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Please Join Us on Facebook, our Website, KDOM Radio, or Local Cable Channel 3 for our Digital Worship!

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Our Vision:

People experiencing a life-giving relationship with God.

Mission:

Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.

Values:

Relationships

God. Each other. Creation.

Belonging

Affirmed. Included. Valued.

Faith

Active. Inquiring. Hopeful.

Wednesday, December 2 & Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday in Advent

One recorded service for 5:30 PM & 9:00 AM Digital Worship
(Posted Dec 2nd around 7:00 PM)

Wednesday, December 9 & Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday in Advent/Second Sunday Noisy Offering

One recorded service for 5:30 PM & 9:00 AM Digital Worship w/Noisy Offering
(Posted Dec 9th around 7:00 PM)

Wednesday, December 16 & Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday in Advent

One recorded service for 5:30 PM & 9:00 AM Digital Worship
(Posted Dec 16th around 7:00 PM)

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Digital Worship
(Posted by 12 Noon)

Sunday, December 27

9:00 AM Digital Worship
(Posted Dec 27 around 11 AM)

Wednesday, December 30 & Sunday, January 3

One recorded service for 5:30 PM & 9:00 AM Digital Worship
(Posted Dec 30th around 7:00 PM)

****This schedule may change, please check our Facebook/Website for more up-to-date information.****



Pastor's Message

Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

1 Corinthians 8:7a-13

In 2015 Dylann Roof entered a church and murdered nine people. In the following months there was a push from pastors at synod assembly to ban guns in congregations.

Many clergy spoke in favor and then one pastor said, "If there is a woman who has escaped an abusive relationship and is terrified of her ex, and the only thing that makes her feel safe is having a gun on her, well, I would hope she'd be welcome in the congregation I serve."

That statement turned everything upside down for me and I changed my vote.

We clergy came to that assembly firm in our faith and unafraid of dying. We came with hope for people like Dylann Roof, a hope that says if we die we know where we're going, but we want you to live so that you may have time to repent even if you're serving life in prison. We clergy were of the same mind, that if a gunman comes in then we do what it takes to subdue them even if that means taking bullets and therefore, we concluded, there is no need for guns in church. But what I eventually realized was that we were neglecting those whose faith was fragile.

I believe that this is the same situation we find ourselves in now with the mandates concerning gatherings and masks. There are some who have no fear of getting Covid, no fear of dying, and some who believe God will keep them from getting it and I applaud your faith and courage. But, as a pastor who ministers to all people, maskers and anti-maskers, conservatives and liberals, courageous and fearful, bottom line there are people who are afraid of this virus. These same people feel comforted not only by wearing a mask themselves, but feel even more so when others do too.

I personally do not believe that guns should be in churches, yet, for the woman who is afraid and whose faith is fragile, for the opportunity that our congregation can strengthen her faith so that she does not need the gun to feel safe, then, I will let go of my opinions in order to strengthen another in faith.

So too with masks and gatherings. If I do not want to wear a mask and want to gather, for my sisters and brothers in Christ whom my choices make afraid, then, as Paul says, I give up my special knowledge and liberty so that I may not cause anyone to fall, or, in other words, I suffer inconvenience so that my siblings in Christ may be supported.

May God's will be done. May we be humble servants of our King Jesus. May we suffer hardship for the opportunity to minister to those whose faith may not be as strong as ours so that it may grow strong.

Pastor Adam

I pray that ... Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith,



as you are being
rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17, NRSV



Worship & Music Notes

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

December 2 and 6: Daniel's Hope in God Daniel 6:6-27
 December 9 and 13: Joel: God's Promised Spirit Joel 2:12-13, 28-29
 December 16 and 20: Spirit of the Lord upon Me Isaiah 61:1-11
 December 23/24: Christmas Eve Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
 December 27: Simeon and Anna Luke 2:21-38
 December 30 and January 3: Boy in Temple Luke 2:41-52



Wait for it! Wait for it! It will arrive soon. How much longer? Phrases often spoken by youngsters to adults. Lately, people tend to not be very patient. What does one wait for? Birthdays. Report cards. Driver's license. Test results. People this year may respond that they wait for a vaccine to protect loved ones from COVID-19.

It's the start of a new year in the Church calendar. Advent, the season where one waits for the birth of a baby. There will be a period of waiting as the story unfolds. The journey of Mary and Joseph will take them to Bethlehem. There, they await the birth of a child that will be born in a manger. Wait for it! He will arrive soon.

As many of you are aware, the church council approved to have only online services for Christmas Eve. The theme will be *A Musical Journey to Bethlehem*.

My vision is to have a variety of individuals, duets, and family groups either sing or instrumentalists, record segments of hymns mixed with scripture readings. To accomplish this task, I look to recording hymns/songs one, at a time, during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of December. Of course, I will be willing to work with your schedule and the accompanist's, if needed. Would you be willing to participate? If so, please let me know with an email. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Recently the church council approved adjusting our current worship schedule due to the rise of COVID-19 numbers within the county. At this point, we will not be holding in-person worship services. American Lutheran Church will provide recorded services using the current ALC YouTube (alcofwindom.com) and the Facebook page. Please stay tuned for more announcements.

November 25 - Thanksgiving Service: Livestream at 6:00 PM and also posted to online sources.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service: Recorded service will be posted online on 12/24/20.

Stars and Promises Christmas Concert with Peter Mayer to be held Dec. 9, 7 PM

In the first-ever ELCA event of its kind, ELCA World Hunger presents an online Christmas benefit concert featuring Peter Mayer, a longtime Lutheran and the lead guitarist for singer Jimmy Buffett. The concert will premiere on the ELCA Facebook page on Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Central time.

The concert is a gift to you this Advent season, a way for us to thank you and provide a place for you to gather online with the church community as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Donations to ELCA World Hunger are encouraged and will support our church's work to respond to hunger and poverty in more than 60 countries. Register now to receive a free Peter Mayer Christmas album download, created just for this event! Please go to www.ELCA.org/StarsAndPromises.com or our ALC Facebook Page.



Noisy Offering This Month: Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a fund here at the American Lutheran Church that allows us to provide help for individuals in need. Thank you for your support!

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:

Hello ALC Family and Happy December!

Once again, time is going super fast! And once again we are adjusting to the throws of Covid. I am so thankful for technology! It helps us keep some sort of "normal" and helps us stay connected.

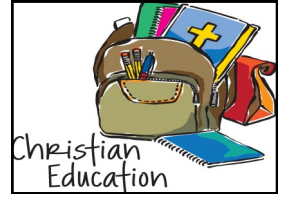
Activities are different and some are still up in the air; but we are doing our best to continue as we can. We are basically following what the school will be doing as far as youth and Christian Ed activities go.

We are still hoping to have the Living Nativity in conjunction with Christmas by Candlelight put on by the chamber. We will be asking students to sign up for that and an email will be sent out with a Google excel sheet document for parents to sign their kids up. Of course, this all depends on what the school ends up deciding with distance learning.

As many of you have heard, I put in my resignation for both the Christian Ed and Youth and Family Coordinator. I will be done at the end of the year. BUT.....that is not the end of ME! I will still be volunteering and helping out as I did before! I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to serve God and this congregation in this way, but my heart is calling me elsewhere. I will be the Head Cook at the Senior Dining site (Lutheran Social Services Meals). Thank you for entrusting me to do this work for this congregation!

God's peace and blessings on the holiday and Christmas season!

Melanie Shamp, Christian Education and Youth and Family Coordinator



Rocky Railway BAM: Will continue via Zoom and we will continue with our regular Rocky Railway curriculum after Christmas Break.

Christmas Break for BAM will be
Wednesday, December 23rd NO BAM
Sunday, December 27th NO BAM

Wednesday, December 30th NO BAM

Sunday, January 3rd NO BAM

We will resume on Wednesday, January 6th.

Rocky Railway BAM Packets: BAM packets for January/February will be ready for pick-up starting Wednesday, December 23rd.



Living Nativity: Will be different this year. Please look for future updates with more information on Living Nativity.

Confirmation: Will remain online as long as the school is distance learning. Go to www.alcofwindom.com click on the Ministries tab and then youth ministries and then the yellow confirmation tab. Email the answers to the 5 questions asked within the pastor's presentation to the pastor. This is required just the

same as attending normal confirmation would be.

Pastor Sarah's email (8th Graders) is pastorsarah13@gmail.com

Pastor Adam's email (9th Graders) is pastoradamcroberts@gmail.com

Christmas Break for Confirmation will be:

Wednesday, December 23rd NO CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, December 30th NO CONFIRMATION

We will resume on Wednesday, January 6th.

Jr. League: If school is not in session, Jr. league will be held via Zoom! We will play Kahoot, Christmas Style! This will happen on Sunday, December 6th at 6:30pm. The Zoom link is....

Topic: Melanie Shamp's Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 6, 2020 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3657899050?pwd=ckg1dWxQa3UwaWlwNklnb1VNejJMUT09>

Meeting ID: 365 789 9050

Passcode: u8sC9q

There will be no Jr. League on December 20th. The Shamps will be out of town.

Good to Know

***Due to the current rise in Covid cases in the community, and the entire Windom Area Schools District moving to Distance Learning. **The American Lutheran Church of Windom will be moving all worship services and activities online until further notice.** Please stay tuned in to our Facebook page or here, on our website to view these online services, events, and stay up-to-date on the latest information. Sorry for any inconvenience! ***

Financial Update for ALC

Our ministry matters, but in the last month or so, our giving has not kept up with expenses. We have now borrowed \$25,000 internally to meet November's obligations. Had we not received \$59,000 through the Payroll Protection Plan from the federal government earlier this year, we would be down nearly 80,000! The pandemic has affected us all in different ways. Some have lost income, others have been sick, and we all have been more isolated. We need our church community more than ever! Through it all, God, our refuge and strength has been faithful. If you are in position to do so, please support the congregation with any financial contribution that is possible. Thank you!!

Thank you from Judy

Thank you everyone for the cards, gifts, and well wishes on my retirement. Also, a special thanks to Dorothy for being a great co-worker and boss. And the whole ALC staff were so awesome to work with!



Thankful, Grateful, Blessed, Judy Lindvall

Thank you from Dorothy

Thank you for the cards and expressions of appreciation at the time of my retirement. I'm grateful for my four years at ALC and the many friendships and memories that were made! I'll miss you!



God's Blessings, Dorothy Fundahn

Holiday Hours

Thursday December 24th–

Office will be closed at 12:00 noon.

Friday, December 25th–
Building and Office Closed.



ALC's Annual
Lutefisk Supper
for January 2021 is
CANCELED due to
Covid-19.

Thank You!

The Church in Society Board would like to thank all who donated to make our Thanksgiving Meal project a success. Your generosity was greatly appreciated! Traditionally the Church in Society collects food and cash for the local Food Shelf at our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Because we did not have this service in person, we had baskets for donations at the church. We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you again to all who contributed!



Good to Know

UPDATE ON LIVING NATIVITY



Since it is 2020, we won't be having Living Nativity this year in the same way we have in the past, but **stay tuned** to see if we find a new way to celebrate the birth of Jesus with the town of Windom!!

GLOW ANNOUNCEMENT

"The women of ALC, GLOW, assembles quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief during January through April. We are asking for specific donations from you each month to complete kits in 2021.
 December - cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
 January - hand towels, preferably darker colors
 February - Ivory soap, bath size bars
 March - baby socks and t-shirts, no onesies
 April - medium weight receiving blankets
 Monetary donations are also welcome. A box by the office is labeled to receive your donations.
 Thank you!"

HELP WANTED:

American Lutheran Church is seeking 1 part time custodians to care for and maintain our church building. This position is not to exceed 20 hours a week and will include some evening and weekend hours. An application form is available in the church office or you may go to the website www.alcofwindom.com. Applications are still being accepted.



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 CANCELED for December! ****

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!

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!



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.

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.

Welcome New Members!



Jordan and Danielle Bunting, with children Brody and Blaire



James "Jim" Turner



Luke and Alyce Hansen



Roxanne Nelson, with children Harlan (not pictured) and Ruby Nelson and James Erickson

Welcome to our American Lutheran Community!



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ALC Board of the Month/Chloe Shamp

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 Youth & Family Board.

Youth & Family Board

YOUTH & FAMILY BOARD MEMBERS:

John Shamp, Chair
 Darcy Hoffman, Secretary
 Melissa Vongsy
 Jen Elness
 Michelle Johnson
 Melanie Shamp, Youth & Family Coordinator



THE YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY BOARD shall consist of seven persons elected by the congregation for two-year staggered terms with a maximum of three consecutive terms. The Youth Coordinator will serve as an ex-officio member of the board. The Youth and Family Board shall also be responsible for directing and assisting the Youth Coordinator in implementing programs and events for the youth organization and family organization of the church.

Please read the testimonial of our very own, Chloe Shamp, which was printed in the Shetek Newsletter, the Signal. It's a heartwarming statement of God's love and the joys of Shetek camps.

Congratulations Chloe!



"I've gone to Shetek for eight years I think. I've honestly lost track. Shetek has had such a big impact on my life. Something about going to a summer camp for a week, with a bunch of strangers, to praise the Lord, it's so amazing. Scary, but amazing. I remember there was one year I went, it was the summer before seventh grade. It was the last night, and we did our first ever candlelight service. I remember that night was the first time I truly felt God's presence. I was overwhelmed by this energy and I didn't know why. But I felt so safe. I knew that it was God. I prayed and prayed that night. I really bonded with everyone as well, we were all bawling our eyes out! That's my favorite camp memory, it's the most meaningful. The first time I went to camp, it was a mini camp. I went with my friend and I remember we were in cabin 1, at the time we called the cabins by their name, so it was Shawnee. I had so much fun, even with the homesickness. The first year I went alone, I was so nervous. But by the end of the week, I made some amazing friends. I still talk to some of them today! So, if you're questioning if you should go to camp or not, this is your sign, DO IT! I knew that this was my place. I felt so right being there. I've been going every year since. All of my counselors have been so so great. They've all impacted me for the better. Now pretty soon, I'll get to be a counselor! It's so crazy to think about. But I'm so beyond excited. I want to be able to impact campers like my counselors impacted me. Camp is the best thing that ever happened to me."

– Chloe Shamp, of Windom, MN

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM November 10th, 2020 MEETING



- K LW Enterprises Stewardship Program - Steve J and Pastor Adam provided a review of the services and costs of this gifting/tithing program. MM/S/C to use their services for 4 months, beginning January 1, 2020, at \$70 per month; to be funded from the Venture Fund. It was noted that upon discontinuing with K LW there is a requirement to pay the \$70 for the month following the last month of participation.
- Annual Meeting will be January 24, 2021, with the snow date being January 31, 2021. The Mid-year meeting will be July 25, 2021.
- Living Nativity - Melanie has communicated with the chamber and city on our participation with the chamber's winter celebration, on December 17, 5-8:00pm. The city has approved placing the manger stage on the square; Mari Harries, with youth assistance, will provide 20% of her food proceeds to the youth fund; Melanie will contact parents for youth participation. Church In Society will do a food collection. The chamber will provide advertising, and we will do our own advertising.
- Nominating Committee - MM/S/C to approve the committee members Kay Evers, Tammy Holtz, Sandi Bartosh, and Nancy M, (Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam).
- Custodial Positions/Cleaning Service, Youth and Family Coordinator position and Christian Education Coordinator position - Discussion on the budget and cleaning services option were discussed at length. While MMC has an upcoming interview for the custodial position, it was decided to create an ad-hoc committee to review church needs and budget abilities related to this position. The committee will be made up of Bill T from MMC, Linda J from Properties, Pastor Sarah, and Keith P of Budget/Finance. In the short term, the DAC will be hired to vacuum and clean bathrooms on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Strategic Planning/Council Retreat - tabled
- New Members Approval - MM/S/C to approve the list of incoming new members, with the addition of Luke and Alyce Hansen. New members include Jordan & Danielle Bunting with children Brody and Blaire, Jim Turner, and Rozanne Nelson with children Harlan, Ruby, and James Erickson.
- COVID-19 Concerns/Worship Services - Sarah Tailowright and Pastor Sarah updated the council on the Thanksgiving and Christmas service plans. Thanksgiving service will be Wednesday, November 25, with a first come, first seated process. Per the Christmas survey results, it was determined it would be impossible to provide safe, in-person services. The board decided to create an online service entitled "Musical Journey To Bethlehem" which will have congregation members provide musical pieces. Plans to put the service online December 24. Pastor Sarah shared that this process will eliminate the challenge the ushers may have in dealing with large crowds and attempting to keep a head count; it will allow families to sing Christmas hymns while taking in the service; and the timing will also place it on the Windom cable TV. As in the past, there will be no Christmas day service. Services resume December 26.

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Sarah Tailowright shared information on Covid-19 concerns/ worship services moving forward. They are also discussing their budget.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon Thompson had no report as the board had not met.

D/M/S - Steve Johnson updated the council on the church's brochure changes, adding photos with statements, doing member features, and K LW.

Properties - Linda Jaakola reported their discussion on the DAC cleaning services, updated the custodial job description, and handling the manger scene for the Christmas celebration with the chamber.

Budget/Finance - In Keith Pohlman's absence treasurer Lindsey C reviewed the bills that need to be paid. MM/S/C to pay bills as discussed.

Christian Education - Gina Freiwald shared the discussions on the Living Nativity, youth skits which will replace the youth events of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and their coordinators position.

Youth and Family - John Shamp updated the boards discussion on the coordinator's position and is looking to provide new board member names to the Nominating Committee.

Church In Society - Betty Olson reviewed the board's projects of food collection, and Thanksgiving Boxes.

GLOW - Jean Johnson provided a list of successful projects GLOW completed.

For the Record

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 11/23/20:
 Income: \$409,762
 Expenses: \$420,717
 Borrowed: \$25,000



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

ALC books for 2020 will close at noon on Thursday, December 31, 2020. Let's work together and meet all 2020 commitments here at ALC. No gift is ever too small.

Baptisms: *James Erickson, son of David Erickson & Deb Koch*



Deaths: *Gloria Anderson*

*In Loving
Memory*

MEMORIALS:

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

OFFERING OPTIONS:

The ministry of our congregation continues in many ways! While we are not together in person, or collecting a regular offering, the ministry of our congregation continues! Check out on-line giving on our website alcofwindom.com, mail in your offering to PO Box 188, Windom, or drop it off at the church. If you have any questions regarding these options, please contact Wendy Pigman in the church office.



Planning Ahead

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

GALS LIVING OUR WITNESS

Wishing you a blessed and safe Christmas Season. Praying that we can be together again in 2021!

Mark your calendars:
Sewing Days
Tuesdays
January 5 & 19
@9:00am
If we can gather in person!



December Bible Study
December 17 @ 2:00 pm
In person in the church meeting room or via ZOOM (watch Facebook or call the church office for information on connecting to ZOOM)

Want to check out Bible Study? A few copies of Gather Magazine are available in the church office.

Please join us for this timely devotion on "Advent rituals for uncertain times".
Found in the December "Gather" magazine, page 20.

Women's Ministry of American Lutheran Church

STEWARDSHIP FORMS

God is good! We have had an amazing year in so many ways. We are so grateful for all our volunteers, those who give in so many different ways to keep our Church flourishing. We are always looking and in need of more volunteers! If you have not already done so, please fill out and turn in your **Stewardship Forms** (Volunteer Opportunity Form and Pledge card) that were distributed in November. As Christians we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our Neighbor. We serve this calling by faithfully stewarding the gifts God has so abundantly given us. Stewardship encompasses so much more than just money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care, our time, our talents, and our treasures to love God and our neighbors. If you need a Volunteer Opportunity Form or Pledge card you can pick those up in the Church entry way of the parking lot doors. You may also drop these forms off in the drop box marked for each form in the entryway of the Parking lot doors or mail them to PO Box 188, Windom. Remember today and everyday to love and serve our neighbors through God! Thank you for your contributions!

Pledge Card

NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Financial Stewardship Commitment for 20_____
Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church through our congregation.

\$ _____ per week month other _____
(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)

I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning
HL1360136.1

Keep this portion as a record of your financial stewardship commitment for the year 20_____

My (our) financial stewardship commitment \$ _____

per week month other _____
(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph. 4:7)

Volunteer Opportunity Form

American Lutheran Church The American Lutheran Church of Windom VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FORM

We are grateful for all the hands and hearts that allow us to live out our mission of being a community of Christ, experiencing God, reaching out and nurturing faith. As we reflect on what we are thankful for here at ALC, we ask: where are you willing to share your gifts to ensure our community of faith and community outreach continues to be vibrant and transforming? Thank you for your service! Please complete one form per person in your household. Additional forms will be in the office and the gathering space. Please indicate if you will continue and/or if it is a new opportunity you would like to be involved in.

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Date: _____

Leading		Hospitality	
	(Continue)		(New)
Church Council (Exec. Member)		Coffee Center	
Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship		Greeter/Usher at Worship-Sat 5:30	
Church in Society Board		Greeter at Worship-Sunday 9:30	
Spiritual Life and Fellowship Bd.		Wednesday PM Meal Server	
Youth & Family Board		Baking Treats for Special Occasions	
Christian Education Board		Van Driver-Sunday Mornings	
Worship & Music Board		Church Decorating	
Properties Board		Administration	
Budget & Finance Board		Living Nativity Coordinator	
Mutual Ministry Committee		Library Committee	
ELCA Scholarship Committee		Office Assistance	
Trust Fund		Newsletter Collating Team	
Teaching		Office Phone Receptionist	
BAM Volunteer		Special Assembly Volunteer	
VBS Volunteer		Community Outreach	
Adult Learning Leader		Refriender	
Confirmation Small Group Guide		Shetek Conference Delegate	
Music		SW/MN Synod Assembly Delegate	
Choir Member		St. Dymmas (Attend Prison Worship)	
Small Group Singer		Meals on Wheels Volunteer	
Bell Choir Member		Living Nativity Volunteer	
Vocalist		The Banquet Mission Meal Serving	
Instrumentalist		Soup & Bread Participant	
Accompanist		Prayer Shawl Ministry	
BAM Music		Quilting Ministry	
Worship Assistance		Lutheran World Relief Projects	
Communion Assistant - 9:00		Maintaining Property	
Lay Reader - 9:00		Grounds (Winter)	
Assistant Minister - 9:00		Grounds (Summer)	
Usher at Worship - 9:00		Painting/Carpentry	
Usher at Worship - Wednesday		Maintenance Volunteer	
Usher at Worship - Saturday		Prayer/Sharing Faith	
Narr Guide Member		Prayer Chain Member	
Camera Operator for Worship - 9:00		Bible Study Leader	
Projectionist for Worship		Bible Study Participant	
Sound Booth for Worship		Communication	
Youth		Event Photographer	
Harperone Youth Outing		Technology Workgroup	

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As part of our “Building on the Foundation” campaign facility improvements, we are upgrading our water treatment facility. Construction began on Nov. 4 for our new building to house the water treatment equipment. Stay tuned!

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.)

December 6, Sunday, “Scandinavian Drive Through Meal”

– Instead of our Lutefisk Dinner, you’re invited to come out to camp and get your meal to go!

December 6, Shetek Annual Meeting, 4pm.

Join us virtually for our annual meeting – *Note it won't be in Feb. next year.* On Facebook Live or contact marv@shetek.org for the Zoom link.

December 13, Sunday, Winter Nature Craft for Kids, 3-4:30pm

Come out and join Katie for a fun afternoon for families.

December 27, Sunday, Family Ski/Snowshoe Day, 3-5pm

Whether you’re an expert or not, come to camp for a fun time.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our donors and congregations have been so supportive during this time.

We continue to need your help to finish 2020 in the best shape we can in order to continue serving campers well in 2021.

Our “Building on the Foundation” capital campaign is slowly starting again. So far, we’ve raised \$1,045,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! Watch for more information about our progress as we move into 2021.

