



# April 2020

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## 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.

## Wednesday, April 1

5:45 PM Lenten Worship w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

## Sunday, April 5

### **Palm Sunday**

*(Second Sunday Noisy Offering)*

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

## Wednesday, April 8

No Lenten Worship Service

## Thursday, April 9th

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

## Friday, April 10th

6:00 PM Good Friday Worship

## Sunday, April 12th Easter

7:00 AM Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion

9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship w/Holy Communion

11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship w/Holy Communion

## Wednesday, April 15

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

## Sunday, April 19

9:00 AM Worship

## Wednesday, April 22

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

## Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

## Wednesday, April 29

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)





I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD! Psalm 27. 13-14

### **How can we be church together when we can not gather?**

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is a *people!!* We are a people who hope in the new life that we have in Jesus wherever we are. We are in it together!

**How long, O Lord?** We cannot know when we can gather again and resume activities. We will follow the direction provided by the Center for Disease Control, the Minnesota Department of Health and Governor Tim Walz. The ALC Council is meeting in conference call every two weeks to assess the situation. We are receiving much support from Southwest Minnesota Synod. We will keep you informed.

Moving forward in the time of COVID 19/corona virus, here are some things to know:

**Worship continues** and is recorded! Please join your worshipping community through the following formats: on [alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com), on Facebook, KDOM radio 103.1 FM Sunday at 10:30, Channel 3 cable TV broadcast of Sunday's worship on Thursday at 10:30 and 6:30.

Get familiar with our website: [alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com) and if you haven't already, like our Facebook page! There is a lot happening digitally. Your pastors and staff are posting daily worship and messages to encourage and support in this time.

**BAM** is happening at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays through Facebook Live. Join in at that time as a family, comment, or watch it later. Find it also on [alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com) under the Christian Education tab.

**Confirmation** will be recorded weekly and posted at [alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com).

**Giving:** our ministry continues, and we are hoping to not fall behind on our expenses. Please support the congregation financially as you are able. Mail in your offering to PO Box 188, or check out on-line giving by clicking on the "give" tab at [alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com)

Like many area businesses American Lutheran will be closing its doors, although staff are still working. Call 831-1794 for assistance. A sign will also be on the door. A table will be available in the entry for dropping off and picking up items.

**Pastoral Care:** in a time when we are asked to stay home and practice social distancing, your pastors are working the phones! Don't hesitate to contact us.

**Caring for one another:** you can do so much from where you are to make sure no one is forgotten. Call and check in on friends and neighbors. Send cards. Pray!! Thank you, all!

**Take care of yourself:** even for those who trust in God, uncertainty can bring stress and anxiety. Try to keep a regular routine. Stay active. Call the church as needs arise.

Be well, and may God keep us all!

# Pastor's Message

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. -Hosea 6:6

At Equipping Congregations I listened to a young woman teach about Millennials (20-35); how they think and why they think the way they do. It was an eye-opener for me and what I learned has leaked its way into another thought that is always on my mind: how to get people to go to church.

I'm always thinking things like, "What if we got a worship band?" Or "Is there a way to engage the younger kids on social media?" Or "What about a school Christian group?" And then I heard this young woman say, "None of those things will get Millennials."

So I did something different: I shut my mouth and tried listening instead of arguing or blaming (never easy for a Polish-Italian).

Here's a very short burst of what I heard her say: Millennials have very little time or money and ever since the time they were in school everyone is trying to swindle what little they have away from them. They're experts on sensing scams and hidden motives. With the little time and money they do have church often gets tossed out because they see Christians say one thing on Sunday and behave the opposite the rest of the week. They've also experienced the Church to say: we want you here but you have to be exactly this way and also do everything exactly this way and we will not listen to you.

Recently my morning devotions, the religious books I've been reading, and even the topics in the Women's Bible study have held a common theme making me wonder if God is trying to tell me something. Basically: the most important thing for a Christian is that they love Jesus, everything else is up for grabs.

The scripture above and part of the Women's Bible study teach that God really doesn't care about religious rituals (traditions) but God really cares about us loving God. Rituals are good when they help that, but if they're just something we do that nobody really wants to do, well... God doesn't care about that nor do the Millennials.

The Church is changing rapidly and we have to ask ourselves if we want people here to do what has always been done or do we want people here that love Jesus? My generation (Gen X) is quietly slipping away from the Church while Millennials just flat out won't go and it's only a matter of time before the Church crumbles as Baby Boomers and the Greatest Generation start finding new homes in Heaven.

Millennials are in need of God, in some ways even they admit that. We know and have a relationship with God. The question is how do we pass that on before we pass on?

I think that means we need to be quiet, listen, and put everything on the table. We may need to throw some traditions out if its past being useful and fun, and if we love doing them then continue doing them knowing, and accepting, that it just might die with us, and that that's ok.

I believe the Church's focus needs to change from what we want out of Church to what we can do to make the Church foster the young's relationship with Jesus. We have Christ in our hearts already. We're saved by our faith already, now, what are we going to do about the millions who are not? What are we willing to sacrifice in order that more might have that awesome faith and love of Christ in their hearts? Coming from someone who hates change I already know this is probably going to be pretty painful for me and that I don't want to, but as Jesus says to God the Father, "Not what I want, but what you want," and also, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." May we do as our Lord calls us, not for our gain, but for God's gain, and for the younger generation's gain.





# Worship & Music Notes

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

## Scripture readings for:

|                  |                         |                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Palm Sunday,     | April 5: Mark 11: 1-11  | Triumphal Entry                     |
| Maundy Thursday, | April 9: Mark 14: 22-42 | Lord's Supper, Prayer in Gethsemane |
| Good Friday,     | April 10:               | Crucifixion                         |
| Easter Sunday,   | April 12: Mark 16: 1-8  | Resurrection                        |
| Sunday,          | April 19: Acts 1: 1-14  | You Shall Be My Witnesses           |
| Sunday,          | April 26: Acts 3: 1-10  | Peter Heals in Jerusalem            |

It's a new day, in many ways. The Lord has provided another day in which to count our blessings. It's a new day in the respect of how we will be worshipping in the up-coming weeks. The Coronavirus - COVID19 has drastically changed our routines, in the interest of keeping our church family and other community members healthy, staff has begun exploring alternative ways to provide worship opportunities, in addition to the weekly broadcast of services Sunday on KDOM Radio FM 103.1 and Thursdays, at 10:00 AM/6:30 PM on Windom Cable TV Channel 3. Daily devotions, 5 Day Bible readings, and copies of sermons are available on the church's website, [www.alcofwindom.com](http://www.alcofwindom.com). With the use of our technology, within the church, alternatives may continue to provide a connectedness to each other as our community looks to the Lord for comfort and strength during these days of uncertainty.

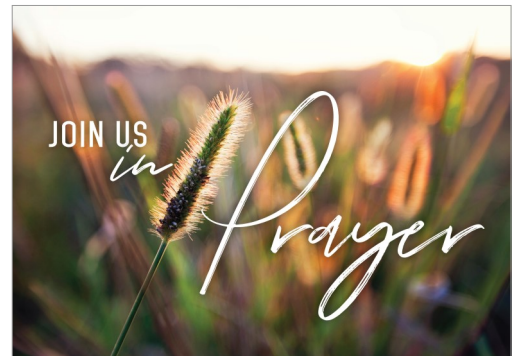
In April we, as a congregation, look forward to hearing the stories of Jesus' triumphal ride on Palm Sunday. The story continues with Holy Week, the Last Supper with his disciples, and Jesus' painful death on the cross. But joy comes on Easter morning with his resurrection and an empty tomb. Alleluia! He is Risen.

We are all looking forward to brighter days and warmer weather. Shetek Bible Camp will be offering Saturday worship opportunities during the summer, beginning June 13-August 1st at 5:30 PM. For more information visit [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org). Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD, is offering a Summer Music Camp June 22-27th. Information may be found on the Worship and Music bulletin board or visit Augustana University website, [www.augie.edu](http://www.augie.edu). Participating in events, such as these, are an avenue to supporting church worship in the future.

## Day by Day ELW 790

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heavenly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Saviour, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me over the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Saviour, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face. Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.



## Noisy Offering This Month: The Banquet

The Banquet meal ministry is a volunteer-based ministry, meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. The American Lutheran will be going to serve at The Banquet on July 23rd, 2020.

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-

As I sit here looking out the window, watching the rain wash away some of the dirt and thinking of the snow we have coming, I can't help but think about how God is washing away the icky stuff and bringing new, fresh white snow. This is a very hard and trying time for many people, well, for the world; but I feel that God will wash this away as well and bring newness later. In fact, there is so much scripture that tells us that.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ...

ISAIAH 43:18-19

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-17

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

These are just a few! I hope that you will take time, as we are forced to be home more, to dig into God's Living Word and find more truths such as these! Truths that He is here with us and will get us through this!

My prayer and hope is that we will all be together again for Easter Sunday to celebrate our Risen Lord!

God's peace to you all!

Melanie Shamp

Christian Education Coordinator/Youth and Family Coordinator



## Christian Ed News:

(all of these events will, of course, be subject to change but for now we are listing the as we will all be together again by the time they happen.

**First Communion Preparation Classes-** We will reschedule to a later date.: We want this to be a great and meaningful experience for all, and we feel this can be done anytime and does not need to be done during Holy Week; even though that does make the experience even more special. We will keep First Communion families updated on when this will happen!

**Palm Sunday, April 5th:** Nursery-4th grade will sing at 9am Palm Sunday Service

## Youth News:

**Jr. League:** If able, we will have Jr. League on Sunday, April 5th and on Sunday, April, 19th we will focus on being made new in the death of Jesus Christ.

**Sr. League:** If able, we will gather at McDonald's on Saturday, April 18th at 6pm. Supper will be paid for! Bring your Bibles!



**Easter Breakfast!** All kids in grades 6th-9th are asked to serve if able! Please be here by 7am! We will serve from 8am-9am. Contact Melanie to let her know if your child will be able to help!

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service-** Confirmation kids and kids in grades 6 and 7 are asked to participate if able. There are lots of jobs available! Ushers, greeters, Scripture reader, Prayer leader, Dramatic reading actor (no speaking parts, just acting), and more! Contact Melanie to let her know your child is available to participate!



# Good to Know

## NOTE FOR THE MESSENGER FOR EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS FEB. 29TH:

I attended Equipping Congregations Day 2020 on February 29, 2020 in Willmar. I heard a wonderful opening presentation from Bishop Jon Anderson about "Performance or Participation" in the church. It takes everyone to create a church of participation. I also attended two workshops. The first was titled: Church Treasurer Alert!- Your Job Just Became More Difficult!. I discovered there have been significant changes in employment laws relating to: tax laws, wage reporting, and wage theft laws. These changes need to be addressed in the near future by our church as well as all churches in Minnesota. The second workshop dealt with our constitution and the need to keep it up-to-date. I am proud of what our church has done recently relating to the constitution. We are current with our constitution (many congregations are not). This will be an on going job for our congregation. I truly appreciate the opportunity to learn new things that will help our congregation now and in the future.

Lindsey Cartwright

## STAY TUNED TO FACEBOOK:

ALC will be starting a Bible study on Facebook so that those who are busy when other Bible studies are offered can participate at any time of the day. A typical week will start with Pastor Adam posting a section of scripture and giving two to three days for people to post what they hear it saying to them and what they think and feel about it. Then he'll post some theological points to continue the conversation.

Confidentiality will be a high priority as hopefully this will be a group where people feel they can open up as conversations don't have to always revolve around scripture but we can also share what's going on in our lives. Also, there's no rule that you must post if you simply want to read, learn, and be a silent and prayerful participant.

If this is something you're interested in please let pastor Adam know or look for the group by searching in Facebook for: ALC and Bethany Facebook Bible Study.

## DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING?

Our community has some new residents from Puerto Rico helping to fill jobs (Toro? Fast?) in town and as they and their families make their homes here there are some things that they could use, mainly coffee makers, toasters, and microwaves. If you have any of those and they're in good condition (please don't send garbage) please call the BARC at 831-2375 to let them know you'll be coming by donate.



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!

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!

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.



## ALC Prayer Chain

Request Change: All prayer chain requests will now be handled through the church office. To

activate ALC's Prayer Chain please call the church office at 831-1794 or an email may be sent to [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) If you are not part of the ALC Prayer Chain and would like to be, please send the church your email address. Thank you!

## Bits and Pieces

**PRAYER SHAWLS:** If you know of someone in our church family who could use a Prayer Shawl, call the church office.

**KEEP SAVING** those empty printer ink cartridges. They are turned in for cash for our Education Department. The container is located in the hallway by the offices.

**KEEP SAVING** your canceled stamps. Correctly cut stamps by leaving 1/4" to 1/3" boarder around the stamp. You can turn your stamps in at the church office.

**CONTINUE** to remember the Windom Sharing Center in the coming months. Monetary gifts may be sent to PO Box 173, Windom. Contributions may be left here at the church or at the Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Call 822-7210,

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**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.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM** **March 10th, 2020 MEETING and** **Special Church Council Meeting March 15th, 2020**



- Treasurer's Report - Lindsey Cartwright gave an update: The February income met expenses, though \$22,000 has been borrowed to cover January bills, and some carry over bills from 2019.
- President Michalski noted that 93% of the board positions are filled; Openings yet to be filled are 2 for Youth and Family, 1 for Discipleship/Marketing/Stewardship and 1 for Budget & Finance. 2 more representatives are needed to attend the Synod Assembly June 12 & 13
- The ELCA Mission & Vision Statement was reviewed. The Council agreed to include this in the Messenger, on the ALC website and given to each board so that all may gain awareness.
- Budget & Finance is in favor of updating the mission statement on the bus, pending available funds. See Memorial/Gift List.
- Members of the Technology Committee were approved: Mark Brodin Lindsey Cartwright Gina Hauge Jordan Bussa Jeff Dahna
- A special noisy offering to support St John's Lutheran Church in Nashville that was affected by a tornado will be taken in March
- Denise Houston presented concerns to the council
- A motion was brought by Budget and Finance Keith Pohlman to cover the complete cost of health insurance to Gina Hauge beginning in July. Motion passed. This will be presented to congregation at the mid-term meeting for further approval.
- (Church Council Meeting- March 15th) Coronavirus (COVID 19) - President Michalski shared a video from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton concerning the virus and worship. Discussion of how ALC of Windom should respond resulted in the decision to cancel/postpone all events until March 27. Service messages will continue to be provided via streaming, video, KDOM, and the website. All agreed it was very important to protect the membership of ALC, since members come from varying communities and employments. The approach is Care and Concern for Others. The council will tentatively meet March 24, at 7pm, to review any needed changes. The office will continue to be open weekdays: church staff will be at the church and available as needed within safe standards; church staff will determine the wording for the announcement of cancellations and postponements for the congregation. It was noted that the financial needs of ALC do not change with the above decisions.

### **Board Reports:**

**Worship and Music** - Sarah Tailowright shared that the play "Children of Eden" will be presented at the 9am service on 4-19-2020; the cast arrives in Windom on 4-18-2020 to rehearse; Volunteer Commission will be May 10, 2020; Confirmation Service will be May 31 at 10:15am.

**Spiritual Life & Fellowship** - Sharon Thompson shared there would be a baptism in April

**Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship** - Steven Johnson updated the council on the needed member on this board; they reviewed their Strategic Goals; shared that 56% of the congregation members are gifting to ALC, which is up from previous years; Dave Ramsey class was discussed.

**Properties** - Linda Jaakola reviewed the building needs which included fixing the handicapped door by the Skylight Court which will cost over \$2,000; the doors by the sanctuary also need fixing which will cost approximately \$990; Dorothy Fundahn has created a properties list for memorials.

**Budget & Finance** - Keith Pohlman reviewed the financial status; bills have been paid; \$22,000 borrowed; motion to provide health insurance to Gina Hauge beginning in July as she will come off her parents plan, at a cost of \$374.18 monthly with MM/S/C by council and to be presented to congregation at the mid-term meeting for approval.

**Christian Education** - Amanda Wilson shared updates on VBS changing dates to the evenings of the week of June 1; First Communion class will go to Shetek March 22; they are reviewing the curriculum for the younger students of BAM.

**Youth and Family** - John Shamp provided information on the upcoming Scrapbooking Retreat, and the Easter breakfast; the board is discussing how to target young families; Junior League is doing very well but Senior League is struggling; Survey Monkey Acc't has been opened to access information from parents and students; the board needs 2 members.

**Church In Society** - Betty Olson updated the council on the 40 days - \$40 Lenten Challenge; March is Food Share Month.

**GLOW** - Kathy Hiley shared the success of the sewing days with 25 quilts and 37 baby care kits being made; bible study proceeds; they sponsor Coffee Hour; discussing a celebration of the 50 years of Women's Ordination; reported that this was the last World Day of Prayer due to lack of volunteers.

# For the Record

## ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 3/23/20:

**Income: \$92,379**

**Expenses: \$105,584**

**Borrowed: \$22,000**

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

### **FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS:**

*There were no burials or baptisms for the month of March.*



### **MEMORIALS:**

**Parking Lot Fund:** Given by John Heggstad in memory of his parents Carl & Myrtle Heggstad, grandfather Oscar Blixseth and great aunt Mary Blixseth Selnes, as well as his friend James Stahl.

### **OFFERING OPTIONS in the time of COVID19/Corona Virus:**

While we are not together in person, or collecting a regular offering, the ministry of our congregation continues! We are hoping not to fall behind in meeting our expenses. Check out on-line giving on our website [alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com), or mail in your offering to PO Box 188, Windom. If you have any questions regarding on-line giving, please contact Wendy Pigman in the church office.

## **Mission & Vision – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** (*Taken from elca.org*)

### **Our mission**

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.

### **Our vision**

A world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation.

### **Our values**

Our values are grounded in faith, in our biblical and Lutheran confessional sources and our love of God and neighbor. They speak to the way this church lives and practices our faith, and they will guide how we journey forward in Christ as church together.

**Forgiveness and reconciliation** – We are reconciled to God by God's forgiving mercy. Forgiveness and reconciliation flow from what God has made us to be in Jesus Christ and what God is doing with us in the world. As a people of God, we embody forgiveness in speech, action and relationships, and our ministry in reconciliation is foundational.

**Dignity, compassion and justice** – Each person is created in God's image. We respect this God-given right to dignity and, inspired by the life of Jesus, show love and compassion for all people. Through proclamation of the gospel, through worship and as servants of God working for healing and justice in the world, we uphold and seek to protect the dignity and human rights of all people.

**Inclusion and diversity** – As Christ's church, we value the richness of God's creation and offer a radical welcome to all people, appreciating our common humanity and our differences. We are a church that does not view diversity as a barrier to unity. We recognize and will challenge dynamics of power and privilege that create barriers to participation and equity in this church and society – for women, people of color, minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, people who are marginalized or living in poverty, and the LGBTQ community.

**Courage and openness to change** – Because we trust in God's promise and understand faith to be a living, daring confidence in God's grace, we are emboldened to embrace learning and change in our spiritual and institutional journey as church. This means we are open to new ways and willing to take risks to discover God's plan for this church.

**Faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts** – As church together, faithful stewardship is about holding to God's purpose and ensuring the responsibilities and resources that God has entrusted to us are used with great care and with accountability to God, to each other and those served by this church.



# GLOW in April

## Gals Living Our Witness

Stay tuned for changes that might occur due to COVID-19



### Sewing Days

**Tuesdays, April 7 & 21**  
**9:00 am—2:30-ish pm**

**Everybody Welcome! No experience necessary!**  
**Come for Great Fun and Fellowship AND SERVICE!**  
**Come for part of the day or bring a sack lunch for the whole day. We will be packing school backpacks, assembling quilts, baby layettes, sewing kits and personal hygiene kits for Lutheran World Relief.**

### Women's Bible Study

**Thursday April 16 @ 2 pm**

**March "Gather" magazine Bible Study, page 20**

**We are Called Session 3, "Called to Serve"**

**April "Gather" magazine Bible Study, page 22**

**We are Called Session 4, "Calling Networks"**



### Prayer Vigil—Good Friday, April 10

**8:00 AM—5:00 PM in the Chapel or Sanctuary**

Come take a PAUSE in your day to thank God for the sacrifice of Jesus, suffering for all of us.

All are welcome!

### Shetek Conference Spring Gathering

**Saturday, April 18 @ 8:30 am**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakefield**

**Singing, lunch and the inspiring story of Mission to Mississippi.**

**Registration paid by GLOW**

**Contact Jean Johnson (822-2715) for details and carpool information**

### 2020 Synodical Women's Convention

**"Just Celebrate"**

**Saturday, May 2**

**Redwood Area Community Center, Redwood Falls**

**Contact Jean Johnson (822-2715) for details**

**Registration is due April 13**

**See poster on bulletin board across from office**  
**For more information**



**April 2020**



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## Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

### April highlights

**Saturday, April 18 – Pre-marriage Retreat**  
**Fri.-Sat., April 24-25 – Confirmation Retreat**  
**Saturday, April 25 – Spring Toddlers/Trees**  
**Saturday, April 25 – Spring Clean up day**



### THINK SPRING!!

**Shetek is seeking summer ministry team members.**

A great opportunity to develop the following lifelong skills that employers want to see on resumes!

- Creativity
- Oral communication skills
- Critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Interpersonal and Leadership skills
- Collaborative skills

To find out more and apply online – <https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

**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!**

### Mark your Calendar 2020

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  
Saturday Worship at Shetek- 5:30 starting June 13  
Fun in the Sun with Waterbugs – June 13  
Golf Tournament – June 22  
Quilt Auction – June 27  
Donor Picnic – July 21  
Summer Toddlers and Trees – August 15  
Young at Heart Retreat – August 21-22

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 \$994,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! Check our website for more info.

