



# July 2020

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WINDOM, MN Church



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Please Join Us for our in house worship, or go to Facebook, our Website, KDOM Radio, or Local Cable Channel 3 for our Digital 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.

Faith

Active. Inquiring. Hopeful

**\*\*It was decided that our Saturday Chapel Service will be moved to Wednesday nights in the sanctuary to give more time for disinfecting and allow more space for distancing. \*\***

## Wednesday, July 1st

5:30 PM Worship

## Sunday, July 5th

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

## Wednesday, July 8th

5:30 PM Worship w/Noisy Offering

## Sunday, July 12th

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship at the Lake

## Wednesday, July 15th

5:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

## Sunday, July 19th

9:00 AM Worship w/Mid-Year Meeting

## Wednesday, July 22nd

5:30 PM Worship w/Holy

Communion and Celebration of First Communion

## Sunday, July 26

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy

Communion

## Wednesday, July 22nd

5:30 PM Worship



### **Returning to Worship during the Pandemic:**

We look forward to welcoming individuals back to worship in the sanctuary the last week in June! We will offer two similar services: 5:30 PM on Wednesdays or 9:00 AM on Sundays, beginning June 24th and June 28th. Please know our concern is to provide a safe worshipping environment for those who chose to return to worship during the COVID-19 pandemic, while caring for and protecting the most vulnerable among us. In order to make a smooth transition, these are a few helpful items to remember:

**Entering the building:** Doors will be propped open for easy building access. You may use these entrances:

Parking Lot: Try to leave a space between cars.

Skylight Court and Main Sanctuary: Suggested for those with mobility concerns.

Whichever one you select, please use the hand sanitizer. Wearing a facemask here and at all public gathering places is highly recommended. If you have a face mask, bring your own. There will be a few extras at the door.

**Making your way to the sanctuary:** Social Distancing within the building is a must: keep a 6-foot distance from others who are not in your family group. Please be aware of spacing between yourself/group and others in the hall/stairways. The service will not start until all have been seated.

**Making your way into the sanctuary:** Use the side aisles and walk down to where the usher is waiting. Seating will start in the front and with social distancing, the spacing and number of individuals per pew will be monitored. Those of the same household can sit together. Please follow the direction of the usher, even if it is not where you "normally" sit.

**Worship setting:** There will be adjustments to the worship. Congregational responses and singing will be limited. Instead of visiting with those around, consider using "wait" time for prayerful devotion, or viewing slide announcements. Everything for worship will be up on the screens. Please do not "sing along", but you are able to hum along, tap your toes, snap fingers or quietly speak the lyrics. The worship team is aware of your longing for what is familiar.

**Exiting the sanctuary:** Ushers will dismiss pews beginning in the back. Please exit using the side aisle, and once again be aware of distancing between individuals. Please do not linger in the church building. There will be no coffee hour or food served during this time.

**Other details:** If you are sick, have a fever, cough or any other symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in contact with a sick person please consult your health professional and stay home. Restrooms are available in the Skylight Court and in the office hallway. Water fountains will not be accessible. Stay only in the worship area of the building. Do not circulate into other areas.

**Weekly worship is available:** Online (Facebook/ Youtube) and on the radio. Any and all are encouraged to continue worshipping in this way during the pandemic.

### **Holy Communion beginning in July: Sundays July 5 and 26 and Wednesdays July 15 and 22**

Due to the pandemic, we have not shared in the sacrament of Holy Communion since mid-March. We are hungry for this food, for this assurance of forgiveness, and for the presence of Christ in the bread and the wine! We have done a lot of thinking among pastors, staff, Worship and Music and the Altar Guild on how to share Holy Communion as safely as possible, as the pandemic is not over. Here are some of the principles that we are holding in mind:

1. keeping a 6-foot distance between people not of the same family.
2. not having unnecessary touching of the elements (touching only the bread or the wine that you will consume and not somebody else's etc.)
3. not having people move around during the worship service as that stirs up the air, and has you breathing the air of the people in front of you.

Here is what we have settled on:

The pastor will speak the Words of Institution as usual during the worship service.

Holy Communion will be served as you leave the sanctuary. An usher will direct you. The bread and wine will be set out on long tables, one in the narthex, and one in the Sky Light Court. You will pick up the wine and the wafer, while a person behind the table says, "The Body of Christ, given for you." "The Blood of Christ, shed for you."

It won't feel the same as kneeling together around the altar. Things cannot be like they were, yet you have shown amazing flexibility and resilience as a congregation and the ability to learn to do things in new ways, while still being the church together. Thank you! We will continue to learn as we go and change what we need to, as we learn.

# Ondini Circuit Letter



***A Letter from our Partners in the Ondini Circuit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa addressed to Dale Holmes, the chair of the partnership Committee of the Shetek Conference.***

*Dear Dale, Brothers and Sisters*

*We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Worldwide we face the challenges of the Covid 19 corona pandemic. We have to avoid all close signs of comfort and encouragement. There are no services in church, no meetings of the groups and leagues, no hugs or handshakes and many more signs of close Christian fellowship, and we see the longer the lockdown lasts that people are suffering because the whole public life is in a real crisis people cannot go to work, lose jobs they don't earn enough money for covering their monthly expenses etc.*

*We as partners from Ondini Circuit see bad situation of many people and especially our pastor's families at the moment there are no salaries for the Pastors because of no collections or membership payments to fulfil the budget. A real crisis we are very touched about that because the strict regulations of lockdown does not allow us to go to church and collect offering so that we can able to contribute to our pastors salaries and we don't know how long this situation is going to last. Our pastors are going to suffer from starvation.*

*Above all this hardship we are going through we thank God who protects us and keeps us alive till now.*

*In Zamani Agriculture garden we cultivated brown beans which are ready now to be packed in bags and seek for market to sell it.*

*We were very shocked and sad about the incident happened in Minneapolis resulting in the death of Georg Floyd at the hands of police.*

*We wish you all in Shetek enough strength compassion and faith to overcome this hard time. We are with you in prayer. On behalf of our partnership committee and Dean S.D Xaba and all Pastors.*

*Yours Brother in Christ, Lee Mazibuko Ondini Partnership Chairperson*

Please note: The Shetek Conference transferred funds of support for the Zumani Ag project and for pastoral support early in 2020. We have given the go-ahead that some of those funds can go to support the pastors during this time of no offerings. Congregations are invited to offer further support, as we are able, which will be transferred to the Ondini partnership at the end of July. You may make contributions to ALC designated: Ondini Partnership. Thank you for your support and prayers for our partners in ministry!

## Pastor's Message

When I was a junior in college, I enrolled in an urban studies program in Chicago. I lived on the north side on Lawrence Ave in Uptown, but a couple times a week I took the El train downtown to the Loop, then transferred, and headed west until I got to Cicero Avenue where I had an internship with a faith-based community organization working in recycling. I don't remember how many stops there were between the Loop and the edge of the city on Cicero, but I do remember with each stop there were fewer and fewer white people on the train, until by the time I got off I was the only one. It gave me a new perspective to be "other" watching my step at all times to not do the wrong thing and be safe.

For ten years I lived as a missionary among Africans who welcomed me as a sister, a friend, a teacher and a pastor. Many there called me Daa Sarah, "Big sister Sarah" It was a term of respect, but also endearment. They considered me like family. Over time I came to call many women "mother". Race does not need to separate. The Central Africans got use to me. Until I would go somewhere new. I remember traveling once when I was pregnant with Isaac or Eliana. I got out of my truck to buy some street food, and some one shouted from across the way "Bui baa zang!" The white woman is pregnant! Yes, white women get pregnant too. People are people. We are a sea of humanity. Black, white, brown. Young and old. Gay and straight. All wanting the same thing – to love and be loved. Good things for our families. Laughter and happy times. Enough food and clean water. A roof over our heads. Health. Friendship. To know God. Jesus came to help us find all of that: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10.10

During my seminary internship, I lived in East Boston, serving at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The year was 1990. One of my projects was working with a group of Cambodian and Vietnamese women, newly arrived refugees, many with small children. I helped them learn English. They taught me how to eat their amazing food on a mat on the floor, and what it is like to be a survivor of war, and a newcomer in a strange land. They were happy to have made it to the United States. We in the church were trying to help them find fair housing, and help them not be taken advantage of, as so many landlords in East Boston were corrupt. Sometimes you must take a stand against injustice. *"Justice is what love looks like in public."* Cornel West, quoted in the Gather Women's Bible study, p. 20 June 2020

There is an amazing story in Matthew 15.21-28 where a Canaanite woman convinces Jesus that what he came to give to his own people was for her too! My hope for our congregation is that we be a community that models what that woman proved: *The grace of God is for everybody.*

*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."* Galatians 3.28

*"He is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us."* Ephesians 2.14

Yesterday I talked with a friend to check on him. We had first met sometime after I came to Windom. He came to the US from Mexico around the year 2000, when I was still living in the Central African Republic. Last time I talked with him, he said he had relatives in Ohio that were sick with COVID. Now they are OK. Praise God! But now, he told me, his wife just tested positive. She works in a meat processing plant. Her symptoms aren't too bad now. She's staying in another part of the house. Hopefully, the family won't get it.

COVID knows no race, but brown and black people are affected in much higher numbers because of where they work, and other health related factors. God help them, and everyone working in manufacturing lines, or on the front lines of distributing goods and services, caring for the sick, providing transportation, and styling hair! We sure need you all!

I was raised in rural white communities. It was a wonderful way to grow up. At the same time, I enjoy travel, learning languages, culture, many different kinds of food and music, and many different kinds of people because it makes life interesting, and shows what an imagination our Creator has to make us all so different, yet at the core, so very much alike! I continue to live in this community, because you called me here, and I love you! We need each other. Me, and my mixed-race family need a home and a community like anyone else, and you have welcomed us with open arms. You have shown the love of God to us in so many ways over and over again. We thank you. I thank you.

We are living in a tense time. We come at things each from our own set of experiences, and our own world view, whether it be on how seriously to take COVID-19, the question of race in America, or which set of politicians are trust worthy, if any. None of that is what brings us together. What unites us is a life-giving relationship with God that has knit us together as one body in Christ, so that others may know and experience the goodness and the saving grace of the love of God, in Christ Jesus. We will press on in this ministry, won't we? It is not always comfortable. The woodcuts around the cross in the ALC sanctuary remind me of that. Jesus shared these words with his disciples: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."* John 14.27



# Worship & Music Notes

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

July 5:	Job 41:1-8; 42:1-17	"A Life Rebuilt Through Mercy and Compassion"
July 12:	2 Corinthians 1:1-11	"Consolation"
July 19:	2 Corinthians 2:1-10	"Forgiveness"
July 26:	2 Corinthians 4:1-18	"Treasure in Clay Jars"

Blessings to all as we start the second half of 2020! During the days and weeks ahead, may we continue to help provide and support others, emotionally and physically. Just as nature is blooming with new growth, may you also grow in the Lord's service.

On July 12th, the focus of worship services will look at the book of 2 Corinthians. This 5 week series will last until the middle of August. This series will look at the letters from Paul, as he interacts with the early Christian community at Corinth. Through Paul's travels one learns how consolation and forgiveness work to heal. Paul expresses people are filled with God's Holy Spirit, which becomes evident as one walks by faith to serve all of God's children. Through these actions, people experience a renewed sense of generosity. Learn how one's focus in life can change to help others.

**Returning to worship in the Sanctuary!** Following CDC and Minnesota Health Guidelines, the plan is to return to worship in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays, beginning June 24th at 5:30 PM and Sundays, beginning June 28th at 9:00 AM. Both these services will be similar. For those who enjoy Saturday services, please attend either service during this time. Please be aware of these guidelines. To create a healthy environment for all, we will follow social distancing of 6 feet, encourage the use of masks and hand sanitizer. For now, the congregation is not allowed to sing, but is allowed to hum, tap toes, clap hands, snap fingers, and speak responses in a quiet manner. Not feeling comfortable returning to worship at this time? Please continue to participate in the additional worship opportunities: Facebook, ALC Youtube, or KDOM 103.1 FM radio broadcast, Sunday at 10:30 AM, and local Cable Channel 3 Thursdays.

**Ushers and Greeters are needed:** As we return to worship in the Sanctuary, there is a need to expand our current listing of ushers and greeters. If you are able to assist in either area, please contact Jane Cartwright (831-5032) or the church office.

## Special Services in July:

July 12th: Service will be at Cottonwood Lake. Please bring your lawn chair, sunscreen, and water bottle. Spiritual Life and Fellowship will offer ice cream bars following the service. Poor weather conditions - service will return to the sanctuary.

July 19th: Mid-year meeting

Holy Communion will be offered at services on Sundays, July 5 and 26, and Wednesdays, July 15 and 22.  
Noisy Offering(s): Bring your change Wednesday, July 8th and Sunday, July 12th at Worship at the Lake.

## July Noisy Offering: School Kits

The Noisy Offering will go towards school supplies for the ELCA Mission in Action Backpacks filled with school supplies.

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook.

School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford.

Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.

These backpacks are assembled by GLOW. and are distributed internationally to children in need. Thank you for giving!

**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!

Here we are in July! Crazy! Things are slowly getting back to normal at church, well our new normal for now! It is so great to see faces in the pews again! I am hoping to be able to take some kids to Minneapolis at the end of July to help out an organization called Urban Ventures. One of their main goals is to break the cycle of poverty by sending every kid in their neighborhood to college. This is their mission statement:



## URBAN VENTURES MISSION STATEMENT

Educating kids, strengthening their families, and building a healthy community.

If it all works out, we will be helping with the Farm and Nutrition program at their Lakeville farm. The food grown at the farms helps area food shelves and soup kitchens.

The Christian Education Board, along with Pastor Sarah and myself, have decided that VBS will be reimagined this year! We will be splitting up each day of VBS into a month and each station of VBS will take place at 1 day of BAM. For example: Month 1 will be the theme for Day 1. The first week of that month will focus on Bible Adventures, the next week will focus on Imagination Station(crafts), the next week will focus on games, the next week will focus on KidVid Cinema and of course there is still the awesome music! Kids will get to dig deeper into each activity that is offered for each week!

If you have interest in teaching BAM this year, please contact Melanie!

That is all the BIG news I have for now!

God's peace and blessings for your month of July-

Melanie Shamp, Christian Education/Youth and Family Coordinator



## Youth News:



Jr. league: Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Zoom! We will have a NEW super fun game to play! Be sure to join the fun!

Sr. League: Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting 8pm-9pm with a Virtual Game of Clue with other groups!! It will be a blast! DON'T MISS IT!

Mission trip Mini: Stay tuned for more information on going up to Minneapolis at the end of July to help out at Urban Ventures Lakeville farm! I am waiting to hear back on dates. Grades 6-12 are welcome!

## Christian Ed News:

**VBS:** Will be incorporated into our BAM Curriculum, which will be AMAZING!

**\*\*\*Check out our VBS Website!\*\*\*** <https://vbspro.events/p/alcrockyrailway>



On this website you can register your child for BAM/VBS (one in the same this year) AND you can volunteer to be a leader!

Please let Melanie know if you would be interested in teaching BAM/VBS this year. Or sign up on the VBS website! We are still unsure if will start up "full force" in September but I am anticipating starting up at some point so we will need teachers! It will be SO FUN with the VBS curriculum!

**First Communion! Mark your calendars:** First Communion Instruction classes for 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm, Wednesday, July 15 at 6:45pm and they will receive their First Communion on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Worship. Parents and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders should have received letters in the mail with more info!

# Good to Know

## 2020 Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Sunday, July 19th during our 9:00 AM worship service.

**God is on the move in our congregation. Make plans to attend. Agenda items will include:**

- ◇ Financial Report
- ◇ The continued Ministry of our Congregation.



## Worship at the Lake Sunday, July 12th 9:00 AM

at Cottonwood Lake. Come as you are and bring your own lawn chair and sunscreen. Spiritual Life and Fellowship will be serving ice cream treats following the service.

## The Banquet, Sioux Falls Thursday, July 23rd.

Each year in July we take a group to serve food at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. We are hoping to do that again on July 23. Because of Covid 19, they are currently serving takeout meals but hope to be back in the dining hall in July. Safety measures will be in place and masks and gloves will be provided. Adults and youth (age 10 and above) may volunteer. A DONATION box is located in the Skylight Court. Suggested donation items include travel size hygiene products, toiletries, clean cool whip containers, feminine products, diapers, and coloring or puzzle books. There is also a jar for monetary donations. If you would like to volunteer please call the church office.



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.

**\*\* Altar Guild does not meet in June, July, or August. \*\***

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 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!

**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!

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.

## Making Your Will?

For those of you who are thinking about doing estate planning ALC would ask you to consider your congregation. There are many funds to which you could donate that would bless your church. If you really love the building you can put money in the Emergency Maintenance Fund to help pay down the major expenses that come our way. If you feel technology is a blessing there's a fund for that along with funds for our Youth Coordinator, Wednesday Night Meals, Camperships, Organ Fund, or to donate to the Trust Fund which uses that money for a wide range of different ministries. If you have a passion for specific ministries here at ALC please consider putting us into your will.

## 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 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](mailto: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.

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

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!

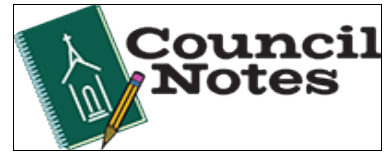


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## **CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM June 9th, 2020 MEETING**



- Re-opening Team Recommendations and Survey Results - Bill T, Jane C and Pastor Sarah reviewed the document provided by the Re-opening Team, along with the results of the survey asking members about their concerns with returning to worship in the church building (see attached document). Motion by John Shamp to provide the opportunity to begin services at 50% capacity, beginning June 24, at 5:30, and June 28, at 9:00am, with the Wednesday service being recorded for the online service. Second by Steve Johnson. MM/S/C. Steve Johnson also provided a thank-you to those that gave their time and talents to the re-opening team.
- Commitments to Cultivating Community; Engagements Toward Racial Justice - Pastor Sarah spoke on the power of our Mission Statement with cultivating community to love and serve, and shared the ELCA position of commitments of equality for all and inclusion. Discussion on how we react to people that are different than ourselves, how we hear narratives, and how we need to engage with people that are different than ourselves. Ideas to create programs and activities to include diversity were asked for; kickball, attending ethnic religious services, ALC's outreach, Holy Trinity Lutheran in Minneapolis and their work, taking a group to Holy Trinity to spend a day working with them, self-study and reflection with a book study, and a Celebration of Culture like Worthington, MN does, etc.) Send additional ideas to the pastors.
- Boards and Council Will Convene at the Church on July 7 and July 14 With Boards Back to Normal Times - The Fellowship Hall is available for larger board meetings and the council meeting; Zoom is still available for those preferring its use.
- Tentative Worship at the Lake Church Service, July 12, at Cottonwood Lake - since the city is not yet taking reservations for the parks, the date is tentative. Suggested that rather than root beer floats the purchase of prepackaged ice cream treats be done.
- Approval of Mid-Year Meeting July 19th - Lindsey C shared his experience at an Arizona church service where their meeting was held during the service itself. Motion by Sarah Tailowright and seconded by John Shamp to hold our mid-year meeting during the 9:00am service on July 19.
- Approval of Bills - Budget and Finance completed this task.
- Other - Pastor Sarah provided information on the staff discussion concerning non-members utilizing the church during the pandemic. As our current emphasis is on the safe re-entering of worship, and performing it safely for those who desire to return to worship, events that are not related to worship will be declined at this time.

### **Board Reports:**

Worship and Music - Sarah Tailowright reported that they held a meeting on the church lawn and discussed re-opening.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon Thompson updated the council on their lake service questions.

Discipleship, Marketing and Stewardship - Steve Johnson reported they did not meet as a board in May, but they are in discussion with the Synod and the ALC Trust Fund pertaining to gifting/estate planning.

Properties - Linda Jaakola provided an update on church cleaning, repair and the upcoming walk through. Repair and cleaning included main floor carpets, Fellowship Hall floors, a leak on the third floor and in the bell tower, and the completion of the railing installation.

Budget and Finance - Keith Pohlman reported bills and benevolences have been paid.

Christian Education - Amanda Wilson reported that there will be no VBS this summer due to COVID. The materials that were to be used for VBS will be used for fall BAM.

Youth and Family - John Shamp updated the council on the card/gift delivery to the graduates. Each graduate received an Amazon gift card and a Windom DQ gift card. He also noted he has received a variety of thank yous from recipients.

Church in Society - Pastor Adam reported for this board in the absence of Betty Olson. Information concerning The Banquet, on July 23, was shared.

GLOW - Kathy Hiley updated the council on the Zoom Bible Study that begins next week, and noted that the Shetek Quilt Auction will be held online with the online store opening June 20.

# For the Record

## ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 6/23/20:

Income: \$204,947

Expenses: \$225,928

Borrowed: \$22,000

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



**Baptisms:** Na'eem Ucin and Sa'niyah Heavenly Smith, children of Bernard Smith and Sarah Ucin

**Deaths:** Floyd "Dennis" Vollan  
Delores Olsen

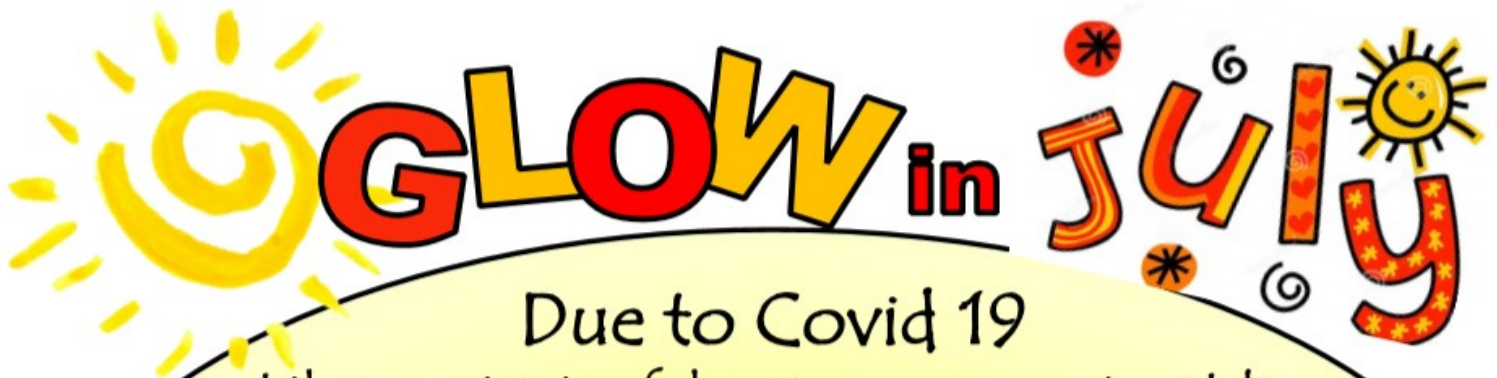
### MEMORIALS:

Video/Media Fund: In memory Ernie & Gen Carlson.

Renovation Fund: In memory of Arnold "Arnie" & Delores Olson.

### OFFERING OPTIONS:

The ministry of our congregation continues in many ways! While services will be starting again in-house here at ALC, the options remain open for ways of contributing your offerings. You may still use on-line giving on our website [alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com), mail in your offering to PO Box 188, Windom, drop it off at the church or simply place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions regarding these options, please contact Wendy Pigman in the church office.



Due to Covid 19

and the uncertainty of changing government guidelines,  
NO GLOW events are scheduled for July.

Check the August Messenger for information  
on a possible August Bible Study.

Stay safe and pray that we can all be  
together again soon!

***Gals Living Our Witness***

All women of American Lutheran Church Are members of GLOW!!

Our Purpose Statement: "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in our church, our society, and our world."



**July 2020**



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## Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Shetek is waiting to hear from the MN Department of Health (MDH) for some final guidelines for resident/overnight camps to open in July. We are preparing for camps to begin on July 5 with several modifications to follow CDC, MDH and American Camp Association guidelines/resources. We'll be sending out several updates for registered campers and we will also have updated information on the website.

We are also offering a virtual camp experience called **"Shetech"**. Check the website for a link to register!

In the meantime, watch for other ways to connect with camp – our 10:05am devotions on Facebook, Mon-Fri and other special events online on Facebook.

**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

1. The Quilt Auction will be a Quilt Sale through our online store this year. All items will be sold through the store starting on June 27 and continuing through July 4. Go to the website - <https://shetek.org/store/> to purchase items and support camp!
2. Our Golf Tournament is postponed to August 31. Watch for updates.

*One of the songs we sing at camp (My Lighthouse) says, "I won't fear what tomorrow brings*

*With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through"  
God's love never fails us!!*

**During this time, we are thankful for donations from supporters when we don't have any retreat or program income. If you are able to help out, we really appreciate it!**

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is on hold for now. So far, we've raised just over \$1,000,000 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.

