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Please Join Us for our in house worship, outdoor 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.

Wednesday, September 2nd

5:30 PM Worship

Sunday, September 6th

9:00 AM **Worship at the Lake w/**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Wednesday, September 9th

5:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion, Noisy Offering, and Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 13th

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM **Worship at the Lake**

Wednesday, September 16th

5:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion, New Member Recognition, and Installation of Confirmation Small group guides

Sunday, September 20th

9:00 AM **Worship at the Lake w/ New Member Recognition**

Wednesday, September 23rd

5:30 PM Worship w/Blessing of Nursery Bibles

Sunday, September 27th

9:00 AM **Worship at the Lake w/Holy Communion and Blessing of Nursery Bibles**

Wednesday, September 30th

5:30 PM Worship w/Blessing of 3rd Grade Bibles



****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. ****

Worship and life at ALC during the Pandemic: September Edition

Little by little we are finding ways to get back together while doing everything we can to keep everyone safe. This asks us to work together for the common good. It's what loving one another is all about! My discomfort is nothing, compared to knowing that I've done what I can to protect you.

We will meet in person when and where we can, while continuing to provide on-line options for both meetings and worship. We know some are really itching to connect in person, while others are most comfortable at home. Each one must do what they are comfortable with.



Outside is better! We are doing what we can outside into September with continuing Worship at the Lake, - weather permitting! Remember to keep a social distance of 6 feet, even when outside, and if you can't wear a face covering.

When in the building:

By state mandate, everyone must wear a face covering while in the building. Staff also will wear face coverings while working during the week, unless working alone. Face masks are available as you enter the building if you did not come with yours.

Social Distancing within the building is a must: keep a 6-foot distance from others who are not in your family group.

Seating in the sanctuary: Use the side aisles. An usher in the middle aisle will show you where to sit. Seating will be from the front to the back with social distancing. Those of the same household can sit together. Please follow the direction of the usher, even if it is not where you "normally" sit. When worship is over, you will be ushered out from back to front.

Worship: Since COVID-19 is an air borne disease, singing is a liability. This makes us sad, but we continue to have music! Piano and organ, song leaders, and videos will provide music while the rest of us hum along, tap our toes, and worship in our hearts and minds.

Food at church: 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 are not 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. Technology has been a huge help when we can't all gather in person.



Pastor's Message

Contributions to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis

Situated just off Lake Street, Holy Trinity is a congregation committed to serving the neighbor. Throughout the summer their basement has been a collection center for food, diapers, and cleaning supplies, and their parking lot has been used to put these goods in the hands that need them. Our congregation has partnered with Holy Trinity through prayer, sending volunteers and monetary contributions of \$1150, as part of our baptismal covenant *to work for justice and peace. Thank you, all!!*

Pastor's article

Proverbs 22:6 The Message

6 Point your kids in the right direction — when they're old they won't be lost.

Good news! In August at ALC three babies were given new life in Jesus Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. At Bethany two children will be baptized in September. Pastor Adam and I have also been having conversations with the youth who will be confirmed in October. This, as schools are preparing to open, and we at church are finalizing plans for Faith Formation activities for our children and youth: BAM (Bible And Me) along with Confirmation. It is a year like no other, yet our goal remains the same: to pass on faith to the next generation. Will it stick? Will the faith that is taught and shared become the faith of our children and young adults? We hope and pray that it will! This is our shared mission. Each one has a part.

David Anderson is a Lutheran pastor who has been working at this for decades. He talks about **Five Principles of Faith Formation**

1. Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships – often in our own homes.
2. The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and ministry of the home.
3. Where Christ is present in faith the home is church too.
4. Faith is caught more than it is taught.
5. If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them.

At American Lutheran, we are beginning our BAM programming with packets to send home to each family this Fall, along with a weekly interactive ZOOM event for families to join in on. While activities at church are great, faith forming activities that happen in the home are even more essential, as it allows members of the family to all grow in faith together. Worship together as a family whether in person on Wednesday or Sunday, and then continue the experience at home with your packet and BAM online.

The teaching that happens in Confirmation is truly a partnership between home and church. When parents practice the Christian faith, and the church walks alongside them, faith has a much higher chance of sticking! Again, Anderson has something to teach us: **The Four Key Faith Practices:**

1. Caring Conversations – like sharing Highs and Lows, and like the conversations that happen in Confirmation Small Groups.
2. Devotions – setting aside time daily to read God's word and to pray.
3. Service – actively noticing the needs of others and meeting them.
4. Rituals and Traditions – a prayer before a meal, signing the cross on the forehead in blessing before bed or other times, special meals and activities that help form identity and give meaning.

Thank you for the way that each of you live your faith in Christ Jesus in a way that can be *caught through trusted relationships with the next generations. Don't be afraid to reach out and connect! I am grateful for your faithful witness. "Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16.14*

Pastor Sarah



¹David Anderson, SHEPHERD OF SOULS Faith Formation Through Trusted Relationships (Milestone Ministry, LLC, 2018), p. 17

² Ibid.



Worship & Music Notes

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

September Scripture Readings

September 6th,	Lord's Prayer - Forgive Luke 11: 1-4
September 13th,	Creation and Fall Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8
September 20th,	God's Promise to Abraham Genesis 15: 1-6
September 27th,	God Works through Joseph Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

It has been a year of changes. But yet, some events remain consistent. Warm August days turn to cool September mornings. Brilliant flower blooms of summer gently fade. But good things are ahead. There is anticipation as leaves begin to turn to the reds and oranges. Take time to enjoy the beauty in nature as God's color palette gradually transitions to the warm tones of fall. Sing his praises as he walks with you every day.

The schedule for worship services will remain the same through the month of September. Wednesday evening worship will begin at 5:30 PM. This service will be recorded for weekend online use (Facebook and ALC Website), KDOM 103.1 FM, and Cable Channel 3. Holy Communion is served on the 2nd and 3rd weeks of the month. Sunday morning worship will continue at the lake, weather permitting. This service begins at 9:00 AM. Holy Communion is served on the 1st and 4th weeks of the month. Bring a chair.

I am so grateful for those who have participated in worship services! If you would be interested in being an usher, scripture reader, or communion assistant please contact the church office. Contact Jane Cartwright if you would like to record a musical selection for use at a future service.

"Be strong. Be brave. Be fearless. You are never alone." Joshua 1:9

Welcoming of New Members

At American Lutheran Church we are followers of Jesus, who love community. We want a living relationship with God not just for us, but for all people. If you want to be a part of this ministry, we would love to have you! We will be welcoming New Members at worship on September 16th and September 20th. Please contact our church office or one of the pastors to learn more.

Noisy Offering This Month: Prayer Shawls

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was created to help those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Prayer shawls help individuals know that someone has been and continues to pray for them. It also encourages them to know that God is with them every step of the way, every day.

Each Prayer Shawl costs about \$15 to make. Please consider donating to this great Ministry.

Tune in to ALC's
Worship Broadcasts
on Sunday at 10:30
AM on KDOM 103.1
FM Thursdays at
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM
on
Windom Cable TV,
Channel 3

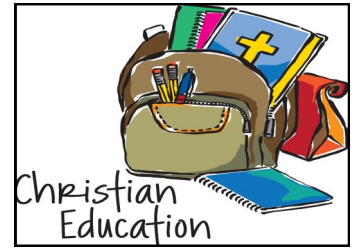
Christian Education & Youth News:

Greetings ALC Family!

This summer has gone by so fast! But with that has come more opportunities for us to begin gathering! AND SCHOOL IS STARTING SOON!



We will slowly begin to be able to gather in person, as we have with church already, but for now I'm sure you have heard we will start BAM virtually over Zoom! It will be fun and interactive, using our Rocky Railway curriculum from VBS! The kids will get to do things along with the Zoom and won't just have to sit and listen! There will be monthly packets available so kids will have items to use while participating. A letter has been sent out to families regarding the plans and it is also available on Facebook! There is also a survey available that we would love for parents to fill out so we can get an idea of how many packets will be needed. There will be separate packets for Nursery through Pre-K with easier to understand lessons but they will go right along with what is being taught! Below is a sample of what the lesson will look like for the first month and also when pick-up time will be for packets. Virtual BAM will begin on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30pm and on Sunday, September 20th at 10:30am. More information for Zoom log-in and other important things below!



We are excited to have the 5th and 6th graders studying the Small Catechism! They will be receiving a Small Catechism in the mail. We have found some really great things to share with them and there will be interactive lessons on Zoom starting at 7:15 Wednesday evenings and 11:15 am Sunday mornings. These will start on Wednesday, September 16th. More information for Zoom log-in and other important things below!

7th Graders will be joining John Shamp on Zoom at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings to dig into the intriguing movie and book study of The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel. We have gotten a lot of great feedback on this from the kids that have done it already! When we are able to meet in the building, we will have a Sunday 7th grade class again. More information for Zoom log-in and other important things below!

Confirmation will also be starting on Wednesday, September 16th! A letter was sent out to all families with students in 8th and 9th grade. The 8th Graders will be in the Sanctuary and the 9th Graders will be in the Fellowship Hall. Please see below for dates on the parent meeting and Acolyte training. The Christian Education Board meets monthly and they will continue to evaluate the plans for BAM as restrictions due to COVID are lifted. Of course, we continue to pray that we are able to be back in the building for BAM sooner than later! But we know, only God knows the plans!

Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times! God's peace and blessings to all!

Melanie Shamp
Christian Education/Youth and Family Coordinator



Come to the Windom Rec Fields on **Sunday, September 20th at 6:00 PM** for our kick off to the school year with our Burger Bash and Kickball! We will be playing kickball on

eagle field, so bring your friends! There will also be a free meal including hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies, and lemonade before kickball. Come have a blast and help us celebrate this school year! Hope to see you there!





Christian Ed News:

Wednesday, September 9th: Monthly packet pick-up. Packets will be in the lobby of the parking lot doors available for pick up anytime that day.

Wednesday, September 9th: Blessing of the Backpacks at the 5:30 pm Worship service

Sunday, September 13th: Blessing of the Backpacks at the 9am Worship at the Lake!

Wednesday, September 16th: BAM Zoom at 6:30 pm for N-4th grade. BAM Zoom at 7:15 pm for 5th-6th Grade and BAM Zoom at 6:30 with John Shamp for 7th Grade.

Sunday, September 20th: BAM Zoom at 10:30 am for N-4th grade. BAM Zoom at 11:15 for 5th-6th Grade. Come to the Windom Rec Fields on Sunday, September 20th at 6:00 PM for our kick off to the school year with our Burger Bash and Kickball! We will be playing kick ball on eagle field, so bring your friends! There will also be a free meal including hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies, and lemonade before kickball. Come have a blast and help us celebrate this school year! Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:30 PM and Sunday, September 27th at 9 AM: Nursery students will receive their Bibles at either of the appointed worship services.

Wednesday, September 30th at 5:30 PM and Sunday, October 4th at 9 AM: 3rd Graders will receive their Bibles at either of the appointed worship services.

Below is the sample of what each monthly lesson will look like:

Each monthly packet will include the following schedule and that will tell you what is needed out of the packet for each weekly lesson.

VBS/BAM Monthly Schedule (Nursery-4th Grade)

Month One: September/October Each monthly packet will include this information

Bible Point: Jesus' power helps us do hard things

Bible Story: Ananias helps Saul (Acts 9:1-19)

Bible Verse: "For I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

Week 1(Wednesday, Sept 16th and Sunday, September 20th)- Bible Adventures-During our BAM Session, we will be "acting out" the story and really getting kids involved!

Item needed from the packet-Rocky Railway Bible Book. Watch and participate with a skit on Zoom to see all of the good details of the story!

Week 2(Wednesday, Sept 23rd and Sunday, September 27th)-Imagination Station: Arts and Crafts! One of the kids' favorites!

Item needed from the packet-Imagination Station craft. Melanie will talk about how this relates to the theme for the week and show you how to make the craft!

Week 3(Wednesday, Sept 30th and Sunday October 4th)- Loco Motion Games: Another favorite of the kids! Fun, innovative games that drive home the Bible point, story and verse! Along with this day we will do Chew Chew snacks!

Item needed from the packet-copy of Loco Motion games instructions and a copy of what the Chew Chew snack includes.

Week 4(Wednesday, Oct 7th and Sunday, Oct 11th)- Kid Vid Cinema- kids will get to watch a 10-15 minute video of kids their age as they tell stories about how God's power has pulled them through some tough situations!

Item needed from the packet-NOTHING! Sit back and enjoy the video! There will be some questions afterwards.

Packets will also include the schedule for the following month packet pick up.

September pick up will be on Wednesday, September 9th. Packets can be picked up anytime during that day. They will be located in the entry way of the parking lot doors.

The following information is the log-in for ALL of the Zoom meetings

The following information is the log-in for the recurring **Wednesday evening** virtual Rocky Railway

BAM Nursery -4th Grade

Topic: Rocky Railway BAM

Time: Sep 16, 2020 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada), Every week on Wed, 20 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76238677590?pwd=aGNJeVRmTIVFd2daSlk0WCtZekpqZz09>

Meeting ID: 762 3867 7590

Passcode: x3vLXk

The following information is the log-in for the recurring **Sunday morning** virtual Rocky Railway BAM Nursery - 4th Grade

Topic: Rock Railway BAM-Sunday

Time: Sep 20, 2020 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada), Every week on Sun, 20 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76991595589?pwd=TzI4WFdLSGtQYnhKZHBHK3RPMnRBdz09>

Meeting ID: 769 9159 5589

Passcode: Q49g5u

The following is the log-in for **5th and 6th Grade Wednesday BAM**

Topic: 5th and 6th Grade BAM-Wednesday

Time: Sep 16, 2020 07:15 PM Central Time (US and Canada), Every week on Wed, 20 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73591848095?pwd=SWpVWDdLbzFsZm1DNEtuUUVpNXE1dz09>

Meeting ID: 735 9184 8095

Passcode: FK2SA5

The following is the log-in for **5th and 6th Grade Sunday BAM**

Topic: 5th and 6th Grade BAM-Sunday

Time: Sep 20, 2020 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada), Every week on Sun, 20 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78313483477?pwd=ZEZaMUE1RWJ5clgyejJKWk9SVGIUT09>

Meeting ID: 783 1348 3477

Passcode: QhngD7

Zoom log-in for 7th Graders will ALWAYS be and recurring weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84251597508?pwd=MVFWRHE5WlhyU3ZhVk16em0yZEI5UT09>

Meeting ID: 842 5159 7508

Passcode: 484302

**Youth News:**

Wednesday, September 2nd: Confirmation Small Group Guides Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Parent meeting: Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm(right after 5:30pm worship): 8th Grade parents please meet in the sanctuary. 9th Grade parents, please meet in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 16th: CONFIRMATION BEGINS! 6:30pm. 8th Grade in the Sanctuary, 9th Grade in the Fellowship Hall!

Acolyte Training: Will be on Wednesday, September 23rd during Confirmation

Jr. League: the Burger bash and kickball will take place instead of Jr. League on Sunday, September 20th. Everyone is invited to the Windom Rec Fields for a night of fun! Help us celebrate the kick off to the school year! Bring your friends! All are welcome!

Sr. League: will be on Friday, September 28th at 7pm at the Shamp's it will be a bonfire kind of night! Food will be served! Please bring a chair!

Good to Know



For the month of September we are going to continue the structure of current services for Wednesday and Sunday. Wednesday night service will still begin at 5:30 PM and will be a similar service to Sunday. The Wednesday night service will also be recorded and used for the weekends online service, KDOM, and Local cable Channel 3.

GLOW

It's "Back to School" time! School supplies are going on sale so please consider buying items to complete **school kits** for Lutheran World Relief.

Items needed include:

70-80 sheet spiral notebooks (wide or college rule), pens (black or blue), and blunt school scissors.

For **baby kits**, items needed are bath size ivory soap, and hand towels.

For **personal care kits**, items needed are bath size soap and new bath towels.

Please bring your donations to church during office hours, Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings when the building is open. Thank you!

Want Communion?

Do you want communion but are still not fully comfortable with going to worship or cannot get to worship? As the restrictions on meeting in person are lifting in some areas concerning assisted living we pastors are now able to visit and give communion, yet, we don't want anyone to feel pressured that they have to have us over. If you'd like us to bring communion, or just visit, let the office know and we'll make it a point to come (with masks on of course) because we miss seeing you. This is available for anyone, not just those who cannot make it to worship.



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 CANCELED in September due to COVID.****

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.

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.

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!



The City of

Windom



ALC Board of the Month

ALC would like members and new members to be more informed about boards and committees and what they do here at ALC. Members of ALC make up these boards and committees serving two-year terms with a limit of 3 consecutive terms on one board and most committees not having a term limit. Each committee varies on when they meet. Each board meets once a month on the designated first or second Tuesday of the month. Each meeting lasts an hour with Church council to follow in which each board chair reports to council. Being on a board is a great opportunity to serve your church, help make positive changes, and help create, plan, and implement the many activities that go on here at ALC. To get to know our boards and committees we will be featuring a new board or committee in our monthly Messenger. The board we're featuring this month is ALC's Properties Board.

Properties Board



PROPERTIES BOARD MEMBERS:

Linda Jaakola, Chair
 Russ Thom, Secretary
 Doyle Mattson
 Keith Bloomgren
 Daron Frieson
 Brent Hanson
 Rick Quade

THE PROPERTIES BOARD shall concern themselves with the maintenance, repair, and care of the church properties and will ensure the general protection of the congregation against losses or damages. It shall be made up of seven persons elected by the congregation plus the custodian who shall be an ex-officio member.

GOALS:

- 1.) The Properties board will conduct a walk through of church properties in early spring (May) to determine what needs to be repaired or maintained and a checklist will be created.
- 2.) At least eighty percent of the items on the checklist will be completed before the next walk through in the spring.
- 3.) The properties board will develop a plan and timeline for procuring funding for large projects such as parking lot maintenance for example, as they arise yearly.

Legacy: Living and Leaving A Life With Meaning

By Rev. Keith Pearson, ELCA Foundation Regional Gift Planner

One of the universal desires we all have is that our life should be lived with meaning and purpose. We want to live in such a way that makes a positive impact on the world around us and on the lives of those we love. And, with some careful planning, we hope to leave something behind when we die – something to be remembered by, something that enables our life's work to live on long after we're gone. In life, and in death, we want our imprint on the world to be a reflection of our values. That is the very definition of a Legacy.

So, what will your legacy be? What story will your life tell? Have you given any thought to it, or will you simply leave your legacy to chance? Unfortunately, most of us spend more time planning our next vacation than we do planning (and/or reviewing) our legacy.

What plans do you have in place? Do your plans include more than just a will? When did you last review your plans? Have you shared your plans with those around you who are important to you (your loved ones, the causes and institutions you support)?

That last step is perhaps the most important. Often even good, solid, legal and financial plans still fail to accomplish a person's legacy goals. Your legacy is more than just some numbers on a financial ledger or a name on the deed to a bit of land. Your legacy should be a story, and the story should tell what you are most proud of and what gave your life its deepest meaning.



Years ago I read an article by a person who recounted his experience at the reading of the last will and testament of his recently deceased grandmother. What he expected was a typical, bland, lifeless narration that goes something like this: "I (insert the deceased person's name), being of sound mind and body do hereby bequeath the following..." which is then followed by a laundry list of cash and other assets and who they go to.

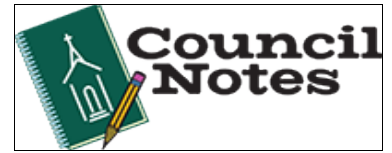
But what he heard instead was a beautiful, extremely personal and touching narration by his grandmother about her faith. She wrote about how her faith had sustained her in good times and bad. She framed her whole life, her experiences and her possessions, as purposeful and faithful. Clearly she wanted to pass along not just possessions, but the faith that had shaped her whole life. And in so doing, she shaped how her heirs remembered her and how they received whatever possessions she left to them.

Inherited wealth and possessions may quickly fade, but an inherited faith that gives life purpose and meaning is a gift that will last a lifetime... or more!

Keith Pearson is the ELCA Foundation's Regional Gift Planner in Western Minnesota. His services are available at no charge to those interested in leaving legacy gifts to local congregations, ministries of the ELCA, and other charitable causes. He can be reached at 612-718-4197 or keith.pearson@elca.org.

Members of American Lutheran Church of Windom are invited to reflect on what their faith means to them and consider remembering this congregation in their will.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM **August 11th, 2020 MEETING**



- President Michalski shared information on the number of volunteers working behind the scenes at ALC, the strength of our staff, and thanked them.
- Facebook Reviews - Pastor Adam provided a demonstration on how to post reviews on Facebook. Steve Johnson added that D/S/M has also discussed this and other options for posting reviews, along with the importance of the reviews when individuals do searches on the internet. Council members are asked to complete reviews.
- Future Trends in Ministry - Pastor Adam provided information on changes in today's ministry (see attached). Council members discussed ALC's status, possible updates with trends, and how we may have ministry outside our walls; how do we raise disciples; how do we energize parents and make BAM and confirmation exciting. Steve Johnson shared his thoughts that ALC is ahead of the curve with the technology team and staff; suggested networking with other churches.
- Update on School Usage of the Church Sept to Nov, 2020 - Linda Jaakola, of Properties, provided their information pertaining to suggested rental fees; \$7.00 per foot on 2,300 square feet. There will be an ad-hoc committee (Pastors, Dorothy F, Properties, B&F) to meet with school representatives and the other churches involved to complete discussions. Once final information is available it will be made available to council for an e-mail vote. Motion by Linda Jaakola to allow an e-mail vote of ad-hoc committee recommendation. MM/S/C
- Backpack Program - Jamie Frank verified that this program will continue with the beginning of school.

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Sarah Tailowright reported they approved the request by Karen Wojahn to provide organ lessons to a student of ALC.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon Thompson updated the council on the baptism at the lake and the two upcoming baptisms. With the school year approaching, they are also sending Thinking of You card to school employees that are members of ALC.

D/M/S - Steve Johnson reported they did not meet.

Properties - Linda Jaakola discussed the school rental process; the board has put together a list of repair priorities which includes the parking lot, air conditioning for third floor, parsonage painting, leaks, dishwasher, the handicapped door, etc.)

B&F - Keith Pohlman reported the bills are paid.

Christian Ed - Jamie Frank shared updated on the BAM curriculum, the decision to begin virtually, researching a catechism curriculum for 4-5 graders, dates for confirmation (Oct 10 and 24, 2020), Family Swim on Aug 16 and Adult Learning in Sept.

Youth and Family - John Shamp reported that Melanie Shamp is meeting with other church youth directors to combine activities in an effort to encourage and involve more youth.

Church In Society - Betty Olson updated the council on the funds raised for The Banquet (\$438) and the challenge of raising funds during COVID-19.

GLOW - Jean Johnson reported on the school and baby kits that have been made. They meet again August 18 to continue projects, and will also be quilting Sept 8 and 22. The Shetek Online Quilt Sale raised over \$25,000, which is less than last year, so there will be a Holiday Quilt Sale. The quilts donated by ALC raised \$790 in the Online Quilt Sale.

For the Record

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 8/24/20:

Income: \$311,016

Expenses: \$305,507

Borrowed: \$10,000



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

Baptisms:

Amelia Ruth Walton, daughter of Zac & Jessica Walton.

Brielle Eloghene Akpavie, daughter of Kayla Chester.

Theadora June Bartel, daughter of Lance & Katelyn Bartel.

Deaths: *Jerry Gentry*

Betty Kipfer

Rick Gannott

Neil "Curly" Silker

MEMORIALS:

General Fund: *In memory of Rick Gannott.*

Youth Fund: *In memory of Jerry Gentry.*

Music Fund: *In memory of Betty Kipfer & Neil "Curly" Silker.*

Video/Media Fund: *In memory Rick Gannott, Betty Kipfer, & Neil "Curly" Silker.*

Renovation Fund: *In memory of Rick Gannott, Neil "Curly" Silker, Betty Kipfer, James Redding & Delores Olson.*

OFFERING OPTIONS:

The ministry of our congregation continues in many ways! While services have started again in-house here at ALC and at the lake, the options remain open for ways of contributing your offerings. You may still use on-line giving on our website 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.

THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

ALC wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as away to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card. Online Giving allows you to go to the American Lutheran Church website at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.



GLOW News!

Gals Living Our Witness

American Lutheran Church Women's Ministry 2020

Sewing
MENDS THE
soul

In August,
58 School Kits
47 Baby Kits
27 Quilts
were delivered to the
LWR warehouse in St. Paul.
Thank you to ALL that helped
make these!!!



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Bring your own beverage and lawn chair.

Join us on Tuesdays,
September 8 & 22
9am—Noon

Bring your own beverage and mask
Come for a fun morning of fellowship
and service as we assemble quilts for the
Women of Today Christmas Cheer Box.
Due to Covid 19 and canceled spring sewing,
we need to make more quilts to donate to
this worthy cause in December.

Thursday, Sept 17 @ 2 pm
Island Park Shelter
(weather permitting) OR
the meeting Room across
from the church office
*If in doubt, call the church
office for location.*

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Session One:

**HOLY MEMORY: WHY WE
REMEMBER AND HOW
GOD RE-MEMBERS US"**

Questions? Contact
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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

265 campers came to Shetek this summer!

We had family campers, ABC campers and Grandparent/Grandchild campers, along with our youth campers from 2nd grade to 10th grade. Here are some of the comments we heard -

"My daughter really loved her counselors. They made her want to come back!"

"Counselors were great! My camper had nothing but great things to say!"

"She had good conversations with her counselor and cabin mates. She wants to get a version of the Bible more appropriate for her age and a new devotional book to spend more time with God."

We learned about God's faithfulness through generations from Abraham to Joseph to Paul, all the way to us and beyond. God continues to be with us and His love never changes, no matter what.

Our summer staff did an incredible job under challenging circumstances and we are so grateful for all their hard work.

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!

Updates from camp!

Our Quilt Sale went very well. Over \$25,000 was raised for the ministry at Shetek! Thank You to all who bought an item! Watch for more information about a Holiday Sale through our online camp store.

Missing camp? Families are invited to come out for a getaway. Our program options are limited but we will work with you for some activities that you would like to do - swimming, boating, pontoon rides, fishing, campfires, daily devotions, etc. Contact Jean at 507-763-3567 or jean@shetek.org to set up your time at camp!

During this time, we are thankful for donations from supporters when we don't have any retreat income and program income is way down. 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.

