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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!



****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. ****

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, October 4th

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion and Blessing of 3rd Grade Bibles

Wednesday, October 7th

5:30 PM Worship

Sunday, October 11th

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Recognition of Women Ordination (50th Anniversary)

Wednesday, October 14th

5:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion and Noisy Offering

Sunday, October 18th

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, October 21

5:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, October 25th

Reformation Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion and Blessing of Nursery Bibles

Wednesday, October 28th

5:30 PM Worship



OCTOBER

Worship and life at ALC during the Pandemic: October Edition

Thank you to all who have been working together to be the Church, together and apart during this time! We are the Body of Christ in this place. *In all things, may our faith be active in love.*

Lots happened in September. School began! Hats off to everyone working in our schools and to parents who are making the best of the time we are in, and keep our kids learning. At ALC we are doing the same! Confirmation began with about 40 8th and 9th graders, along with their Small Group Guides split between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Our Christian Education program Bible and Me (BAM) along with the 5th & 6th grade program began on ZOOM as most of our rooms do not allow our children to be spaced 6 feet apart. 7th grade “*A Case for Christ*” is meeting in our comfortable youth room. Yay! We are grateful to have been able to hold the funerals for many of our people in the sanctuary.



October brings colder weather and we will have to move gatherings like Worship at the Lake, Women’s and Men’s Bible study inside. The principals are:

Keep a six-foot distance from those not in your family.

Wear a face covering. (these are available in the church if you did not bring your own.)

If you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the COVID-19 virus, please stay home.

Please know that our ability to continue to meet in the church depends on each one of us adhering to these guidelines. We have been blessed to far. Thanks be to God! If the COVID positivity rate in Cottonwood County changes, we may have to implement changes here at church as well.

Weekly worship is available virtually! (Facebook/ YouTube) and on the radio and on cable TV.

Technology has been a huge help when we can’t all gather in person. Please tune in when you cannot be here in person.

Financial Contributions in support of the ministry of this congregation are received at the rear of the sanctuary at the close of each worship service. You may also mail in your contributions or contribute online through our webpage <https://www.alcofwindom.com/> Thank you for your faithful support. *We give because God gives to us. Our ministries share God’s love!*

Food at church: There will be no coffee hour or food served until further notice. ☹

Music in 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.

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.



Pastor's Message

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

-Romans 12:16-18

I remember being about eleven at my uncle's house one day and my uncle and my dad were talking politics. One argued vehemently for the Democrats, the other for the Republicans. They used logic, news articles, and history and it got heated. They were so passionate that if I didn't know any better I thought fists might start flying.

End of the day though we went home and nobody's mind was changed and to this day the one only votes Democrat and the other only votes Republican.

Christians are called to live in harmony with one another and called to live peaceably and I think we need to all work harder on that, especially me, especially in political seasons.

Saying mean things about a candidate (or anyone), even when true, in order to hurt them in any way, is not only something a Christian should not do, but it also doesn't change how a person is going to vote, but instead builds walls. Spreading Trump's locker room talk or posting videos of Biden being creepy with girls will not change voters' minds.

By all means, if justice needs to be had, we pray for that. But to simply drag a person's name through the mud to show others how terrible they are is not Christian nor helpful. Yes, morality ought to play a role in how we vote and if you find a candidate immoral enough that you can't vote for them then express your opinions in a non-inflammatory and kind manner if you are asked.

Also, lumping people into a generalized derogatory category based on how they vote also isn't Christian. To say all Republicans hate immigrant babies and want them caged and to say all Democrats are baby killers is not true nor helpful. No party is perfect, we know that, we do the best we can with the choices we have.

So how do we live in harmony and peace? There's about a 50% chance whom you want for president won't get elected. Do we just give up and wait another 4-8 years? No, we strive for harmony and peace. We talk about the issues and try to find solutions. Do both candidates seem to have some things in their past that creep people out? They sure do, but one of them will get elected and the question is how do we serve Christ under that president?

We focus on the issues, what works, and we compromise. I would say just about everyone wants to see abortion rates decrease to zero, so how do we get there? Sure, make laws the majority agree on, but research shows sex education and access to contraception significantly decrease abortion rates too. How can we work together bringing the best of both parties?

I would say almost everyone does not like seeing families torn apart at the border and that our immigration system needs extensive work, so how do we work in harmony to make this situation better?

We're not going to agree on everything, we're not going to fully get our way, but we can make things better through God's ways of peace and harmony, not by the ways of villainizing, mudslinging, and/or name calling. We Christians need to work a lot harder at that (myself being #1 in that department) and may God bless us in that endeavor.

Pastor Adam Roberts





Worship & Music Notes

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

Scripture Passages for October:

Week of:

Sept 30 - Oct 4: The Promise of Passover Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

October 7 - 11: The Golden Calf Exodus 32:1-14

50th Anniversary Ordination of Women Galatians 3: 23-29

October 14-18: God Answers Hannah 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

October 21-25: God's Promise to David 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Oct. 28-Nov. 1: God's Care for the Widow 1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]



Words and phrases to listen and look for this month during worship:

One Lord! Shall, Enemies, House! Moses, We belong to God! Aaron, God's promises! Egypt, Eli, God Answers! There's no one like God! Hannah, Brought People Out, Strength, Nathan

American Lutheran Church has stepped into the busy weeks of connecting with Jesus. Bibles are being blessed and placed in the hands of youngsters, Youth are participating in BAM/Confirmation, and teens will step into the next phase of participating in the community of faith as they renew their baptismal vows and share their faith statements.

There are a variety of services scheduled for October. American Lutheran Church will have 24 young adults who will participate in their Affirmation of Baptism this fall. With the larger class size and current COVID-19 guidelines, it has been decided to split the group into two groups.

Group 1 (Last names A-J) will be Confirmed on Saturday, October 10th at 11:00 AM.

Group 2 (Last names N-Z) will be Confirmed on Saturday, October 24th at 11:00 AM.

In order to provide enough social distancing in the sanctuary, with the current guidelines, we ask that congregational members please acknowledge these individuals with a card in the mail, rather than attending the service. Further information regarding these services will be announced over the next few weeks.

On Sunday, October 11th, the Worship and Music Board and GLOW will highlight the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women. This service will highlight several Ordained Women from our Shetek Conference. November 22, 1970, became a significant day with the ordination of Elizabeth Platz. She was the first woman of European descent ordained in a Lutheran church body in North America. Ten years later, April 13-16, 1980, female pastors from AELC, LCA, and ALC gathered for the first time. It was reported that people were uncertain if women's ordination would last. August 14, 2013, Elizabeth Eaton is the first woman of European descent elected as presiding bishop of the ELCA. Statistics from 1975 - 2015 indicate that the Cumulative Number of Women Pastors increased from 53 to 4,694.

For more data, please see the 45th Anniversary of Women's Ordination Report: elca.org/About/Leadership/WomensOrdination-research. Women's 50th Banners, Data from ELCA Research and Evaluation

Reformation Sunday is the last Sunday of October. It is a time to remember events that guided Martin Luther in writing 'The 95 Theses'. One of his important statements was that faith alone, and not deeds would lead to salvation.

October seems to be the month of historic timelines. I have been known in my family as the 'Keeper of the Documents'. Recently, I came across my Certificate of Baptism, dated October 12, 1958. It was placed inside my Confirmation Certificate, from May, 1973. I have several favorite Bible verses, but the one I selected for that day was Romans 8:1; There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Spend time this month to reflect upon your history. Can you find your Baptismal and Confirmation dates? What are your favorite verses from the Bible?

Noisy Offering This Month: Winfair Backpack Program

This program provides weekend meals to Winfair elementary students in Kindergarten - Fifth Grade. Last year the program served around 75 students and is expected to expand this year. Generous donations from the community make this independent program possible, as it receives no school funding.

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-AGAIN-to my ALC Family!

I say it this way because this month was gone in the blink of an eye! There has been so much going on, but that is truly AMAZING and I Praise God for that!

We have been trying to do a few fun things here and there and that has made time go faster! Of course, Rocky Railway BAM starting up and confirmation starting up and all that goes along with that takes up time as well! It's been a lot of fun getting the packets together and learn how to do things virtually! And it's been great to see new faces in the church with confirmation students!

One fun thing we will be trying new this year is a Teen Bible study! This will be for 8th-12th Graders! Please read below for the start date on that! If this goes well we will do one for middle school as well in the future! This will be in person at the church (spots TBD). There will be a girl's study and a guy's study. We may be doing the same study but 2 different groups! Melanie will lead the girl's group and John Shamp will lead the guys!

I am excited to see what the Lord has for the rest of this year!

God's blessings to all of you!

Melanie Shamp

Christian Education/Youth and Family Coordinator



Christian Ed News:

Sunday, October 4th: Blessing of 3rd Grade Bibles

Wednesday, October 7th 8pm: Group 1 Rehearsal for Confirmation

Saturday, October 10th 11am: Group 1 Confirmation

Wednesday October 14th: NO BAM, Small Catechism, Case for Faith or Confirmation-MEA

Rocky Railway BAM: New Packets for month 2 are ready to be picked up! We will continue virtually through month 2 (listed below). After the Christian Ed meeting on October 13th, we will have a better understanding how things are going with school and the nature of COVID-19. We will then be able to make a better decision on whether to continue BAM virtually or meet in person!

Month Two: October/November

Bible Point: Jesus' power gives us hope

Bible Story: Paul encourages others in a storm and shipwreck (Acts 27)

Bible Verse: "So be strong and courageous, all those who put your hope in the Lord." (Psalm 31:24)

Week 1 (Wednesday, October 14th **NO BAM** and Sunday October 18th) (yes this is MEA)- Bible Adventures

Week 2 (Wednesday, October 21st and Sunday, October 25th)-Imagination Station

Week 3 (Wednesday, October 28th and Sunday November 1st)- Loco Motion Games and Chew Chew snacks

Week 4 (Wednesday, November 4th and Sunday, November 8th)-Kid Vid Cinema

Adult Learning Opportunity! We will be playing back the recording of Storytelling with Rachel Wrenn! She recorded this in July for the SWMN Synod. "Finding Trust When Trust is Hard: How the Holy Spirit guides God's people through hard times, through the lens of Ezra." This is sure to be fun to watch as she digs into some very interesting and thought-provoking things! This will start after worship on Sunday, October 4th in the Fellowship Hall and go for 3 weeks.

Week 1: Ezra 1-3: Joy and sorrow intertwined; Spirit stirrings to make a beginning

Week 2: Ezra 4-8: "For the hand of God is upon me"

Week 3: "Learning from past mistakes: Power over the powerless, oppression for the oppressed and the things we do when we're desperate to survive."



Youth News:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH: Jr. League at the church at 6:30. We will watch a movie called To Save a Life.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH: 10 am DARE2SHARE LIVE at The Gathering Church: For those of you who are not getting confirmed, or not going to the confirmation service; Dare2Share LIVE is happening again this year!

What is Dare2Share LIVE?

Dare2Share LIVE- Every year, youth leaders from across the nation sign up their groups for our one-day live stream event that trains Christian students on sharing their faith. It is a great opportunity to grow closer to God and grow in your faith and even go out and gospelize it in the community! After all, that is what being a disciple of Jesus is all about, right?! Sharing the Good News! If you would like to go, it's free and Robin Snyder from the Methodist church has agreed to take kids from this church that want to go since Melanie will be busy with the confirmation service going on that day! Please let Melanie know if you would like to go and she will contact Robin with the names of those who want to go!

Wednesday, October 7th 8pm: Group 1 Rehearsal for Confirmation

Saturday, October 10th 11am: Group 1 Confirmation

Sunday, October 11th 4pm: First Day of Teen Bible Study!

Wednesday, October 14th: NO Activities, MEA

Sunday, October 18th 4pm: Teen Bible Study

Sunday, October 18th 6:30pm: Jr. League, Going to a corn maze/hayride!

Wednesday, October 21st 8pm: Group 2 Rehearsal for Confirmation

Friday, October 23rd 7pm: Sr. League, Going to a corn maze/hayride!

Saturday, October 24th 11am: Group 2 Confirmation



Good to Know

Thanksgiving Meals

Church and Society is again joining hands with our Community to provide turkey meals to families that could use a helping hand. Church and Society is collecting monetary donations to pack a minimum of sixty meals for families with the help of our local Dept. of Health and Human Services, businesses, organizations, and individuals.

We would appreciate any donation, big or small, that would help. If you prefer not having your name or business mentioned as a sponsor please let us know otherwise you will be acknowledged in the meal.

We could not complete this project without your donations. Thank you very much!!

-From the Church in Society Board



WOMEN'S ORDINATION BINGO

Have been baptized by a pastor who is a woman	Have been confirmed by a pastor who is a woman	Have been married by a pastor who is a woman	Someone in my family had a funeral conducted by a woman pastor	Raised in a Church that doesn't ordain women
I can recite Galatians 3:28	Have taken a course at a seminary (man or woman, ordained or not)	Know the name of one of the first 25 women ordained in the LCA or the ALC	I know the year of the vote to allow women to be ordained in Lutheran churches in the U.S.	Attended the ordination of a woman pastor
Have a pastor who is a woman	I can name three women at the grave of Jesus (who?)	FREE SPACE	I can name three women followers of Jesus in the time of the apostles (name)	Have been shaped by a Sunday-school teacher who was a woman (name)
I can name a Lutheran pastor nearby who is a woman	Name the first woman you ever saw wearing a clerical collar?	Have Lutheran pastors in your family (who?)	Write your name here if you have ever struggled with what to call a woman pastor	Find someone in the room who ever considered going to seminary (or perhaps did!)
I can name a Lutheran bishop who is a woman	Who among us has met a female Lutheran pastor more than 20 years ago? (~what year?)	Who among us has met a woman pastor from another denomination more than 20 years ago? (~what year?)	Have met a religious leader of another FAITH (Jewish, Hindi, etc.) who is a woman	I know what the term "rostered leader" means in the ELCA

Directions: Put a chip or check mark on each box that applies to you. Next, contact friends, family members, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to find boxes that apply to them. If a box applies to them, write their name in that box. The goal is to fill up your sheet and see how many bingos (four corners, diagonal, vertical, and horizontal) you get! This is also a great opportunity to socialize, get to know a loved one even more, and see how far women have come on the 50th Anniversary Women Ordination!

Good to Know

September 2020 American Lutheran Church Meals on Wheels

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who gave their time to deliver Meals on Wheels for September . Those receiving are very grateful.

Tom Cowan, Pogo Kaiser, Page Kern, Marge Paschke, Duane & Barb Pingeon, Roger Nerhus, Al Peterson, John Berge, Robert Halvorson, Lavern & Marilyn Sell, Kermit & Betty Twait, Rozanne Gronseth, Jane Moldaschel, Tim & Kathy Hiley, Dick & Betty Wiens, Dave & Donna Vaupel, Steve & Lori Seifert, Deb Minion, Dorothy Fundahn, Lori Mickelson, Gwen Armstrong, and Louanne Grams.

Subs:

Barb Pingeon, LeAnn Steere, Duane Pingeon, Tim Jenniges, Lou Masters, Gordy Scarset, Jerry Torkelson, and Rick Brown.



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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 is ON for
October 13th at 2pm! ****

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.

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 Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board.

Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board

SPIRITUAL LIFE & FELLOWSHIP BOARD MEMBERS:

Sharon Thompson,
Chair

Kristi Mickelson,
Secretary

Dannie Vagle

Deb Minion

Louann Grams

Mary Schumman

Lori Mickleson

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE & FELLOWSHIP BOARD

shall be responsible for the deepening and strengthening of the faith and activity of members by promoting and encouraging social and spiritual fellowship among members. It shall be made up of seven persons elected by the congregation.



GOALS:

1.) A main goal that our board focuses on is fellowship. We encourage the development of relationships and getting to know other people through the many activities we put on. Our Lutefisk Supper is an example of one activity that our board puts on yearly.

2.) The Spiritual Life & Fellowship board is also responsible for creating, planning, and implementing the many tasks that go into making the Pictorial Directory about every 4-5 years. The Pictorial Directory gets more people involved in church through volunteering and being able to identify and contact our church members.

3.) Another goal of ours is that everyone getting baptized here at ALC receives a Faith Chest. With this we want to nurture the faith life of our newest members and remind them that God blesses, protects, and guides them each and every day.

Welcome New Members!

New Members not Pictured:

Beverly Phillips

Stan & Marcia Erickson and son Lain

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Darren & Nicole Tietz with sons Quintin and Hayden



Jennifer Nuaman with children Aaden, Charlotte and Jonah



Tom & Sue Jensen

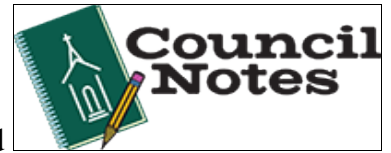


Cindy Clark



Kevin & Cheryl Ahern

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM September 8th, 2020 MEETING



- Update of School Usage - President Michalski updated the council of the school's decisions on community spaces and returning to their campus, and thanked the staff for their involvement in the process.
- Other - Jean Johnson questioned the church's status on returning fellowship with food. Discussion provided input on the state's documents on COVID and how to control the setting in a healthy manner. The subject will be returned to the ad-hoc committee.
- Approval of New Members - with the correction of the spelling of Quintin Teitz and the addition of Cindy Clark, MM/S/C to approve the new members.
- Burger Bash Discussion - John Shamp and Melanie Shamp shared plans for the event, asking for discussion by the council on thoughts of providing an outdoor event at this time. It was agreed that with an outdoor event, following the state's mandates, the event could be provided. Date set for September 20, a 6pm. MM/S/C

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Sarah Tailowright shared that Carol and Ronny Vought have an organ they would like to donate to the chapel. Thank you to the Vought's!

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon Thompson updated the council on the cancelling of the Lutefisk supper. With many attendees being of the mature generation they felt it best to cancel for one year for health safety reasons.

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship - Steve Johnson reviewed the boards information on the social media review numbers, with 1209 visitors to ALC's website in the last 30 days resulting in 6,580 visits and 8,644 referrals from Google. They will be contacting the youth to assist with the hand written notes being sent; continue to work on the Legacy Planning with a presentation on November 15; discussing ways to provide a New Member Welcome; studying the issue of how to do outreach in a digital world.

Properties - Linda Jaakola presented portions of the boards repair list, with the handicapped doors and parking lot being prioritized. Also noted was a review of the Fire and Building Code Occupancy Load is needed.

Budget and Finance - Keith Pohlman reported all bills paid and reminded the council that the budget forms will be sent out next month.

Christian Education - Melanie Shamp updated the council on the BAM status of being beginning digital and using the school's experience for future decisions. They are looking into a Teen Bible Study for student and are planning a September 26 trip to the Fairmont Apple Orchard. John Shamp was given approval to meeting with his class of 7th graders in person and offered to teach a boy's Teen Bible Study.

Youth and Family - John Shamp reviewed the Burger Bash plans and the concern that at the end of the year he and Jennifer Elness have completed their terms on the board; they have been the most active member of that board. It was shared that previous boards have had members remain on their boards in order to keep the boards vital. John also shared that they would like to add a youth member to their board.

Church In Society - Betty Olson provided updated information on the 2021 Banquet date of July 22. They will be sponsoring a wildlife area trash pick-up on September 10, with Scott Ralston, at 5pm. They are also discussing the Thanksgiving donation program; 60 meals were provided in 2019.

GLOW - Jean Johnson reviewed the number of kits GLOW has put together, along with the number of quilts made. Their next meeting is September 22. Thank you to those that have shared their time and talents on these projects! Bill Tjentland will take the kits/quilts to the warehouse.

For the Record

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 9/21/20:

Income: \$332,252

Expenses: \$342,330

Borrowed: \$10,000



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

Baptisms: No baptisms in September



Deaths: Gerald Vought
Lenis Defries
Margorie Borer
Jack Malmgren

*In Loving
Memory*

MEMORIALS:

Music Fund: In memory of Neil "Curly" Silker.

Renovation Fund: In memory of Rick Gannott & Neil "Curly" Silker.

OFFERING OPTIONS:

The ministry of our congregation continues in many ways! While services have started 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, 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.



Planning Ahead

This is just a follow-up to the article written by Rev. Keith Pearson in September's Messenger. He is the ELCA Regional Gift Planner and was referring to different thoughts on planned giving and its impact.

As a retired financial planner, an often overlooked strategy is the use of beneficiaries on your investment accounts. You can name charitable (church, school, Red Cross...) beneficiaries on any accounts that you own and can designate from 1-100% of that named account to be paid out to the charities upon your death. Keep in mind, you always own the account during your lifetime and the beneficiaries have no control or knowledge of your account. As the owner, you also have the power to change the beneficiaries at any time.

Charitable beneficiaries work on any type of account that you own, whether they are bank CD's, mutual funds, stocks or retirement plans (IRAs, etc.). Accounts set up with beneficiaries also avoid probate. Another benefit is that the charities don't pay any income taxes on the dollars received from any account because they are considered non-profits.

There is no cost to set up or change beneficiaries, so it is easy and economical. If you have any questions on charitable giving via the use of beneficiaries, you should consult with your banker, financial advisor or lawyer. Feel free to ask me as well. Any questions will be held in strict confidence.

Dean Schoeb

ALC Trust Fund



GLOW October Bible Study

Thursday, October 15 @ 2 p.m.

ALC Meeting Room
across from church office

Bring your own beverage.

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Session 2: The holy "now"

RECOGNIZING AND
RESPONDING TO GOD'S
KAIROS TIME

THANK YOU to
Bill Tjentland for delivering
51 School Kits
32 Baby Kits
35 Personal Care Kits
8 Fabric Kits
to the LWR St. Paul
Warehouse in October.
THANKS to all those who
donated to and
assembled these kits!
Watch for dates in
January 2021 to get back
to work!



S H E T E K
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



**Quilt
Sale
2.0**

FALL QUILT AND CRAFT ONLINE STORE OCT. 1 - DEC. 1

The Summer Quilt Online Store was a great success this last summer.

The Camp is offering another Quilt and Craft Online Store this fall.

Featuring holiday quilts,
table runners and wall hangings for
Fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Between Oct. 1 - Dec. 1 go to

www.shetek.org/store

and SHOP the online store.

Your support is greatly needed !!!

And appreciated!!!

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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

FAMILY GETAWAYS!

With many cancellations from retreat groups, we have room in our very comfortable Lakota Retreat Center. If you are looking for a place to get away for a day or two, you're invited to come to the Island (Keeley)!

We have a special rate just for families who might be looking for a break. Only \$50 per room for the first night and \$35 for following nights. Our staff is looking forward to welcoming you to camp and can offer some activities and programming (boating, pontoon rides, campfires, fishing, daily devotions, crafts), if you are interested.

Contact Jean, our Retreat Coordinator, 507-763-3567 or jean@shetek.org to make your reservations.

CAMP COMES TO DAYCARES!

Katie Chapman, our Environmental Education Director, will bring a program to your daycare! Looking for something unique? Katie will bring some of our camp animals to your daycare and provide a short program – contact her at katie@shetek.org

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!

Events at camp!

(Go to shetek.org for more info.)

October 16-17, Fri. – Sat. – “Octoberfest”

All 3rd – 6th graders are invited for a one night retreat camp.

October 25, Sunday, “Spooky Spiders and

Creepy Crawlers” An Environmental Education (EE) event with Katie for all ages.

November 6-7, Fri. – Sat. – Confirmation

Retreat. Confirmation groups and leaders invited to camp for an overnight retreat.

November 14, Saturday, “Owls in the Night”

An evening EE event for all ages to learn about owls in southwest MN.

During this time, we are thankful for donations from supporters and congregations when retreat and program income is very low. If you are able to make a donation at this time, we would 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.

