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Please Join Us in House, on Facebook, our Website, our YouTube Channel, KDOM Radio, or Local Cable Channel 3 for 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, February 3

5:30 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday) w/ Installation of Board Members and Officers

Sunday, February 7

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion and Installation of Board Members and Officers (live streamed on Facebook)

Wednesday, February 10

5:30 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday) w/ Holy Communion and Noisy Offering

Sunday, February 14

Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship (live streamed on Facebook)

Wednesday, February 17

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday w/Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 21

Shetek Sunday

9:00 AM Worship (live streamed on Facebook)

Wednesday, February 24

Shetek Wednesday

5:45 PM Lenten Worship

Sunday, February 28

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion (live streamed on Facebook)



Pastor's Message

Our country is wounded and people are hateful towards one another. This needs to change. Luckily our God is a god of healing and love. Christians, this work falls to you and it will be hard work, but good work.

Ash Wednesday is the seventeenth which starts Lent, the typical time of the Church year when Christians become more disciplined. This Lent I would urge all of you focus on living as godly as possible with the intent of healing our country. Here are some ideas to make the most of your Lent this year. A lot of these suggestions revolve around the eighth commandment, "you shall not bear false witness," which Luther tells us also means that we put everything everyone else does in the best possible light.

First idea: give up posting anything negative on Facebook. Not just in regards to politics, but also when you respond to other people's posts.

Second idea: put "I apologize" into your vocabulary. Part of Lent is noticing our own sin and owning up in repentance. Most of us can do this fairly easily when it's just between God and ourselves, but we tend to have a harder time apologizing when it deals with others. The fact is we all make mistakes and have things to apologize for. For Lent make a goal of apologizing to a set number of people throughout the season.

Third idea: work on forgiving. Find those relationships that used to be good and are now patchy at best. If the person is abusive find ways of forgiving them in your heart from afar. If not, pray for courage and strength to say it out loud to them and work through the hardship of healing that relationship.

Fourth idea: truly listen to others. Think of the people whose views make you angry and schedule a time to simply listen to where they're coming from. Don't go in an effort to persuade or even have a discussion, go solely to hear them. Ask them questions about why they feel and think the way they do. Ask them about what they hope their view will accomplish whether you think it will or not.

Fifth idea: give compliments. Spend time paying attention to others for ways that you can build them up. Make a goal of giving so many compliments a day especially to people you have a hard time dealing with.

This country will not heal from the top down, it must heal from the bottom up. It's not our leaders who are going to make people come together, it's you and me, with our boots on the ground, doing the work of Jesus day in and day out, wherever we are. Healing and unity come through owning up to our own hurtful behaviors and apologizing for them, forgiving others, and working hard at patching up relationships. We do this by putting an end to hurtful comments whether spoken or typed, and through truly listening to other people with the intent to understand them instead of changing them.

This is what Christians are built for. This is the work for which God has provided every tool necessary. We are called to action and the time is now. God can use you, the country needs you, so let's put away our excuses and gear up to follow Christ into the breach to do the hard work of healing.



Pastor Adam Roberts



Worship & Music Notes

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

Scripture passages for February:

Week of:

Feb. 3/7	Roman Centurion and Raising the Widow's Son	Luke 7:1-17
Feb. 10/14	---- Transfiguration ----	Luke 9:28-45
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday: Jesus Turns to Jerusalem	Luke 9:51-62
Feb. 21	Lent 1: Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-42
Feb. 24/28	Lent 2: Lament Over Jerusalem	Luke 13:1-9, 31- 35

The Bible is filled with wonderful stories. That is one reason we follow the Narrative Lectionary series. What is your favorite story? Where does it take place? Who are the characters involved? What questions does Jesus ask? How does it end? The passages assigned for the next 5 weeks are all familiar parables/stories. It's a great time to share a story with someone.

As we turn our focus to the month of February, it is also time to focus on the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 17th, beginning at 6:00 PM. We are looking at various ways to safely provide the imposition of ashes. Each additional Wednesday Lenten service will begin at 5:45 PM.

American Lutheran Church's Sunday service will continue to be live-streamed at 9:00 AM on Facebook.

Looking ahead:

March 28: Palm Sunday

April 1: Maundy Thursday - 6:00 PM

April 2: Good Friday - 6:00 PM

April 4: Easter Sunday - anticipating 3 services

Ecumenical Lenten Services at the Presbyterian Church & via Facebook live:

What? A 30 minute Lenten Worship, unfortunately due to Covid restrictions and guidelines there will be no lunch to follow the Worship service.

When? 12 Noon: Wednesday February 24th-Week 1

Wednesday, March 3rd- Week 2

Wednesday, March 10th- Week 3 (American Lutheran Church)

Wednesday, March 17th- Week 4

Wednesday, March 24th- Week 5



Noisy Offering This Month: Vacation Bible School (VBS) Program

Vacation Bible School is our one week specialized Christian education summer program with the focus of children as our demographic. VBS helps strengthen and deepen the relationship and understanding of God in each participants life. Our theme for 2021 is not yet chosen, but stay tuned for more information. Please consider donating to this important Ministry.

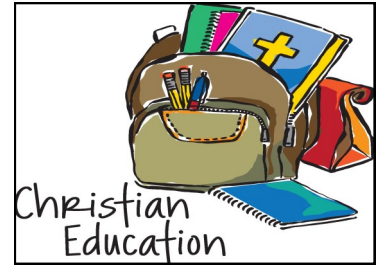
**Tune in to ALC's Worship
Broadcasts on Sunday at
10:30 AM on KDOM 103.1
FM Thursdays at 10:00 AM
& 6:30 PM on Windom
Cable TV, Channel 3**

Christian Education & Youth News:

SHETEK WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH & SHETEK SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21ST:

Amanda or Marv from camp will be coming to talk to us a bit about camp during worship, and get us pumped to get out to camp in 2021!

CAMP SHETEK INFORMATION AND CAMBERSHIP DRAWING: There are several options for camp at Shetek; mini-camp, full week camp, family camp, grandparent camp, and many others! Visit www.shetek.org to see a full list of camp, dates, and cost. You can save even more money by registering by February 1st and April 1st! ALC does help some with the cost for all members and there is also help available through Camp Shetek if you contact them. For more savings please consider registering by April 1st as opposed to waiting until May.



As stated above, ALC will pay \$200 towards a full week, \$100 towards mini-camp, and \$200 towards Family/Grandparent camp for all ALC members.

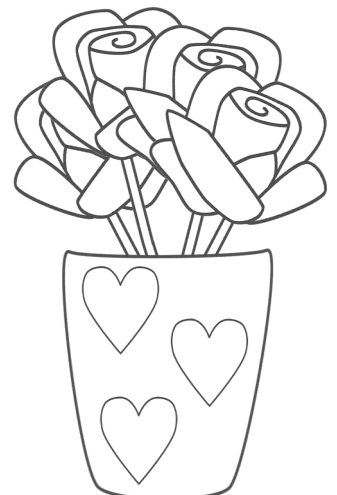
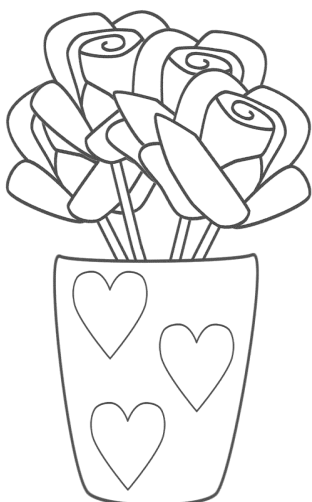
Also, don't forget we are doing a drawing for one FREE full week of camp and one FREE mini camp! Get your child signed up by contacting the church office at 831-1794 or winalc@windomnet.com by Friday, February 19th! We will be doing the drawing on Monday, February 22nd!

So, with that being said, please strongly consider getting your kids to Camp Shetek this summer!

JR. LEAGUE AND SR. LEAGUE are currently on hold until further notice.

John and Melanie Shamp will start leading a **TEEN BIBLE STUDY** "*You were Made to Make a Difference*" by Max Lucado and his daughter Jenna Lucado Bishop starting on Sunday, February 7th at 4:30pm in the Youth room. Snacks will be provided and FUN will be had!

THE WINDOM ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO TRANSPORT YOUNG STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL EACH SCHOOL DAY. These students do not receive bussing services at this time, and are too young to walk alone. Their parent's work schedules do not allow them to provide their child's transportation. If you would be willing to help these families and the school, please contact the Windom Elementary School office as soon as possible.



Good to Know

A.L.I.C.E. Training

The police department will be offering ALICE training to local congregations on Sunday, February 21st from 6:30-8:30 p.m at the E-free Church, Windom. This is training for what to do if an active shooter comes into our congregation. Due to Covid we are only allowed to bring 30 people. We will be contacting specific people and asking them to attend (BAM teachers, ushers, etc.). If you would still like to attend let Pastor Adam know and if there is room we will make sure you get a spot.



ALICE
TRAINING INSTITUTE

ALERT
Initial Alert may be a gunshot, PA announcement, etc...
Avoid code words.

LOCKDOWN
If Evacuation is not a safe option, barricade entry points.
Prepare to Evacuate or Counter if needed.

INFORM
Communicate real time information on shooter location.
Use clear and direct language using any communication means possible.

COUNTER
As a last resort, distract shooters ability to shoot accurately.
Move toward exits while making noise, throwing objects, or adults swarm shooter.

EVACUATE
Run from danger when safe to do so using non-traditional exits if necessary. Rallying point should be predetermined.

AliceTraining.com

Annual Assembly of the Shetek Conference

Sunday, February 21st, 2021 at 2PM in-person

**at the American Lutheran Church of Windom and via Zoom
(906 Prospect Ave, Windom, MN)**

All members of the Shetek Conference of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA are welcome to attend. Each Congregation may have up to six members eligible to vote at this meeting.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

GLOW is doing a supplies drive in order to pack baby care kits for LWR. Each month we ask for a specific item, however, you can donate what you wish whenever you want. Donations from the congregation are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

February Items needed:

- Ivory soap, bath size bars

February GLOW Happenings:

February 2nd: 9:00 am Sewing
February 9th: 2:00 pm Altar Guild
February 16th: 9:00 am Sewing
February 18th: 2 pm Bible Study - ALC meeting room and via zoom! A zoom link will be put on our Facebook page and website on Tuesday, February 16th.

INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND

COUNCIL MEMBERS will be on Wednesday, February 3rd at the 5:30 pm WOW service and Sunday, February 7th at the 9 am. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve ALC on our Boards and Council!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Lavern Christianson, Howard Davis, and David Vaupel for the many years of making baptismal boxes. These boxes are given to the newly baptized members in our congregation. Sadly, they're retiring from this service. A sincere thank you for all your hard work, donated time, and compassion for this ministry.

~The Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board.





Lent 2021
American Lutheran Church
Windom, Minnesota



Ash Wednesday, February 17

6:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion
 and Imposition of Ashes

Palm Sunday, March 28

9:00 AM Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 1

6:00 PM Worship with Holy
 Communion / 1st Communion

Good Friday, April 2

6:00 PM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 4

The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM Sunrise Service

9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship
 with Holy Communion

11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship
 with Holy Communion



Weekly Lenten Worship

5:45 PM February 24th– Week 1

5:45 PM March 3rd– Week 2

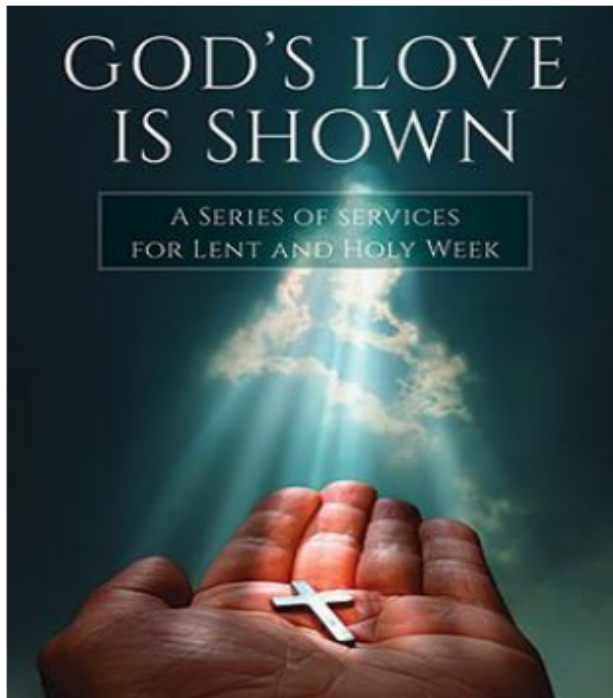
5:45 PM March 10th–Week 3

5:45 PM March 17th– Week 4

5:45 PM March 24th– Week 5

****Note: Due to Covid-19 there will be no Lenten Suppers this year.* ***

Ecumenical Worship Services, Presbyterian Church



THE NOON LENTEN SERIES this year is "God's Love Is Shown" by Don Hinchey. We Ponder the eternal devotion of our Lord, focusing each week on a characteristic of the Savior's love for us. This worship series for the six weeks of Lent and Holy Week delves into the rich and diverse aspects of our Lord's love for us shown mostly clearly in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Each service focuses specifically on a meaningful descriptor of God's love and applies that description to the words and actions of our Lord who is God's love incarnate

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church or on Facebook Live. Due to Covid19 Guidelines there will be no lunch following services.

February 24th • Noon ~ Week 1 † First Presbyterian Church

Compassionate Love ~ We look at the compassionate nature of the love our Lord has for us. He feels for us in our need and takes measures to help us out of our despair. In this, God's love is shown.

March 3rd • Noon ~ Week 2 † First United Methodist Church

Steadfast Love ~ We will look at the steadfast nature of the love our Lord has for us. He keeps on caring for us through thick and thin and never stops holding us close. In this, God's love is shown.

March 10th • Noon ~ Week 3 † American Lutheran Church

Enriching Love ~ We will look at the enriching nature of the love our Lord has for us. His love fills us with good things and helps us to grow and develop into the people he wants us to be. In this, God's love is shown.

March 17th • Noon ~ Week 4 † First United Methodist Church

Living Love ~ we look at the living nature of the love our Lord has for us. His love enlivens us to carry out his will with energy and share his love wholeheartedly. In this, God's love is shown.

March 24th • Noon ~ Week 5 † First Presbyterian Church

Holy Love ~ we look at the holy nature of the love our Lord has for us. His love is set apart to divinely inspire his people to love beyond all human love. In this, God's love is shown.



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IN THE NEWS!



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

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM January 12th, 2021 MEETING



- All Board Relaunch, Feb 9th, 2021, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom
- Annual Meeting on Jan 24, 2021; snow day Jan 31, 2021
- Mid-year Meeting July 25, 2021
- Approval of monetary gifts (\$50 to Dorothy Fundahn, Judy Lindvall, and Melanie Shamp for retirements and resignation from Nov and Dec, 2020) - MM/S/C
- Budget and Finance motion for parking lot repair/resurface - Since the board had not received the information, they tabled this motion. Lindsey shared points from the Executive Officers meeting, and Bill Tjentland provided the 3 options they discussed: A) Fundraising for \$19,000, for the parking lot repair B) Pay off the current Renovation note and write a new note for the parking lot (\$32,000) C) Do a full capital campaign to pay off the Renovation note and pay for the parking lot (\$51,000). We may possibly use \$5,000 from the 2020 budget balance to begin the fundraising process. Linda Jaakola of Properties noted she would like to inform the congregation of the parking lot needs and costs. The motion will be discussed by a special meeting of Budget and Finance and prepared for the upcoming annual meeting.
- Council Retreat Information - Pastor Sarah shared the question, "Was 2020 wasted or a watershed year?" We have an opportunity to evaluate 2020 and plan for upcoming years; what do we move forward with; what do we change; where will God lead us? The council was invited to consider a March council retreat to get together to discuss how ALC moves forward.
- Staffing Updates - Pastor Sarah updated the council on the hiring and interviews for the open staff positions. Don Crowell has been hired for the 20 hour a week custodial position; the DAC will also provide cleaning services on Tuesdays and Fridays. There is an upcoming interview for the Christian Education position. We have received no applications for the Youth and Family position.
- Nominating Committee Updates - President Michalski noted that the recruiting has been very successful. There are only 4 positions to be filled for a completed ballot.
- Other - John Shamp asked the council if Mary Mohlencamp would be allowed to provide her fundraising Scrapbook event. It would include 18 people, with COVID practices to be followed. The funds raised are for the youth. The event could be held this March or April, or if needed to be held this fall. Motion made to allow the event to move forward with planning. MM/S/C

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Sarah Tailowright updated the council on their discussions related to purchasing a license for streaming and podcasts and the returning of singing to the services. At this time it was decided that singing would not be brought back until further discussion.

Spiritual Life & Fellowship - Sharon Thompson shared that they are discussion the return of the Table of 8 this summer. She also noted Dave Vaupel, Howard Davis, and Lavern Christianson will be retiring from the making of the baptismal gifts. Thanks to them for the years of service to that project!

Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship - no meeting

Properties - Linda Jaakola noted their board has 3 items left on their checklist and are working on the parsonage plumbing.

Budget and Finance - Keith Pohlman again noted the meeting of our 2020 budget. Thanks to all those that supported the ALC mission financially! The balance from 2020 will be used for the upcoming expenses. Lindsey Cartwright noted that there will be another round of PPP loans and our bank will be receiving information, and updated information that we will not need to repay any of our past PPP loan.

Christian Education - Bri Miller reported the board continues to make the BAM packets, and is in discussion on the return of in-person BAM, which will depend on COVID and the availability of teachers. There will be a May confirmation. They are discussing summer VBS. Tera Elness has requested to move her 5-6 grade bible study to in-person, which they will discuss.

Youth & Family - John Shamp noted the scrapbooking event, which as discussed already, was their only topic.

Church In Society - Betty Olson updated the council on the Living Nativity food drive, the status of the Thanksgiving meal expenses, and their plans for the \$40 Lenten project and its recipient.

GLOW - Kathy Hiley provided a review of their restart of sewing (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month) and Bible study. Thanks to Marvel Woizeschke for her work on gathering supplies for the baby kits!

For the Record

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 1/25/21:

Income: \$29,115

Expenses: \$26,352

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

RECORDS:

Baptisms: *No baptisms this month.*

Deaths: *No deaths this month.*

MEMORIALS:

Altar Guild: *In memory of Deanna Voth and Louanne Grams.*

GLOW (Gals Living Our Witness): *In memory of Louanne Grams and Lula Leverenz.*

Video/Media Fund: *In memory of Louanne Grams and Doris Caraway.*

Parking Lot Fund: *In memory of Doris Caraway.*

Camperships: *In memory of Bernice Roberts, Grandmother of Pastor Adam Roberts.*

General Fund: *In memory of Lucille Lewis Nelson.*

Renovation Fund: *In memory of Louanne Grams and Scott Fredin.*

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.



*In Loving
Memory*



Applying Bible Principles

When he was president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Gordon MacDonald said, "One of the greatest teachings missing in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."

We own nothing. We have been given material means to use, but not to own. All that we have belongs to God. He is our Source according to Psalm 62:5. We are only managers and stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

Because all that we have belongs to God, and because He gives us the ability to obtain wealth, every spending decision is in reality a spiritual decision. According to 1 Corinthians 10:31, our constant goal must be to glorify God in all of life, including how we use His resources.

Stephen Olford wrote this: "... man's chief end is 'to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.' We are to glorify God by our worshipful praise (Psalm 50:23). We are to glorify Him by our consistent fruitbearing (John 15:8). We are to glorify Him by our spiritual unity (Rom. 15:6). We are to glorify Him by our entire dedication (1 Cor. 6:20). And we are to glorify Him by our good works (Matt. 5:16). In this last category is included the matter of giving. Only in this way can we provide for 'honest things in the sight of the Lord.' The glory of God should motivate us to give and to give our best."

If our goals and ambitions are truly set on spiritual things, if our emphasis in life is to glorify God, we will use the funds He has "loaned" to us on a temporary basis to glorify Him. We will put His money and possessions to good use by giving to His work and by storing up "treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-21).

There are two key questions to be asked concerning money and possessions: First, are you glorifying God in how you are using the money and possessions God has entrusted to you? And second, are you viewing these things as yours or as God's?

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) is offering FREE Income Tax preparation to individuals and families. Due to COVID, there will be no in person appointments. To schedule a virtual, email, or drop off appointment go to www.unitedcapmn.org or call (507)537-1416 ext 2163.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

A variety of flowers will be used as a part of our Festival Easter Worship.

The choices of flowers available are listed below. Please fill out and return the order form to the church office by **Noon, Monday, March 8.**

THANK YOU!



(Make checks payable to the American Lutheran Church)

THE WORDING OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Given by: _____

In MEMORY of _____

In HONOR of _____

In CELEBRATION OF _____

Enter a quantity (number) in front of the plant(s) you would like to order.

___ Begonia \$16.50

___ Hydrangea \$28.50

___ Tulip \$13.50

___ Cyclamen \$16.50

___ Kalanchoe \$16.50

___ Calla Lily \$28.50

___ Daisy Mum \$17.50

\$_____ Donation towards whatever
flowers may be needed.

___ I will pick up my plant(s) after the service.

___ I will NOT be picking up my plant(s).

Total Paid: \$ _____



GLOW in February

Gals Living Our Witness

Sewing Days

Tuesdays, February 2 & 16
(1st & 3rd Tuesdays)
@ 9:00am—Noon

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, fabric kits, personal care kits and school kits for missions.

Come for an hour or for the morning!

It is a great time of fun and fellowship.

We would be glad to have you

No experience necessary!

Jackie Turner, 822-1633

February Bible Study

Thursday, February 18 @ 2 p.m.

ALC Meeting Room

January/February "Gather" Magazine Bible Study

"Journeys with angels" Session 2, page 36

Turnaround angels

Questions?

Contact Carolyn Torkelson 831-5986

All women of American Lutheran Church are members of GLOW!

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



February 2021



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www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Registration is open for 2021!! Sign up soon for the week of your choice. Our numbers will probably be limited for each week based on what we know now. We will have our safety policies and procedures in place again, like we did in 2020. We'll keep everyone posted on any updates or changes in policies, etc.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We are so grateful for our donors and congregations and their partnership through a difficult 2020.

We hope for a more normal 2021 but we will still need your generous support!

Events at camp!

(Go to shetek.org for more info.)

Feb. 7 – Sunday, 2-4pm – Tea and Ski! Women are invited to camp for some skiing, tea, and Bible study!

Feb. 20 – Saturday, 3-4:30pm – Toddlers and Trees Geared for ages 1-5. Come out to camp for some winter fun!

Feb, 28 – Sunday – Family Ski/Snowshoe Day – 2-4pm – Bring the whole family!

We look forward to the end of February into March when we'll start tapping trees and making our Tap 1947 Maple Syrup. Come out to camp and experience maple syruping!

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!

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is slowly starting again. So far, we've raised \$1,100,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! Watch for more information about our progress as we move into 2021.

