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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, March 3

5: 45 PM Lenten Worship

Sunday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 10

5:45 PM Lenten Worship w/ Holy Communion and Noisy Offering

Sunday, March 14

Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship
(live streamed on Facebook)

Wednesday, February 17

5: 45 PM Lenten Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, March 21

9:00 AM Worship
(live streamed on Facebook)

Wednesday, March 24

5:45 PM Lenten Worship

Sunday, February 28

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
(live streamed on Facebook)

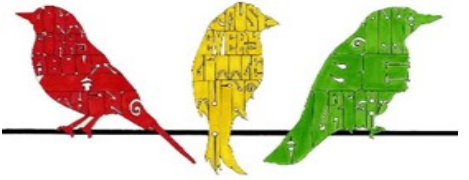
Wednesday, March 31

No Worship, BAM-W, Confirmation, or The Case for Faith



Pastor's Message

In mid-February leading up to Ash Wednesday we lived through a tough cold snap, while Texas lived through a disaster of century, lacking the infrastructure to withstand snow, ice and sub-freezing temperatures. Then, it began to warm up in the north land, a few degrees a day, and the sun was shining. A new fallen snow had left snowflakes, glistening and beautiful. The white world was radiant! As I walked outside, birds were singing. Bob Marley wrote a song about a morning like that: 🎵 *Don't worry about a thing, 'cause every little thing is gonna be alright!*



I like the song. It's good for a positive vibe for as long as that lasts. That only carries you so far.

This past month I've seen those who are down on their luck, having medical troubles, out of work, and some even struggling with housing. I've seen others surround them. Lend a hand. Pray. Provide transportation, or even cash for a car payment. People are amazing, and together we can do some amazing things. Our Lenten Challenge again this year is for the South West Crisis Center. There are some youth in our region who are couch hopping, at risk for being homeless, and all the potential abuse that could come their way. The

South West Crisis Center helps protect those youth, as they find their way to safety. I'm glad we're supporting the Crisis Center!!



Tauren Wells sings 🎵 *"You're the God of the hills and valleys and I am not alone."* The eyes of faith see that God is in the valleys.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6.2

During Lent we are reminded that Jesus walked the valleys too. The cross reminds us that he is not a stranger to our pain. He shares it with us.

And we share the pain with each other. As one of our confirmation students wrote on her sermon notes from Ash Wednesday on how to apply the day's message: *"Put my fears aside to help others, like pastor Adam said. Maybe there's someone nobody likes. Go talk to that person. God's pulling you toward them. Or that extra change. Use it for something other than personal use."*

Here is the best part of all: **It is God in Jesus who comes to our rescue.** Our God does not forget us, nor abandon us even though our circumstances can look bleak.

"For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God". 1 Peter 3.22 Yes, to bring you to God!! May we never grow tired of hearing that Jesus died for us, to bring us to God. In Him, we have healing and new life. Blessed Lent to you all. Pastor Sarah

🎵 *"There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit restores my soul again."*
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 614



Worship & Music Notes

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

Readings:

March 3/7	Lost Sheep, Coin, Son	Luke 15:1-23
March 10/14	Rich Men and Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31
March 17/21	Zacchaeus	Luke 18:31-19:10
March 24/28	Palm Sunday: Triumphal Entry	Luke 19:29-44
April 1	Maundy Thursday: Last Supper	Luke 22:1-27
April 2	Good Friday: Crucifixion	Luke 23:32-47
April 4	Easter Sunday: Resurrection	Luke 24:1-12

I wonder what it would have been like to have lived during the time that Jesus walked the dusty roads on his many journeys. What would it have been like to have stood amongst the people, in crowded locations, searching for the story telling man, Jesus. Want to hear a good, old-fashioned story? Join American Lutheran Church as we continue to revisit familiar Bible stories.

We all have the ability to become storytellers.

“Storyteller”

Dave Clark and Twila LaBar

Verse 3:

It might have been in Sunday school, or a neighbor down the street
A preacher at a pulpit, or a mother on her knees
It was someone faithful to the call, to make sure that you knew
Now it all comes down to me and you.

Chorus:

Someone needs to hear, someone needs to tell
We are the keepers of the story, but we can't keep it to ourselves
In ev'ry generation God is calling on someone, to be a storyteller
Telling what the Lord has done.

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Lenten Worship Themes

****Worship begins at 5:45 PM**

**** Online live stream worship available each week**

Jesus: Our Hope for Healing and New Life

Lent 1: Jesus, God's Fragrant Offering

Lent 2: Eighth Commandment Way of Life

Lent 3: Forgiveness

Lent 4: Community Building

Lent 5: Fasting/Taking On

Worship Reminders:

Easter Services:

April 4: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM

**Online live stream available for 8:00 AM*

** KDOM radio broadcast at 10:30 AM*

Noisy Offering This Month: Windom Area Sharing Center

The Windom Area Sharing Center is a food pantry to help those in need. Please consider donating to this great organization.

**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**



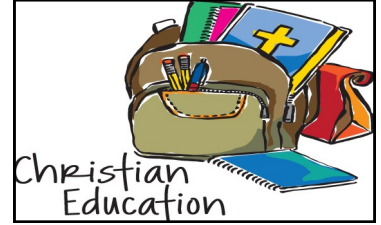
Christian Education & Youth News:

FIRST COMMUNION

Fifth graders, first communion instruction is being held this month for you! All of the instruction will be at the church this year. Here is the schedule:

March 7	1:00 - 2:30 PM	1st Communion Preparation Class
March 14	1:00 - 2:30 PM	1st Communion Preparation Class
March 31	6:00 PM	Bread Making with Parents in the Fellowship Hall
April 01	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship, students receive their 1st Communion

If you have any questions, or can't make some of the dates, don't hesitate to contact the pastors so that we can work with you in being fully prepared to receive the sacrament of the altar.



CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Just a reminder that confirmation classes are in full swing. Make sure to do your five sermon notes for Lent. Also put on your calendars that 9th grade confirmation interviews must be finished between May 12th and June 2nd. Parents should have received a letter with all the information they need for this. If you haven't received a letter contact the office.

We will record your faith statements on June 9th at 6:30 and our kids will be confirmed September 19th as the school year starts up in the hopes that as the church goes into full swing that enthusiasm will keep our confirmed kids worshipping with us even after they are confirmed.

JR. LEAGUE AND SR. LEAGUE

Junior League is officially relaunching March 14th from 4-5:30. There will be activities and snacks and just a place for our 6-8th graders to hang out and have fun. Junior League will be the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Come once, or often, for some fun and a place to hang out. Also, don't forget to invite your friends! You don't have to be a member, or even Lutheran, to come!

Senior League will continue to be on hold until further notice.

CAMP SHETEK INFORMATION AND CAMPERSHIPS



SHETEK
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

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 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 help by paying \$200 towards a full week, \$100 towards mini-camp, and \$200 towards Family/Grandparent camp for all ALC members.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY *"You were Made to Make a Difference"* by Max Lucado & his daughter Jenna Lucado Bishop every other Sunday, March 7th and March 21st being the next sessions at 4:30pm in the Youth room. Snacks will be provided and FUN will be had!

Good to Know

ALICE Training Synopsis

For those who did not attend this event here is some of the advice that we were given if someone were to come into the church and start shooting people.

Basically, do everything you can to get out. Chances are good that the police will not be able to rescue you. Do not simply curl up in a ball and wait.

If you're pinned and can't get to an exit then barricade yourself where you are and make it as hard for them to get in as possible. Do not let anyone in once you're barricaded. Then, when it's safe, flee to safety.

If you're too close to the shooter and figure you have no chance of escaping do everything in your power to fight them. Swarm them, throw hymnals at them, hit or kick the groin, neck, or eyes. Everything is fair game.

Once you are safe then call 911. If you know that 911 has already been called then do not call unless you have pertinent information they do not have.

Thank you for all those who did attend and may all of us say a prayer that we will never

ALC Council Retreat planned for March 21, 2:30 - 5:30 at Shalom Hill Farm

A few years ago our church leadership did some great work in Strategic Planning. A series of guided meetings led by Lisa Janke and Luke Hollander, then of Shalom Hill Farm, produced clear statements of Mission, Vision and Values of The American Lutheran Church of Windom. It is time to give Strategic Planning another look. *Who we are now, how we have changed, and how God might be calling us into the future?* Rev. Dee Pederson, Director of Evangelical Mission for the Southwest MN Synod will guide us in our conversation. This time together will serve as a launching pad for concrete long range planning which will guide our congregation for the next 3 - years. Thank you to ALC Council leadership for participating in this important conversation.

EASTER FLOWER order forms were sent out in the messenger and are located in the Narthex on the back table for those who are interested in ordering. The deadline to order Easter Flowers is **March 8th at 12 noon.**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is in critical need for Personal care kits! Please help by donating light weight bath towels, dark color, 20x40 and 52x27 in size. The Lutheran World relief donation box is located outside the office door. Thank you for your contributions.

Men's Bible Study: Change of time and place. We meet every Tuesday at 8:00 AM (no longer 7:15) in the Skylight Court at ALC. Bring your own coffee if you like, and your own Bible. This is a very friendly group, and a great way to dig into God's word and hang out with a great group of guys. Men, if you're free, try it out!!

FEELING ALONE? You are not the only one!! Quarantine is not fun and isolation doesn't help anybody's spirits. It is just the time we are in. Call a friend, reach out to others, and pray for God is near. Your church staff is also here for you. Don't hesitate to call or reach out!

ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS It's the perfect weather to cuddle up with new yarn and needles to make a Prayer Shawl. New yarn has been purchased and is available in the church library's closet. I recently was thanked by a recipient for the Prayer Shawl she received and how much it means to her. I want to pass that Thank You on to you, those knitters and crocheters who are knitting, hooking and praying! If you have any questions about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact me, Kathy Hiley @ 831-4109 or momhiley@gmail.com.



Good to Know

A Word of Thanks Noel and Sarah would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful bouquet of flowers we received at the occasion of the death of Noel's mother. Having lived a long life, she died in the Central African Republic on January 29th, and was buried the next day amidst the civil unrest in the country. We are grateful for the many cards and kind expressions of sympathy we received. While not being able to be with family, it is a great comfort to be surrounded by other Christians. Together, we place our hope in Christ in this life and for the next. Thank you for sharing our sorrow, and for your love and care. Noel and Sarah Tadé and family

February 2021 American Lutheran Church Meals on Wheels



A HUGE THANK YOU to all the members who helped with Meals on Wheels in February.

Especially all those who battle the winter weather. Thank you for giving your time to a great cause!

Volunteers: John Berge, Robert Halvorson, Page Kern, Marge Paschke, Al Peterson, Pogo Kaiser, Carolyn Boomgarden, Phyllis Larson, Steve Seifert, Lori Seifert, Betty Olson, Lou Masters, Rozanne Gronseth, Jane Moldaschel, Paula Larson, Lori Mickelson, Jackie Turner, Paul Turner, Dick Wiens, Becky Wiens, Kermit Twait, Betty Twait, Laura White, and KDOM Staff,

Subs: Barb Pingeon, Duane Pingeon, Deb Minion, Dorothy Fundahn, Tim Jenniges, Gordy Scarset, Jerry Torkelson, Linda Gravely, and Dale Gravely.

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!

March Items needed:

- Baby socks and undershirts, NO onesies

March is Food Share Month! Church and Society will be collecting items through March for the local food shelf.

- * First week - Cleaning and Paper items (Pledge, Detergent, paper towels,...)
- * Second week - Personal Items (Toiletries, diapers, soap...)
- * Third week - Breakfast Items (Juice, cereal, oatmeal...)
- * Fourth week - Canned Goods (Fruits, veggies, soup,...)

We will take any items anytime - this is suggestions only!! Cash is also great!!!



Forty Day Challenge! Church and Society is challenging **EVERYONE** to give \$1 a day for forty days during lent. The money collected will be given to the Southwest Crisis Center.

Donations help provide a safe place, food, and clothing for men, women, or children escaping domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or sex trafficking. Hotels are frequently used for a temporary safe place till housing is found. Please join us in supporting this important ministry. Please make checks to the Southwest Minnesota Crisis Center. Thank you!



Good to Know

Texting Small Group Relaunch

We did our test run of small group ministry via cellphones and, as promised, everyone was released after the month-long trial. During that month there was a one minute video devotion every Monday and two text devotions with discussion questions every week. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, the only negative is that group sizes could be bigger. Therefore we will be relaunching starting April 1st and I invite you to consider joining as it's not a major time commitment but a way to get short devotions and be in a group of supportive people where you can either participate or simply listen and learn. Let Pastor Adam know if you're interested.

HELP WANTED:

The American Lutheran Church of Windom is seeking a part-time youth coordinator and Christian education coordinator to help with our Bible And Me (BAM) Sunday school program and also our teenage youth groups. Christian Ed is 10 hours a week and Youth & Family is 8 hours a week. Apply for one or both. Apply for one or both. An application form is available in the church office or visit: www.alcofwindom.com.



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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
March 9th, 2021
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!

ALC Prayer Chain:

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,

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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.



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

8:00 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

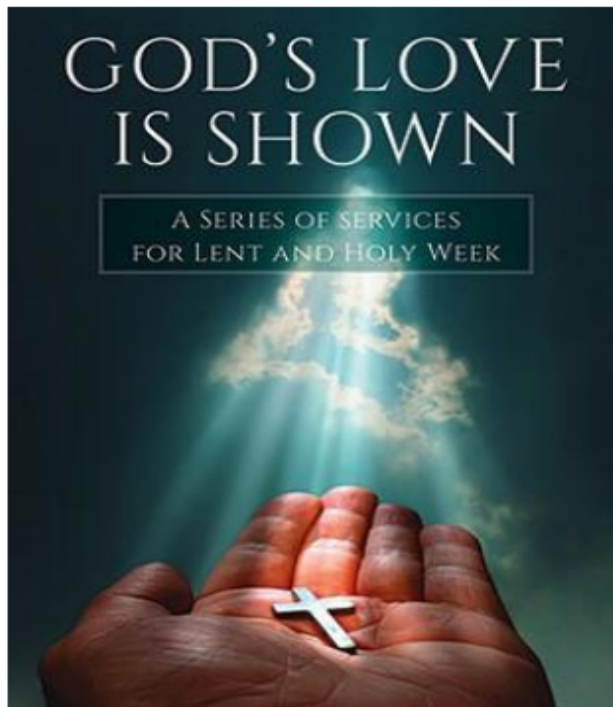
5:45 PM March 10th–Week 3

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.

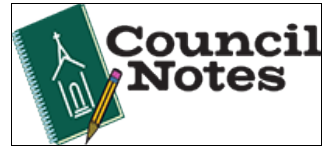
March 17th • Noon ~ Week 4 † American Lutheran Church

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM February 9th, 2021 MEETING



1. President Michalski presented the council with information pertaining to the lack of a quorum at the annual meeting, and provided options for moving forward (see attached). Discussion with decision to accept the motion made at the annual meeting by Michael Wojahn and seconded by Kevin Heggseth to accept the quorum at 47. MM/S/C (Page K - Steve J)
 2. Shetek Conference Assembly, February 21, 2021, at 2:00pm, ALC was noted. This will be held at ALC.
 3. Borgen bid to resurface parking lot - Lindsey Cartwright updated the council on the bid update to \$19,157.50 for repair, seal coating, skin patching, etc. Budget and Finance recommended the signing of the bid. MM/S/C (Lindsey C - Linda J) It was noted Brady Michelson and Tim Herron will join the ad-hoc committee addressing the fundraiser.
 4. Council Retreat of March 21, 2021 at Shalom Hill Farm - Bill Tjentland updated the council on the planning for the retreat, stressing this is not a "one and done" meeting as it is a planning process.
 5. Ondini Partnership - (see enclosed email) Budget and Finance discussed the special need of our Ondini partners due to COVID and the loss of their Bishop. Budget and Finance recommends providing \$1,000 to Ondini and provide the information to the congregation for additional support. This will be launched 2-21-2021 with a Temple Talk. MM/S/C (Lindsey C - Sharon T)
 6. Reopening Coffee Hour - Discussion resulted in the decision to continue to follow CDC guidelines. Individuals may bring personal beverage and food during meetings but ALC will currently not provide beverages or food. The topic will return to the ad-hoc committee.
- Other - Pastor Adam questioned the council on if the quorum numbers needed to be addressed, as in the past year there has been a struggle to reach the quorum. Pastor Sarah shared she felt with the size of the congregation there should be enough people that cared for ALC to reach the current quorum. Topic was tabled for future discussion. Treasurer Lindsey C provided information to the council on the current CARES ACT grant that ALC will be applying for. The county will be doing a second round of relief applications for businesses and non-profits that have been affected by COVID. Budget and Finance recommends completing the application. MM/S/C to do so. (Lindsey C - Steve J)

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Sarah Tailowright reported the board organized for next month's meeting.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon Thompson also reported the board organized for next month's meeting.

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship - Steve Johnson provided a print out to compare giving from 2017 to 2020 and noted that while most churches have seen a decrease in giving, ALC has seen an increase. He also updated the council on the electronic giving and the updating of ALC's flier used at the Chamber office.

Properties - Linda Jaakola reported they met in January to approve the Borgen bid; no meeting in February, but re-approved Borgen's updated bid through email. The first bid was obtained in 2019 and was \$18,773.00. The updated 2021 bid is now 19,157.50.

Budget and Finance - Kevin Heggseth reviewed the finances of the church, noting we are in a good position.

Christian Education - Melissa Dardis shared they are discussing VBS for August and noted that a survey showed an interest in BAM students returning to in-person classes but there were not enough teachers to provide the service. They will continue virtual classes.

Church In Society - Betty Olson updated the council on the 40 days - \$40 Lenten fundraiser for the Crisis Center.

Youth and Family - John Shamp stated a goal of the board to involve more older youth, possible summer canoe trips and the ELCA Youth Event.

GLOW - Jean Johnson shared GLOW will be doing sewing days, personal care kits, and have donated to the Ondini Circuit.

For the Record

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 2/22/21:

Income: \$54,071

Expenses: \$61,765

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

RECORDS:

Baptisms: Emory Cheyenne Boeck, daughter of Mitch & Cheyenne Boeck.



Deaths: Howard Davis

*In Loving
Memory*

MEMORIALS:

Shetek Camperships, Radio Fund, Youth Fund, Video/Media Fund: In memory of Howard Davis.

Renovation Fund: In memory of Howard Davis.

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.



Applying Bible Principles

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange. It is neither inherently good nor evil. But a wrong view of money can become a problem to us.

In First Timothy 6:9-10, Scripture warns about the dangers of a determination to get rich: "But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil; and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains."

When we have a consuming desire to get rich, when we are obsessed with money so that it becomes the focus of our time and attention, then we have made it the number one priority in our lives. In that spot, it replaces everything, including God. We begin to find our security in money, not in God and in God alone.

However, when our view of God is right and our view of money is right, we will realize that money cannot buy security; money cannot purchase happiness; money cannot guarantee peace or joy or contentment. God alone can provide these essentials as we "... strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

In his book, *The Gift of Giving*, Wayne Watts said this: "God always lovingly instructs us in the path that is in our best interest and which will bring us the greatest happiness in life. Therefore, for our good, He instructs us to put Him first in all things, and this includes how we use our money."

How do you view money? Is it at the center of your life, thereby perhaps replacing God's rightful role? And equally important, are you using the money God has given to you to advance His kingdom and His righteousness?

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.



GLOW
In
March

Gals Living Our Witness

All women of American Lutheran Church
are members of GLOW!

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

March Bible Study

Thursday, March 18
2 p.m.

ALC Meeting Room
March "Gather" Magazine
Bible Study
Journeys with angels
Session 3
Questions?

Contact Carolyn Torkelson

GLOW Team Meeting

Sunday, March 7
10:00 a.m.

ALC meeting room
Let's get together
and plan future
events!

All are Welcome!

Sewing Days

NOW EVERY TUESDAY!

March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

9:00am—2:00pm

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

Come and check it out. We have fun and serve Lutheran World Relief Missions.

Bring a sack lunch or come for an hour or two.

No experience necessary!

Questions? Contact: Jean Johnson 822-2715,
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Shetek is hiring summer ministry team members for 2021!! College age young adults – this is a great opportunity to develop lifelong skills that all employers are searching for. Include these skills on your resume.

- Creativity
- Oral communication skills
- Critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Interpersonal and Leadership skills
- Collaborative skills

To find out more and apply online – <https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

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 still need your generous support!

Events at camp!

(See shetek.org for more info.)

March 6, 13, 27 – Saturdays, 10am-2pm – Family Sugarbush Days

Come out to camp to learn more about tapping trees and the process of making maple syrup!

March 12-13 – Confirmation Retreat

March 13 – Pre-Marriage Retreat

March 21 – Sugarbush Sunday – 9am-1pm,

This year will be a drive through pancake breakfast. Tours available by request.

In March we'll be 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 almost \$1,200,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! Watch for more information about our progress in 2021.

