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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.

Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM Worship w/Blessing of the Quilts

Wednesday, May 6

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, May 13

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

LAST DAY

Sunday, May 17

9:00 AM Worship w/Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 24

9:00 AM Worship

Sunday, May 31

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 AM Worship





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, 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 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. You can also find it on www.alcofwindom.com under the MINISTRIES TAB click on Children's Ministry.

Confirmation will be recorded weekly and emailed to all confirmation students. You can also find these weekly recordings on www.alcofwindom.com under the MINISTRIES TAB click on Youth Ministry then click on CONFIRMATION (in yellow).

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

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

1 Peter 3-9 A Living Hope

³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice,^[a] even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen^[b] him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

In the LaCanne funeral home there is a stained-glass rendering of a butterfly that hangs on the wall above the place where the casket is placed during a visitation. I believe it was made by Joseph LaCanne. In April, we were able to hold a small private funeral for the family of one of our people despite the pandemic, and it was also live streamed for others on Facebook. What matters is the butterfly. We needed that image to help explain to a ten-year-old grandson of the deceased what was happening to his grandmother. You see, the butterfly wasn't always a butterfly. It began as an egg, that grew into a caterpillar, that formed a chrysalis. (Check out this time-lapse video, it's amazing!! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8hQU-Zi99g>) Then, by some mysterious process, inside this casing over a period of 8 – 15 days, a transformation happens. What emerges is something entirely different. Something completely new and beautiful beyond what it had been before. Furthermore, it is free. The caterpillar can move as far as it can crawl. Inside the chrysalis, it is completely enclosed, even trapped, like we may feel in this time of sheltering at home, or in our own bodies or minds when they fail us. But the butterfly *flies!* Monarch butterflies journey all the way to Mexico from Minnesota, over 2,000 miles away!



The butterfly hangs in the LaCanne funeral chapel and is a central figure for Christianity because in Jesus we have a living hope that we are not stuck in the trappings of our human bodies and lives forever. Sickness, dementia, addiction, or our own unique histories, and failings will not drag us down or hold us back for all time. No, we are being tried for the moment, but Christ in his mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It's true. This is not an idle tale. It's for your life and mine. It's for this life, for today. And it is the good news the death doesn't get to keep us. God does. *For freedom Christ has made us free. Galatians 5.1* Keep the faith, dear people!! And please keep reminding me.

Pastor Sarah



Worship & Music Notes

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

Scripture Readings for May:

May 3:	Church at Thessalonica	Acts 17:1-9; 1Thessalonians 1:1-10
May 10:	Church at Corinth	Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
May 17:	Faith, Hope, and Love	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
May 24:	Death Swallowed in Life	1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57
May 31:	Gifts of the Spirit	Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Dateline: Spring 2020

A Look at the Past - A Look to the Future

The congregation had just begun its Lenten journey, a look at how God's Word shapes daily life: The Word creates, calls, commands, saves, sustains, shapes and sends.

But the journey was disrupted by a STAY AT HOME directive and closures.

Calendar events and daily schedules suddenly became quiet, reflective family time.

With postponements and cancellations, one's thoughts focused on learning tasks, working from home, but primarily, to maintaining the health of the community.

Calendar days were crossed off, uncertain how long this pattern would continue.

Emotions of fear and anxiety became overwhelming for many.

Community members stepped into action in creative, innovative, and meaningful ways.

The green blade sprouted and began to flourish.

God's word has now been shared in acts of service, support and care for others.

Supported by technology, the seeds of scripture and Bible stories still rise from the pulpit.

On a snowy April morning, Easter was celebrated with shouts of Alleluia! He is Risen!

as individuals became a community choir; stepped out from households and joined their voices in song.

Together, we look to the future; following the light of Christ, sharing His body and blood, welcoming Children of God, and supporting families who have experienced the loss of loved ones.

We look to the future with new eyes and passions, returning to our worship space with a new understanding of discipleship, cherishing time spent with loved ones, and sharing the Good News, not only community wide, but worldwide. The Word continues to shape daily lives.

A New Normal. But yet, Jesus is the same yesterday, and today and forever. (Hebrews 13: 8)

All Are Welcome ELW #641 V.3

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger;

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Events Scheduled for May, 2020:

April 29th / May 3rd - Blessing of the Quilts from ALC and Bethany Quilting Ministries - The ALC quilters put together many quilts over the winter months. They will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran World Relief was founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. They work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and they do not evangelize. Their mission is affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering.

May 10th - Mother's Day - Send a photo of you and your mother to the church office. Young, old, multiple generations! Be creative, share a heart, give High 5's, hugs, etc. Send them by May 4th.

May 13th - Last WOW (Worship on Wednesday) Service until September!

May 17th - Senior Recognition Sunday.

Even though this is just weeks away, we still do not have a clear directive regarding worship events. Our intention is to keep parents and students informed of future decisions regarding this service.

May 31st - Pentecost Sunday - The Holy Spirit descends to Apostles and Jesus' followers; Birth of the early church. We invite you to wear red to help celebrate Pentecost Sunday.

There will be no Noisy Offering until we can meet again in person.

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,

May 2020.....Wow, how can it be May already? Even though it seems we should have more time on our hands, time is still flying by!

I had hopes in last months newsletter that we would be back together for Easter. That unfortunately was not the case. We are still being church beyond this building, but still church together. We have so many unknowns, still. But, somethings I do know are these.....

God is in control, God is our comfort and strength, God is our healer, God is our creator, and God is ALL-KNOWING. We just need to trust in Him.

I am very thankful for all of these things! I am also very thankful for the nice weather, for being able to be outside. I hope you have been able to spend some time outside as well. Please remember our ALC Community Clean-up "initiative" or more of a public/creation service announcement/idea that we have come up with. That is to bring a garbage bag or grocery bag with you on a walk, and your gloves, and pick up any garbage you see on your walk. God has given us this beautiful world and in this time when one of the most accessible things to do is walk, let us help keep it beautiful while we are walking.

We pray for you all often here up at ALC and that you are staying healthy.

God's peace and blessings to you!

Melanie Shamp

Christian Education/Youth and Family Coordinator

More ideas for you and your family to enjoy together during this time:

*Ask others in your neighborhood if you can draw something on their driveways with sidewalk chalk. Include a favorite encouraging or uplifting Bible verse in your drawing. If you need chalk, please stop by the church and grab some from the lobby!

*Make homemade cards or just a nice letter with a drawing to send to those who may be especially lonely during this time. This would surely make their day! If you need ideas of names/addresses, please contact the church office. Pastor Adam has some names for you!



Christian Ed events:

BAM: Still continues to be LIVE on the church Facebook page at 6pm on Wednesday evenings! It is also posted on the church website the following day under the Ministries tab and then under Children's ministry.

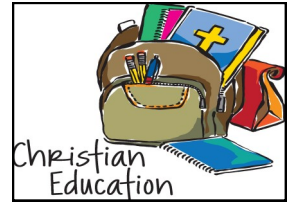
First Communion- If your child is in 5th Grade as was to receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, you should have received information regarding rescheduling. If you did not receive any information. Please let the church office know.



Youth Events:

Jr League Zoom: Melanie will be doing a Zoom with Jr. League on May 3rd at 6:30 and on May 17th at 6:30. The Zoom invite will be sent through Remind. If you would like it sent to you another way, please let her know. We will play an online version of Pictionary on the 3rd and Kahoot! on the 17th!

Sr. League: We will be doing a Sr. League Zoom with Kahoot! on Saturday, May 9th at 4pm! The Zoom invite will be sent through Snapchat.



Good to Know

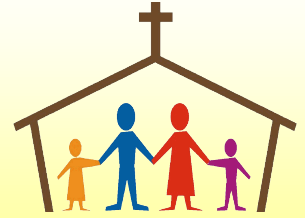
We want to honor the moms of our congregation on Mothers day, May 10th. Please send us a photo of the moms in your life at winalc@windomnet.com.

These photos will be shown in our digital worship service.



Welcoming of New Members- Postponed until a later date. If you or someone you know would like to become a member of ALC please contact the church office at

(507)831-1794 or winalc@windomnet.com and let us know. Thank you!



We invite you to wear red on Sunday, May 31st to celebrate Pentecost Sunday.



Holiday Hours

Monday, May 25th,
Memorial Day– Church & Office will be closed.



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 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 Area Sharing Center in the coming months. Monetary gifts may be sent to 1156 4th Ave, 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,

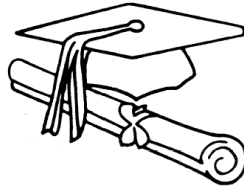
PRAYER CHAIN: To activate ALC's Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 831-1794 or an email may be sent to winalc@windomnet.com.

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.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY
Sunday, May 17th, 2020
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
2020 GRADUATES!



<i>Mikal Anderson</i>	<i>Katie Boltjes</i>
<i>Shelby Erickson</i>	<i>KC Flatgard</i>
<i>Dylan Fossing</i>	<i>Ethan Grant</i>
<i>Peyton Hall</i>	<i>Autumn Hauge</i>
<i>Ezra Hughes</i>	<i>Halle Jackson</i>
<i>Olivia Maras</i>	<i>Elijah Mutz</i>
<i>Sophia Nelson</i>	<i>Katelyn Nichols</i>
<i>Tatum Paulson</i>	<i>Austin Pohlman</i>
<i>Daytona Smedsrud</i>	<i>Audra Smith</i>
<i>Vincent Vongsy</i>	<i>Brett Willaby</i>

Senior Recognition Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th. We are asking all ALC seniors to send us a senior photo to be recognized on that day. There are no guarantees that we will be gathering in person here at the church, so we are planning on doing a slide show to recognize each senior and include those photos in the June Newsletter. If by chance we are able to have an in person service we will contact you immediately with more information.

For those of you who would like to send a graduation card in congratulating these seniors during this difficult time can call the church office at (507)831-1794 to get their address. We are all here for you and praying for you!

For I know the
Plans
I have for you,
DECLARES THE LORD
Plans for
Hope and a Future.
Jer. 29:11



Equipping Congregations Day of the Southwest MN Synod was held on February 29th in Willmar. Eight from American Lutheran boarded were in attendance, transported by the ALC bus: Nancy Michalski, Michael and Karen Wojahn, Lindsey and Jane Cartwright, Pastor Adam Roberts and Pastor Sarah & Noel Tadé. Bishop Jon Anderson gave an opening address, asking "How is God calling you?" He offered time to reflect on our perspective of what are the signs of an active church. A quote from Langdon Gilkey stated, "We must remember that the church's business is for connecting to God." How is God Calling You? Twenty-four workshops were offered. Here are notes from those who participated:

Responding to Childhood Trauma as Church: (Pastor Adam) Statistics show that having one ACE (adverse childhood experience), such as divorce, abuse, parents with addiction, etc., can significantly affect a child's development and how they behave throughout the rest of their lives. Congregations would do well to become Trauma Informed Congregations (she didn't speak to what that is exactly, I'll be looking into it) and also that having a stable adult in the life of a person who's had an ACE significantly helps them heal.

The Holy Spirit, Faith Formation, and "Care of Souls": (Pastor Adam) Taught that Fandom is huge for Millennials (loving things like Marvel, Star Wars, Harry Potter, etc.) and that these franchises are making things such as pendants of their characters being patron saints of whatever and it's a way for Millennials to claim their identity and share it with others.

The presenter thought the Church could go along the same lines especially in regard to what our spiritual gifts are. She listed seven gifts and each person has at least one, they are the gatherer, seer, maker, healer, venture, steward and elder. We spent time identifying people in the Bible and in Fandom who had similar gifts and the thought was how to organize the body of Christ in such a way while also adding in biblical stories (and even fandom stories) to make it cooler.

Millennials, Generation Z, and the Church: (Pastor Adam) Millennials want to be self-fulfilled and serve others, they want justice and inclusion for all people, and they are pretty certain those things cannot be found in the Church.

They have experienced a Church that says you must be this way and do things this way and that their thoughts and opinions are less important and not valued. They have experienced the church being angry and exclusive and unjust while it proclaims the opposite and they have experienced it to be a non-spiritual organization where people simply follow tradition without thinking while having no heart nor soul in what they do.

In a nutshell, with all that they have going on and with all the demands on their time, the Church doesn't have much to offer. She didn't have answers, just a lot of the reasons why Millennials don't come. I came away thinking, and am still thinking, especially as a late Gen-Xer, that they're right in many regards and the Church needs a massive overhaul.

Their concern is about justice, service, and spirituality and they don't have much time for tradition or programs or meetings but simply want to be about justice, service, and be spiritual. So, the question is "*How do we go about that?*"

Music and Mission: from rural roots to global family (Jane Cartwright)

I had an opportunity to attend a session lead by Larry Olson. Larry is a member of Dakota Road music ministry and is also the brother of Dr. Mary Olson. He provided insight as to how one's roots can grow and develop into a musical story that blossoms and turns into adventures involving missions globally. Music is a gift, to share worldwide.

Looking for Buried Treasure: Uncovering the hidden gifts people want to give your ministry (Pastor Sarah) Keith Pearson the Regional Gift planner gave an enlightening presentation. Today, only about 10% of the average person's wealth (ability to give) is held in cash. Most people draw from this "pot" to support the church's ministry. What if we made a clear invitation to consider supporting the church with a portion of the remaining 90%? American Lutheran is blessed by strong support, and a well-endowed Trust Fund. Yet, we have so much yet to do! Would you consider an estate gift to your home congregation?

Farm and Rural Stress: Origins and ways to help (Pastor Sarah) In 2018, the median farm income was \$26,000. Low commodity prices and challenging weather events have made for a stressful environment for all in agriculture over the last several years. Tending to mental health is paramount. There is help to be had. Ted Matthews works with farmers across the entire state. No cost; no paperwork. The service is available thanks to funds from the MN Legislature. 320-266-2390 (Brochures at church in the stand).

Nancy Michalski shares "I attended 3 workshops, and all were a great opportunity to learn about the following: **1. Millennials and Generation Z** leading us toward the future of the church...focusing outside the church walls to the greater needs of all people. **2. Suicide Awareness:** The speaker used a public health approach that defined risk factors and gave examples of effective strategies to prevent suicide. **3. Eating our way into and out of climate change:** We learned about the balance of our food choices (producing food for humans v. producing food for animals) and how these choices contribute to climate change.

Lindsey Cartwright has these comments: "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 soon 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 ongoing job for our congregation. I truly appreciate the opportunity to learn new things that will help our congregation now and in the future.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM **April 14th, 2020 MEETING**



- Congregational Check-In Calls - Pastor Sarah shared that there were some challenges and this will be discontinued at this time.
- Other - Pastor Adam reviewed the Venture Ministry Fundraiser for COVID-19 assistance. The application will be placed on the church's website with information shared in the Messenger and the website.
- Approval of Bills - Treasurer Cartwright reviewed the bills on hold, sharing that no borrowing would be needed for the April bills and payroll. MM/S/C to pay noted bills.
- Approve Payment of Wages and Benefits to Staff on April 20th Payroll - The Small Business Loan, involved in the COVID-19 relief, has been approved for ALC. MM/S/C to provide staff payroll for May and June.
- Trash Pick-Up - A review shared that people are being seen walking and participating. President Michalski shared that those who have visited with her feel this project gives them a purpose.

Board Reports:

Worship and Music - Sarah Tailowright thanked those involved with the Easter season services.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon Thompson - No report

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship - Steve Johnson - No report

Properties - Linda Jaakola shared that if possible, they will do their building walk through in May.

Budget and Finance - Kevin Heggeseth and Keith Pohlman thanked those that continue to support ALC financially.

Christian Education - Amanda Wilson reported that Confirmation will be moved to Reformation Sunday due to COVID-19 challenges; Catechism will be taught to 5th graders rather than 4th and 5th graders; VBS will be August 2-6.

Youth and Family - John Shamp - No report

Church in Society - Betty Olson reported that 63# of food was taken to the Sharing Center and \$1,350 was collected in the Lenten Challenge for the Crisis Center.

GLOW - Kathy Hiley shared that due to COVID-19 activities have been cancelled; possible Bible study in May.

The Church in Society Board of ALC invites you to help **clean up our community** by grabbing your own trash bag when going on a walk and filling the dumpster at ALC with trash you picked up on your walk. Don't forget your gloves and make sure to have fun, take pictures, and send them to us to be posted on our Facebook Page and Website!



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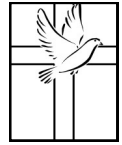
For the Record

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

Deaths: **Terry Makovsky, Lucille Nelson, Kenneth Fast, Marvin Bretzman, and JoAnne Cowan**



Baptisms: None



ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 4/20/20:

Income: \$126,626

Expenses: \$148,754

Borrowed: \$22,000

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

MEMORIALS:

Properties Fund: *In memory of Roy Hammer, father of Linda Jaakola.*



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, 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.

The Church in Society Board would like to thank all who contributed to our recent \$40 Lenten Challenge. \$1,350 was raised for the Crisis Center! Your contribution to this organization is greatly appreciated!

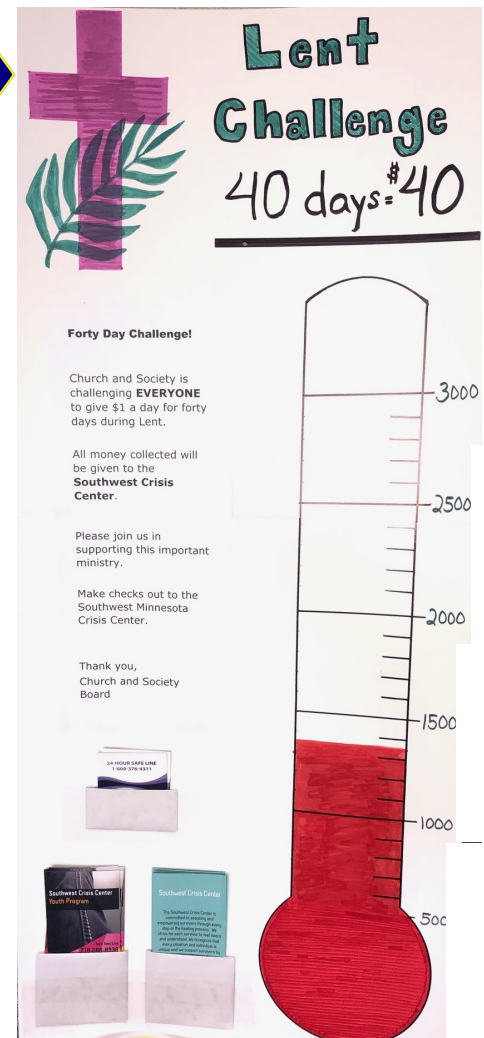


Covid-19 Assistance Fund: Amidst this pandemic one of the concerns some of us are struggling with are those who have no income. ALC has made an ad hoc committee to address this particular issue.

As most are aware the government will be mailing out stimulus checks. We would invite those of you who are either still earning an income or do not need this money to survive to think about donating it to ALC's Covid-19 Fund.

Applications are available for financial help from this fund. The criteria are that a person must be suffering loss of income specifically due to this virus, it will be paid directly to their need (rent, utilities, mortgage, etc.), the Committee will choose how much a person gets and will do it without knowing whom the person is, and ALC members will have priority. Applications are due May 13th. The committee will then choose how they want to distribute the funds on May 20th. Please be aware that this application will remain confidential and you will not be asked to repay it.

Again, if you don't need this stimulus money to survive, or would just like to donate, we invite you to be generous for the least of these in our community.



GLOW in May

Gals Living Our Witness

Bible Study in May

GLOW Meeting
On May 3
Postponed !!!
New date to be
determined.

To be safe, Bible Study in its traditional manner will not happen in May.

GOOD NEWS, Pastor Sarah will lead us with a video recorded overview of our Bible Studies and will post them on the church website, alcofwindom.com. You can join in these studies at your leisure!

These Bible Studies will be announced on Facebook and What's up at ALC weekly email as they are posted on the website.

Sewing Days

Due to Covid 19, Sewing was canceled in April.

We will deliver the 25 quilts and the 37 Baby Care Kits and School Kits that have been completed to Lutheran World Relief.

Look for added Sewing Days this fall to make quilts for the Windom Cheer Box!

Be watching for future GLOW announcements and events when it is again safe for us to Gather!

What a joyous day that will be!

Shetek Quilt Auction

June 27 @ 10:30am

As of this posting, the Quilt Auction is still on. So, **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for this fun event!

Look for more information will be in the June Messenger.



Wall Hanging



Quilt

ALC Donations to Shetek completed by Jean Johnson.

Kit for the wall hanging donated by Deb Minion

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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Well, things look much different now than when the last CANEWS went out! Shetek's staff are busy planning for several different scenarios for what camp may look like this season. Our staff and board are still hopeful that we can do some onsite programming this summer but there are a lot of unknowns. Shetek is still hiring male staff for this summer's programming. See below for more details.

Shetek is seeking male 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

Since we highlight events and programs here at camp in this section, we will be updating this in future CANEWS when we are again able to host groups and programs onsite. For now, we appreciate your prayers and also your financial support, if you are able, during this difficult time.

**A reminder for us all at this time -
"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9**

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

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is on hold for now. So far, we've raised over \$994,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! We'll be continuing the campaign efforts later this year when it is more feasible and safe to do so.

