's your relationship with your family? Try taking on reading a chapter of the New Testament every day, or making it a point to worship more, or to intentionally make time every day to pray. Try taking a more active interest in your family and listening more closely to what they say; ask questions and be engaged. Spend time doing what they find fun.

Ash Wednesday is coming and it ought to make us think about what we will be remembered for if we were to die right now. It ought to make us wonder about what we'll tell Jesus about our lives. If you have faith you will get into Heaven regardless, as Lutherans that's one thing we don't have to worry about, therefore we see this day as an opportunity to reflect on how we're living. With prayer and God's strength we figure out whom God wants us to be and try and make changes, not to get into Heaven, that's already paid for, but in order to live a life we're happy to have lived and a life that others are happy that we lived.

Blessings on your Lenten journey this year.

Pastor Adam Roberts





Worship & Music Notes

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

February 2:	Jairus' Daughter Healed	Mark 5: 21-43
February 9:	Death of John the Baptist	Mark 6: 1-29
February 16:	What Defiles?	Mark 7: 1-23
February 23:	Transfiguration	Mark 8: 27 -9:8
February 26:	Ash Wednesday Service - <i>Seven Wonders of the Word</i>	

February is an emotional month that tugs at one's heart strings. A Service of Healing will be offered during worship on February 1st- 2nd, and also on Wednesday, February 5th. Individuals who wish to have prayer time with a pastor may do so at the kneeling station set up off to the right hand side of the altar. Communion will be offered during the services on Sunday and Wednesday.

Conversation hearts are showing up on the shelves of local stores. These expressions are always fun to read. However, individuals experience a wide range of emotions on Valentine's Day, February 14th. Perhaps, a loved one is not around this year or one is dealing with rejection. Remember to share God's love with one another. I encourage everyone to complete an act of kindness. A simple phone call or short visit can make someone's day much brighter.

In this month's scripture readings, hearts are overjoyed with healing, saddened with death, broken by evil doing, and mixed with fear and amazement at what was seen. The question that comes to mind is, "How would today's communities respond to these same passages?" Come, find a spot in the pews and hear the stories shared from the Gospel of Mark.

At the end of the month, our attention is focused on Lent. For six weeks, Lent provides a time for personal reflection. The selected themes, this year during the Lenten services, will focus on how people are connected to "God's Word" through worship and daily life. Ash Wednesday will begin with connecting individuals to God's creation. Before worship begins at 6:00 PM, supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM.

Leap into participation as February has an extra day this year! Please consider joining others in Willmar, MN at Equipping Congregation 2020. This day offers information for those involved in leadership positions, youth, worship, and congregational members. The Keynote Speaker will be Pastor David J. Lose, Senior Pastor serving Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. For more information, visit the SW MN Synod website: <https://swmnelca.org/event/2020-ecd/>.

Reminder, choirs have resumed practice schedules! Come enjoy fellowship as anthems are prepared for worship. May your heart be filled with love, kindness, and a desire to serve the Lord.

Noisy Offering This Month: VBS Registration

This year our Vacation Bible School is themed "Rocky Railway" Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. The VBS that's just the ticket! Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Please consider donating to this important Ministry.

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 hope you all have a blessed start to the new year!

Welcome to the 2nd month of the year already! I feel we have been very fortunate with our weather so far! Praise be to God! I have started a fun activity (that I found on the wonderful WWW) with our Jr. and Sr. Leaguers! At our first January meeting we talked about New Year's Resolutions and how they affect us. Are they good or not? Have any of them made any, and if so, what was it? (some opted not to share). Most of the time, I say they just stress us out! Especially young kids who already feel like they have enough pressures. Not that they are bad for everyone! We talked about doing something helpful to us and others instead of putting that pressure on us to do one more thing. I encouraged them to think of the year of 2020 as new book in their lives that is not yet written. I asked them to imagine it as a year of new possibilities and opportunities, rather than trying to maintain a goal or resolution. Each page (each day) is blank. Each month is a chapter. They can write in it at the start of the day, at the end of the day, or both! We talked about writing down our thoughts about the day, prayers or anything that they feel they need to write down So, since there are 12 months out of the year, each month has a topic that I encouraged them to focus on. We would love for you to join us on the journey! Don't worry, they are easy and you are probably already doing them, but it will help to draw our minds to the topic for each month and encourage us to be more intentional about each topic. Below is a list of each month and topic. You can join us in the journaling and topics or just the topics! (January was Motivate and Inspire Others)

Chapter 2 / February- Spread Love

Showing love and compassion to others as Jesus taught us!

Chapter 3 / March- Focus on Faith

An obvious choice during the Season of Lent

Chapter 4 / April- Make a Difference

In any small way, an attempt at this is better than none at all

Chapter 5 / May- Look on the Bright Side

Summer Break is around the corner. Although you might be stressed with exams and the end of the school year, there is a bright side, you are a few weeks away from Summertime!

Chapter 6 / June- Pay More Attention to Others Instead of Myself

Being humble and helping out others will do wonders for us, even without us realizing it!

Chapter 7 / July- Be A True Friend

Don't involve yourself with gossip and be there for those who really need you!

Chapter 8 / August- Be Honest & Truthful

Plain and Simple

Chapter 9 / September- Look Inside Myself & Remember Every Day is an Opportunity for a Fresh Start

Great advice at the beginning of the school year!

Chapter 10 / October- Be Your True Self- Don't Be Afraid to Live as a Christian

Don't modify who you are based on who is around you or what environment you are in! Don't be afraid to let others see your 'Jesus Freak' flag!

Chapter 11 / November- Appreciate & Be Thankful for All I Have

Another obvious one for this month

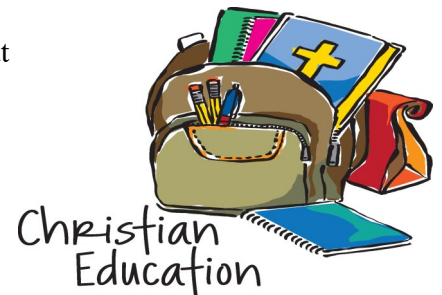
Chapter 12 / December- Be Joyful

Yep, at Christmas, we for sure should be filled with the JOY of the REASON for the SEASON!

I will talk with the kids each time we meet about each topic and see how they are doing with their new "books"! Feel free to bring it up in conversation with the kids in your household or kids around church!

God's peace and blessings to you!

Melanie Shamp- Christian Education/Youth and Family Coordinator



Christian Ed News:

Shetek Registration is now open! February 1st is the super-early bird deadline and the next early bird deadline is April 1st. Go to www.shetek.org to check out all the amazing options for camp at Shetek Lutheran Ministries!

Wednesday, February 19th is Camp Shetek Wednesday! We will have a visitor from Shetek come and talk to us about all the great options from camp!

Sunday, February 23rd is Camp Shetek Sunday! We will have a visitor from Shetek come and talk to us about all the great options from camp!

Wednesday, February 26th - NO BAM, Ash Wednesday N-4 BAM kids sing at 6pm service

Youth News:

Jr. League: Sunday, February 2nd 6:30 pm Valentine's party!

NO Jr. League on February 16th since we are going snow tubing the following week.

Hotdish Sales are back the third Sunday of every month following Worship. \$15 for a 9x13 and \$10 by 8x8.

Sunday, February 23rd: Mt. Kato Snow Tubing!!!! Cost is \$20 each for 2 hrs of tubing, if 10 or more sign up. (skiing also an option but please talk to Melanie about this) You can use your youth account money. Bring about \$10 extra for food if you want. Taking the bus (and extra vehicles if needed) and leaving the church parking lot at 1pm.

BAM-Sunday 10:15 AM

February 2– A Woman Healed, A Girl Raised
February 9– Jesus Sends the Twelve
February 16– What Makes You Unclean
February 23– Transfiguration

**BAM-Wednesday 6:30 PM**

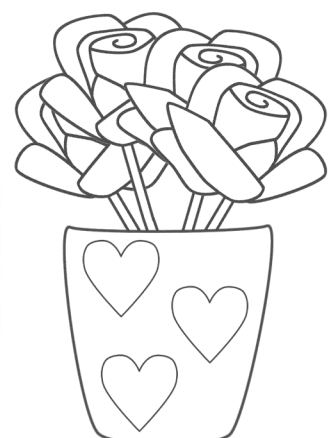
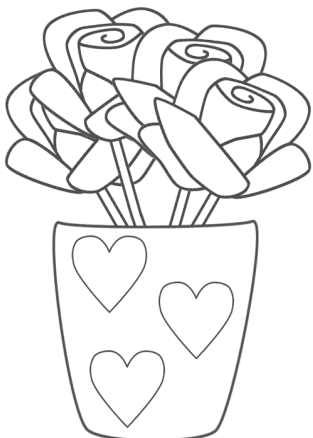
February 5– Jesus Sends the Twelve
February 12– What Makes You Unclean
February 19– Transfiguration
February 26– NO BAM, Ash Wednesday
N-4th Sing at 6pm Service.

Confirmation Wednesdays 6:30 PM

February 5th– God's Kingdom and Will
February 12th– God Gives and Forgives
February 19th– Temptation, Trial, and Deliverance
February 26th– NO Confirmation, Ash Wednesday

February Acolyte schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 2nd– Jaydan Petersen & Mackenzie Doorenbos
Wednesday, Feb. 5th– Cole Purrington & Kadya Paulson
Sunday, Feb. 9th– Hayden Hedquist & Jadrah Renquist
Wednesday, Feb. 12th– Damion Pohlman & Abbi Zieske
Sunday, Feb. 16th– Cragen Porath & Kameron Rupp
Wednesday, Feb. 19th– Tucker Renquist & Raelyn Marcy
Sunday, Feb. 23rd– Charlie Smith & Ella Smith
Wednesday, Feb. 26th– Ethan Brockman & Kylee Johnson





WINDOM

Community Housing Forum

Help Preserve & Rebuild Homes in Windom

Feb. 6th, 2020 | 6-8 p.m.

at River City Eatery

Dinner will be provided.

Please RSVP by noon, Feb. 3rd.

Help Preserve and Rebuild Homes in Windom

- Please join us for a discussion concerning housing challenges and opportunities to help create a more stable foundation for assistance regarding home repair and maintenance.
- Volunteer driven home repairs that are critical to healthy, senior-accessible, livable homes, and more.

PLEASE RSVP TO

Drew Hage, Development Director, City of Windom
Drew.Hage@windommn.com,
or by phone at 507-832-8661

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Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives

Good to Know

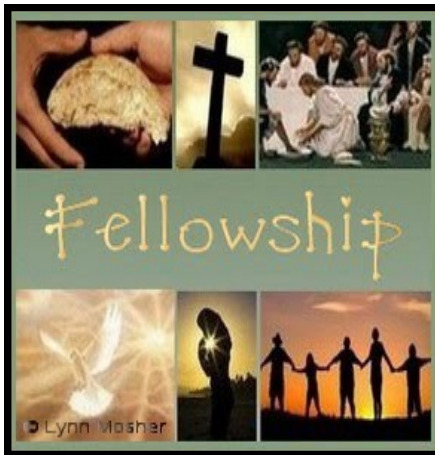
Wednesday Suppers in February

February 5th, 5:00 PM– Sloppy joes, green beans, and bars.

February 12th, 5:00 PM– **No Supper**

February 19th, 5:00 PM– Tater tot hotdish, corn, buttered bread, and cookies.

January 26th, 5:00 PM– **Lenten Suppers** Begin on Ash Wednesday. As in the past, various groups will be serving dinner on Wednesdays during Lent to familiarize the congregation about their ministry and to raise funds for this ministry. Christian Education will serve on January 26th.



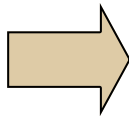
SOUP & BREAD is a great fellowship opportunity. We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We'd love to have you join us! Child care is provided.

February plans:

February 2nd: Super Bowl Party

February 16th: Church Curling

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



Adult Learning:

Sunday, February 2nd, 2020

10:15 in the Meeting Room

Pastor Sarah will lead a session on a social statement adopted by the 2019 Church-wide Assembly Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action. We will imagine the abundant life God intends for all, look at what gets in the way, and concretely what we can do to bring about change.

Global Mission Partners: Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM)

Through a generous gift from the Trust Fund, in 2019, American Lutheran Church in Windom is privileged to sponsor the YAGM program in Jerusalem and the West Bank! The program includes six young adults and two Country Coordinators, Gabi and Megahn Aelabouni along with their three children. Each young adult is placed for a year with a host-family and at a site of service. We recently heard from

Anna Skare. She serves in a school, and lives with a Palestinian Christian family. She helped her host family harvest olives in their grove, which their forbearers have been tending for generations. It was a joyous occasion! More somber is the fact that this grove is adjacent to the Separation Wall between Israeli and Palestinian territory. The Wall serves as a constant reminder of the social injustice Palestinians face daily. Anna prays for justice fairness and equality. See Anna's newsletter on the bulletin board in the Skylight Court for her photo of the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed, and her words of thanks for our support!



Good to Know

Lutefisk Supper

Thank you everyone who participated in the Lutefisk Supper! We appreciate everyone who helped make lefse, worked at the event and all who came to enjoy the dinner.

Thank you!

The Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board!

Annual Assembly of the Shetek Conference

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 at 2PM

at Christ Lutheran Church, Slayton

(2959 Queen Ave, Slayton, MN)

All members of the Shetek Conference of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA are welcome to attend. Each Congregation may have up to six members eligible to vote at this meeting.

More information to come in the March Messenger.

Needed for Lutheran World Relief

Baby Layettes

- Baby Socks
- Flannel Sheets
- 4 oz Bath size gentle soap
- Baby Undershirts up to size 2

More Confirmation Banner Assistants Needed

A great group of women have helped prepare the confirmation banners. With the large class being confirmed this spring more assistance is needed. The abilities to cut and glue felt are all that is required. Directions and materials are provided.

Contact Carol Christianson at 831-4549 if you wish to volunteer or have questions.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Classes

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Classes offered at church coordinated by Sarah and Chris Tailorwright. They are leading a 9-week class on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm. These classes are open to members and non members of the ALC congregation. The starting date is Wednesday, February 26th. They will be exploring the baby steps to financial peace. This class isn't only for those in debt, it covers many money related topics. Including, but not limited to: retirement, home-buying, investing, saving, smart shopping, and giving. Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will teach you how to beat debt and build wealth with the most powerful tool there is... your own income!

The group links are: fpu.com/1104287

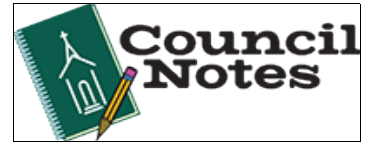
Contact Sarah Tailorwright at (507)830-0311 to sign up or if you have any questions.



United Community Action is offering FREE tax preparation at Riverview Apartments Community Room Windom, MN every Tuesday during February, March, and until April 15th. Hours are 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 507-537-1416 ext. #2163.

Good to Know

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM January 14th, 2020 MEETING



- Windom Area High School Seniors Brigitte Beall and Jesus Cazares-Reyes presented details of their Windom Eagle Achievement/Senior Project, a goal of raising \$22,000 and packaging 100,000 meals through Feed My Starving Children. The project will involve over 500 volunteers (middle and high school students). The ALC Trust Fund has designated \$1,000 towards this project. The students were invited to present a Temple Talk/free-will offering for select services in February (Wed, Sat, and Sun services).
- Treasurer's Report – Keith Pohlman provided an update. The church ended in the black in 2019 with \$6,345 carried over. The 2020 proposed budget was reviewed. The 2020 budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting. While discussing the budget, the church bus was discussed. Properties will review. MM/S/C (L. Jaakola & K. Pohlman).
- Nominating Committee Update – The Nominating Committee has done an excellent job of filling nominations. A few open spots remain. Special thanks to all outgoing members for their service.
- Approval of Job Descriptions – The council reviewed updated job descriptions.
- Boy Scout Update – Pastor Sarah provided an update. ALC is no longer a charter organization. The council voted to withdraw via email proxy. The Boy Scouts have signed off on this effective January 9, 2020. The Windom Kiwanis will be the charter organization moving forward.

Board Reports:

Worship and Music Board – Kathy Hiley provided an update for the W & M Board. Lenten theme will be The Seven Wonders of the Word. Altar Guild has new members.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board – Judy Trotter provided an update. The Lutefisk Supper raised over \$980. \$500 will be gifted to the youth program. 114 people attended.

Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship Board – No report/did not meet this month.

Properties Board – Linda Jaakola provided an update. Properties board made recommendation to go with Bergen on parking lot (bid of \$17K). The board will bring this back to the council this summer. A quote for cleaning the carpets was \$1,551.75, but additional rooms will need to be added/and an updated quote will be required. Eventually, some new carpet will be needed.

Budget and Finance – K. Pohlman provided an update. Bills are paid. Budget is set.

Christian Education Board – J. Shamp provided an update. Donuts with Dad is coming up & family days are coming for both Wednesday & Sunday BAM. Seeking different BAM curriculum for 6th grade.

Youth and Family Board – J. Shamp provided an update. A tubing trip is planned for Feb 23 & a youth trip is planned for March 28/29.

Church in Society – Dorothy Fundahn provided an update. Living Nativity was a success. 229 lbs of food & \$440 was taken to the local food shelf.

GLOW – Kathy Hiley provided an update. Successful Christmas party at the Sogge Campus. Sewing is going well & Bible studies continue.

Lent 2020

**American Lutheran Church
Windom, Minnesota**

Ash Wednesday, February 26

6:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion and
Imposition of Ashes;
Nursery - 4th grade
students will sing

Palm Sunday, April 5

9:00 AM Worship
Nursery - 4th grade sing
students will sing

Maundy Thursday, April 9

6:00 PM Worship with Holy
Communion / 1st Communion

Good Friday, April 10

6:00 PM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 12

The Resurrection of Our Lord
7:00 AM Youth Sunrise Service
8:00 AM Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship
with Holy Communion
11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship
with Holy Communion

Lenten Worship Theme

"Seven Wonders of the Word"

The Word Creates - Ash Wed., Feb. 26th
The Word Calls - Lent 1, March 4th
The Word Commands - Lent 2, March 11th
The Word Saves - Lent 3, March 18th
The Word Sustains - Lent 4, March 25th
The Word Shapes - Lent 5, April 1st
The Word Sends - Maundy Thursday



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
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GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS ~~X~~ EVER GIVEN TO US

In this five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow, nails that tore his flesh, seamless robe that he removed for us, and empty tomb where he defeated death. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you."

Join us for this incredible Lenten study! It will be held Wednesday evenings in Lent right after worship in the Skylight Court. We will be starting on Wednesday, March 4th. Cost for a study guide is \$5. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office and pay by February 21st. If you don't want to buy a study guide you are still welcome to come to the study!

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Wednesday Lenten Schedule

March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1
5:00 PM Supper
5:45 PM Worship
6:30 - 7:15 PM Lenten Study
in Skylight Court
6:30 - 7:15 PM BAM-W
6:30 - 8:00 PM Confirmation

Lenten Study

"He Chose the Nails"

What God did to win Your Heart

1. He Chose to Be one of Us
 2. He Chose To Forgive Us
 3. He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence
 4. He Chose to Love Us Forever.
 5. He Chose to Give Us Victory
- Childcare will be provided.



EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

A variety of flowers will be used as a part of our Festival Easter Worship.

The choices of flowers available are listed below. Please fill out and return the order form to the church office by **Noon, Monday, March 16.**

THANK YOU!



(Make checks payable to the American Lutheran Church)

THE WORDING OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Given by: _____

In MEMORY of _____

In HONOR of _____

In CELEBRATION OF _____

Enter a quantity (number) in front of the plant(s) you would like to order.

___ Begonia \$16.50

___ Hydrangea \$28.50

___ Tulip \$13.50

___ Cyclamen \$16.50

___ Kalanchoe \$16.50

___ Calla Lily \$28.50

___ Daisy Mum \$17.50

\$_____ Donation towards whatever
flowers may be needed.

___ I will pick up my plant(s) after the service.

___ I will NOT be picking up my plant(s).

Total Paid: \$_____





LEAP Participation

Leap into participation this leap year

Equipping Congregations Day

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Congregation Members
- Council Officers
- Christian Educators
- Worship & Youth Leaders
- Pastors... Everyone!

Childcare Available!

Saturday, February 29, 2020

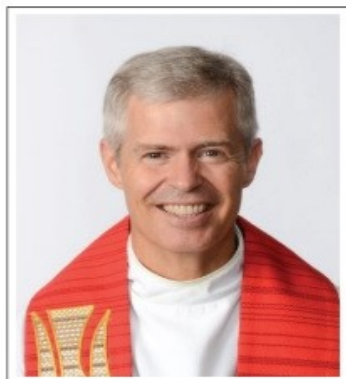
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran & Bethel Lutheran
Willmar, MN

We will be using the buildings of both Vinje and Bethel Lutheran Churches in Willmar to accommodate up to 1000 registrants. Both locations will have the same program elements, the schedules will just be in a different order. The keynote speaker and workshop leaders will move between the two church buildings. Your congregation's event location will be confirmed after registering online.

Keynote Speaker:

Pastor David J. Lose, *Senior Pastor serving Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis*



Entering the Bible with Heart, Mind, and Soul

Lutherans eagerly affirm that Scripture is the Word of God. But what do we mean when we say that? Given the gamut of ways of reading Scripture — running from “it’s a collection of human wisdom” to “it’s inerrant and inspired” — what do Lutherans really believe? In what ways, that is, do we believe Scripture is true? How does it function as a useful guide and norm for our faith and life? What do we do with “difficult passages” that seems violent or exclusionary? Answering these questions is crucial if we are to allow our lives to be shaped by God’s Word and invite others into our faith communities anchored in the preaching and teaching of the Scriptures. **Join us for a day of learning, practical exercises, and discussion as we immerse ourselves in God’s living and dynamic word.**

Registration

The ECD registration looks a little different this year.

There will be no late registration fee. Fees will be calculated per person until you reach your congregation/parish cap fee. We are trying to be mindful of the amount of food we order for lunch. We always have an abundance of food left over. Getting an accurate count for registration will help.

Congregations or Parishes with total

average worship attendance of 100 or less

- \$30 per person or a congregation/parish cap of \$90

Congregations or Parishes with total

average worship attendance of 101 or more

- \$30 per person or a congregation/parish cap of \$180

Workshops

Finalized workshops will be available online.

- The synod's e-newsletter will be highlighting workshop descriptions!
- Attend **your choice of 3** out of 24 workshops.
- Just a few workshop titles:
 - The Rules of Improv Comedy for Everyday Ministry
 - From Candidacy to Call Committee: A Journey of Discernment
 - ELCA Youth Gathering
 - The Living, Breathing, Ever-changing Document: The Church Constitution
 - Hearing Voices: Creative Uses of Memory and Story in the Congregation
 - Farm and Rural Stress: Origins and Ways to Help
 - Elders Rising : “Ministry with Older Adults on the New Frontier of Aging”
 - Church Treasurer Alert! – Your job just became more difficult!



**When you pay the congregation/parish cap fee
you can bring as many people as you wish!**

Just be sure to let us know how many!

Register online at swmnelca.org/event/2020-ecd



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God's work. Our hands.

For the Record

From the Church Records

Baptisms:



Burials:

Ruth Christensen

Leonard Holtz

*In Loving
Memory*

SUNDAY USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

Rory Lindvall, Noel Tade, Dan Fossing, Kevin Gotto, Dean Willaby, and Keith Pohlman.

SATURDAY USHERS:

February 1 – Kermit Twait

February 8 – Ron Becker (Noisy
Offering/Communion)

February 15 – Lori Seifert (Communion)

February 22 – Eric & Kari Hanson

February 29 – Cheryl Hochstein



ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 1/20/20:

Income: \$25,315

Expenses: \$30,508

Borrowed: \$5,000



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

Thank you to all...We met our financial commitments for 2019!! The generosity of our members allowed us to repay all that was borrowed from our Operating Fund and end with a positive balance of \$6,345.

2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS were mailed out for your review and tax purposes.

MEMORIALS:

Renovation Fund: In memory of John Lee and Mae Ysker.

Video/Media Fund: In memory of LaVonne & Wilfred Metz

Kitchen Fund: In memory of Ruth Christensen

THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

ALC wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as away 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 in February

Gals Living Our Witness

Sewing Days

Tuesdays, February 4 & 18
(1st & 3rd Tuesdays)
@ 9:00 a.m.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, fabric kits, personal care kits and school kits for missions. Come for part of the day or bring a sack lunch and spend the day (until about 2:00 p.m.).

No experience necessary!

Questions? Contact Kathy Hiley, 831-4109 or Jackie Turner, 831-3871

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Knitting and crocheting a prayer shawl during these cold winter months is a perfect way to warm up! Yarn and instructions are available in the church's library closet. Prayer shawls are a wonderful way to bring love and comfort to those in need of our prayers.

Questions? Contact Kathy Hiley, 831-4109

February Bible Study

Thursday, February 20 @ 2 p.m.

ALC Meeting Room

January/February "Gather" Magazine Bible Study
"Disciples of Christ" Session 2, page 36
Jesus invites us all to take up the cross and follow him.

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 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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Mark your Calendar 2020

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
Pre-marriage Retreat – April 18
Confirmation Retreat – April 24-25
Spring Toddlers and Trees – April 25
Spring Clean up Days – come help get camp ready for a great summer – April 25 + May 2
Road Scholars – May 3-8
First Day of Camp!! – June 7

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

Here's an update on our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign. We've raised over \$960,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! Check our website for more info.

