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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!

All worship services are streamed online and can be viewed on ALC's YouTube Channel, Facebook Page, and Website.

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, June 2

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)
w/ Noisy Offering and Cancer Survivor Recognition

Sunday, June 6

9:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion,
National Cancer Survivors Day,
Installation of Tera Elness, and
Commissioning of Shetek Staff

Wednesday, June 9

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)
w/Holy Communion

Sunday, June 13

Sunday Noisy Offering
9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, June 16

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)
w/Holy Communion

Sunday, June 20 (Summer Begins)

Father's Day

9:00 AM Worship at Cottonwood Lake

Wednesday, June 23

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Sunday, June 27

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
and Partnership Sunday w/Ondini Circuit

Wednesday, June 30

5:45 PM WOW (Worship on Wednesday)





Pastor's Message

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

-Proverbs 22:6

I recently sat through a continuing education class on conversations that parents need to have with their kids. I was absolutely blown away by the statistics the presenter shared. She taught that a good percentage of kids have seen some form of pornography by the age of twelve, many kids as young as eight. This happens from kids at school having access on their devices and showing others. It also happens when kids have questions about sex and try to find the answers on the internet.

The consequences of teens (and preteens) viewing porn are extensive. One extremely detrimental side-effect is that kids start assuming their bodies should look like those they see in the videos. When they don't measure up it may really mess with their self-esteem during a time in their life when they are already highly self-conscious about the way puberty is causing their bodies to go through awkward changes. This is affecting both females and males.

She also talked about how prevalent sexting and sending nude pictures is among teenagers. Many girls as young as twelve are being asked for naked pictures of themselves and the frequency of these requests only increases with age. Some of the reasons girls send them is in hopes of boosting their self-esteem. Another scary reason is because it will shut the guy up who keeps pushing them for it.

Many of our kids and grandkids have smart phones and, whereas you might have your kids' phone tightly secure, other parents do not. Therefore, conversations need to be had with our kids to train them up.

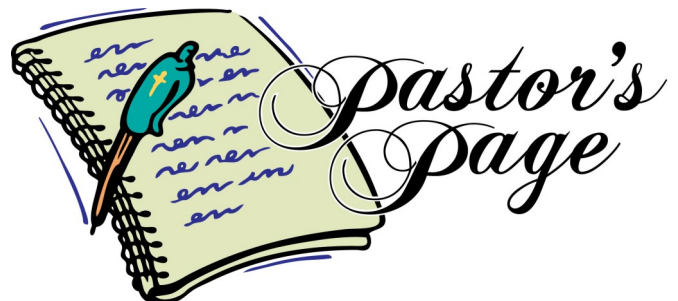
Adolescence is an awkward time. Assure your children that what's happening during puberty is completely normal, zits, uneven growth spurts, voice changes, gangling, all of it. Let them know that God created them beautifully and that they don't need to prove that to anyone else, nor do they need anyone else to endorse it. Teach them how to deal with people pushing them to do things that they don't feel comfortable doing. And, as awkward as it might be, let them know that if they have questions about anything, including sexuality, that you are willing to talk with them without judgement, anger, and without being an authoritarian.

God let us know early on that children need to be trained up to make good decisions as making good decisions does not come naturally to us. As parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, we are called to be active in forming our youth into adults because, if we are not the ones giving them the information they need to thrive, then they will turn to their friends and the internet for the answers.

Train up your child with love and boundaries. Raise them in the faith so that they know God has made them individually beautiful and that God loves them just the way they are, even more than you do. Build up their self-esteem and confidence so that they don't make the kind of mistakes when they're young that can really hurt their life for a long time.

The children in your life are a gift from God whether they are biological, adoptive, foster, grandchildren, nieces, and/or nephews. As the body of Christ we are called to nurture our children. Through congregations our kids are given more opportunities to be raised well by having access to BAM teachers, confirmation guides, godparents, and caring adults who share a pew with them. May all of us take the task of raising the children in our congregation, and in our lives, to heart, that they may have everything they need in this sinful world to thrive.

Pastor Adam Roberts





Worship & Music Notes

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

Week of:

June 2 / 6	Psalms 100	John 1:14-17
June 9 / 13	Psalms 13	John 6:35-40
June 16 / 20	Psalms 23	John 10:1-4
June 23 / 27	Psalms 30	John 6:67-69
June 30 / July 4	Psalms 150	John 4:24-26

We begin the summer series with readings from Psalms. Do you have a favorite psalm? Here are a few refresher facts about Psalms.

- Scholars believe that the majority of the psalms were written by King David.
- The psalms are grouped into 5 Books: Psalms 1–41; Psalms 42–72; Psalms 73–89; Psalms 90–106; and Psalms 107–150.
- As you read the psalms, you experience several themes: thankfulness, praise, lament, wisdom, and God’s laws.
- The psalms are the basis for many hymns and liturgical responses and all 150 are included in our hymnal.
- “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”, ELW #836 supports 23 different psalms.
- “Doxology - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW 884 relates to 10 different psalms.
- “Earth and All Stars” ELW #731 includes 11 references to the psalms.

V. 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! ...

V. 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! ...

V. 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! ...

Refrain: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Worship Notes for June:

- * Worship services will be offered on Wednesday nights at 5:45 PM and Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. Our online services will continue to be offered on Facebook, ALC website, and ALC YouTube channel. Our Sunday morning worship will continue to be broadcast on KDOM 103.1 FM at 10:30 AM.
- * Sunday, June 6th is National Cancer Survivor Day!
- * Summer and Father’s Day are June 20th! Come worship at Cottonwood Lake on June 20th at 9:00 AM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. The Church of God of Prophecy Praise Band is scheduled to worship with ALC. If weather conditions are questionable, please check ALC Facebook page for updates.
- * Noisy Offering for this month will help support the mission work of - The Banquet.
- * Looking for a couple individuals who would like to work on updating Worship on Wednesday music / song list. Contact Jane Cartwright if you are interested.
- * As we transition back into a worship pattern, there are a variety of ways to participate in worship this summer! Check out the listings posted on the Worship and Music bulletin board, located in the main hallway to the parking lot.

Noisy Offering This Month: The Banquet

The Banquet meal ministry is a volunteer-based ministry, meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. Their mission is to provide a welcoming place where people can gather, receive nourishment and experience love in action, and to assist volunteers in providing food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of The Banquet. 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:

Welcome to Tera Elness as Christian Education Coordinator!

"For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2.39

We are thrilled that beginning June 1st, Tera will rejoin the ALC staff. Tera is pleased to work part time at the hospital at the Wellness Center, and now part time back in her own congregation. Since she last worked here, Tera has continued to grow in her love of God's Word. She has a passion for teaching and connecting with others and sharing what the grace of God can do! We are pleased to have her back serving in the area of faith formation and look forward to seeing how the Spirit will bless this essential ministry. Welcome, Tera!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)!

VBS will be held Sunday, August 1st- Thursday, August 5th! It will be held in the evening. Exact times to be determined. Many volunteers are needed to make Vacation Bible School successful! If you are interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School in any way, please contact the church office!



YOUTH EVENTS COMING UP!



VALLEYFAIR TRIP: Thursday, July 8th. Open to families or students entering 9th-12th grade. Anyone under 9th grade needs to be with parent or guardian. Leaving at 9am. Cost will be \$40 plus extra for food/extras. If we get enough signed up we can get a great deal on a group meal. Students....Remember you might have account money!

ARNOLD'S PARK TRIP: Tuesday, July 27th leaving at 1pm. Open to students entering 6th-8th grade and open to families! If student is under 6th grade they need to be with a parent or guardian. Cost is \$20 plus money for food/extras. Students might have account money.

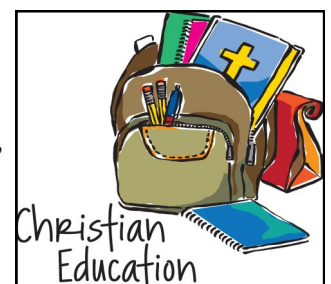


CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS: Sunday, June 6th, June 20th, July 11th and July 25th; each time 11am-3pm with 2 shifts- 11-1 and 1-3. We need about 10 kids per shift. Open to ALL youth 6th-12th grade. Not just for those attending trips.

JR. LEAGUE AND SR. LEAGUE

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.



Good to Know

Moving forward in the time of pandemic: *

In keeping with loosening restrictions for the state of Minnesota, effective May 27th,
Capacity limits and distancing requirements are lifted.
Mask mandate is lifted for those who are fully vaccinated.
Unvaccinated people are encouraged to wear a mask.

What this means for ALC:

Coffee following worship will resume beginning June 6th.
Shake hands, bump elbows, or pass the peace, as you are comfortable.
We will not yet resume the passing of the offering plate.
Holy Communion will be served at the communion rails or with the communion kits in the pews. You choose what you are comfortable with.
Funeral receptions and other gatherings may resume in the Fellowship Hall.
On-line worship can be accessed through Facebook, You-tube and at alcofwindom.com

If you don't feel well, please stay home. Thank you for being respectful of other people's space and choices.

We strive to create a safe and comfortable environment for everyone!

*As determined by the COVID Reopening Ad Hoc Committee, May 20th, 2021

RESULTS OF THE APRIL ALC COUNCIL RETREAT

The ALC Council met in retreat at Shalom Hill Farm on Sunday afternoon, April 18th. In attendance were Jamie Frank, Melissa Dardis, Jane Cartwright, Steve Johnson, John Shamp, Bill Tjentland, Betty Olson, Lindsay Cartwright, Nancy Michalski, Sarah Tailowright, Pastor Adam, and Pastor Sarah. The retreat was led by Rev. Dee Pederson, Director of Evangelical Mission for the Southwest MN Synod of the ELCA, with the theme: *Walking through 2021*.

Dee invited us to listen to God, listen to each other, and listen to the world.

Listening to God: Acts 16: 6-15 *Paul's vision to cross over to Macedonia and the influence of Lydia.*

Together, we learned that God had a vision for Paul and the mission of the growing church, but that he had to be flexible, able to change plans, listen, and be open to new and influential people like Lydia.

Listening to each other: S.O.A.R. Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results

We broke up into 3 groups of rotating members to look at who we are and how to move forward based on the four categories of S.O.A.R. We found that as a church we are very blessed in many ways, but God is calling us to move forward with the following clear focus:

Faith Formation and Building Community inside and outside the church, with both goals empowered by technology.

These two goals give us clear forward momentum, while at the same time giving us permission to not do everything.

Listening to our Community Windom is a small city on the grow with an increasingly diverse and multi-lingual population. How can we as a church connect to the new people coming here, and the many who have been here all along, but are not connected to faith community in any way? *Stay tuned and read the Messenger in July for more info!*



Pave the Way-Parking Lot Campaign

We're hoping to resurface our parking lot this summer and are launching a fundraiser to help pay for the cost. Please see the bulletin board in the skylight court to help us pave the way! On this bulletin board are special envelopes with designated amounts. You may choose any desired amount you would like to donate. These envelopes can be placed in the offering plates during worship or dropped off in the church office. Help us raise our goal of \$20,000 and pave the way to resurfacing ALC's parking lot! Currently we're at \$16, 685. Thank you to everyone who as donated thus far!!



Good to Know

Thank you Mel!

Thank you to Melanie Shamp who has served as our Christian Education Coordinator since December 1st 2018 and as our Youth & Family Coordinator since April 21st, 2019. Melanie has taken another job has the head cook for Senior Dining. Melanie offered to stay as the long term sub until the end of the BAM year. Thank you Melanie for all your gifts, talents, and time here at ALC! We wish you well with all your future endeavors!



After a long respite, it looks like the Skylight Court Café can resume!! The 1st day back will be June 6th. The Christian Education Board would like to honor Tera Elness at the Coffee hour, who will be installed Christian Education Coordinator that day. Gina Freiwald will bring -Rhubarb coffee cake, and monster cookie bars.



This is such good news!! I hope you are excited to relaunch this great ministry. If you would like to bring goodies a sign-up sheet is located in the skylight court!

New Members

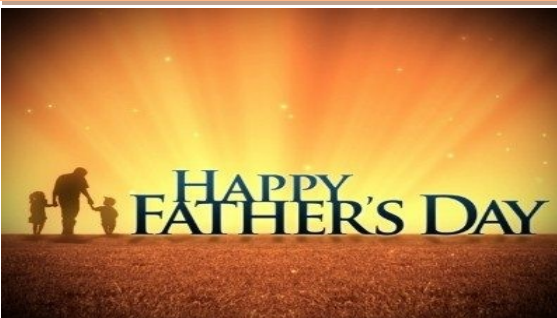
The American Lutheran Church of Windom welcomes all, whether you're come to worship, bring your kids, or find a place to connect and grow. Our vision is a living relationship with God, while cultivating community with a wide variety of people. If you have questions or might be interested in becoming a member of the congregation, contact one of our pastors or staff, or call the church office.



ALC TO HOST SHETEK SUMMER STAFF COMMISSIONING SERVICE

On June 6th we will have the privilege to commission the Shetek Lutheran Ministries summer staff! Amanda Randall, Program Director writes "We have such a diverse staff this year coming from a variety of areas, but the most common place being ALC in Windom." This year Will Wilson will be back for a third year, joined by Jennifer Turner and Caden Wiens as counselors. Chloe Shamp and Kaden Holtz will head out for a week as CITs (counselors in training). May God bless the ministry of these young people, as they gain great skills and share experiences that will go with them for a lifetime.

Join us in celebrating **FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH** at Cottonwood Lake for Worship! Treats will be provided in honor of all Fathers!



SIGN UP TO PLAY CHURCH SOFTBALL!

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office. Contact Donny Boltjes at (507)830-0015 if you have any questions.

NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS' DAY

will be observed June 2nd and June 6th at our worship services. If you have ever had a diagnosis of cancer, we want to recognize you, as well as the medical professionals and caregivers who provide care and support.



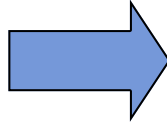
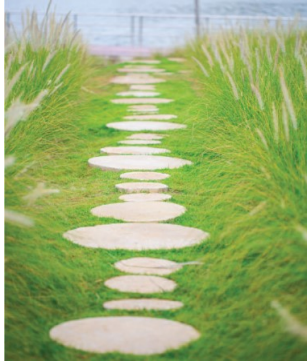
Good to Know

2021 SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA VIRTUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 6th, 11th, & 12th

Agenda: Worship, pray, conduct the business of the assembly, and elect a new bishop.

ALC members attending the 2021 Southwestern Minnesota virtual Synod Assembly are Lindsey Cartwright, Jane Cartwright, Michael Wojahn, Pastor Sarah Tade, and Pastor Adam Roberts.



GIFTS OF GRACE - TOWARD FINANCIAL WELLBEING:

Did you know that Bishop Jon Anderson is retiring after 18 years of service to the Southwest MN Synod? To honor Bishop Jon's leadership we are invited to make a contribution to one of his signature projects **Gifts of Grace** which supports congregations and pastors alike in financial wellbeing through stewardship training and grants for debt reduction or unexpected medical bills. Our Trust Fund is giving \$500. ALC's Venture Ministry Fund will give \$500 and challenges our members together to match that gift! Special Envelopes are in the narthex, or designate Gifts of Grace in the memo line of your check. Thank you for honoring Bishop Anderson!



Gifts of Grace

Toward Financial Wellbeing

Ministerial Excellence Fund

COMMUNITY CLEAN -UP



THANK YOU Jr. Leaguers, the Church in Society Board, and all the volunteers who helped clean up our community on Sunday, May 23rd. Remember if you're going for a walk bring a trash bag with you and help do God's work by picking up any trash you see while on your walk.

Partnership Sunday, June 27th *Shetek Conference (Southwest MN) – Ondini Circuit (South Africa)*

"One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing that we bless, and we, though many, through all the earth, we are one body in this one Lord." ELW 496

The last Partnership Trip that was taken was in 2017. Four from ALC traveled in the delegation for a productive visit of deepening friendships and knowledge of our mutual ministries. We had planned to bring a delegation here in 2020 when COVID hit. It has been a challenging time ever since. Conversations are resuming on how to strengthen our partnership. We hope to connect with our partners in Ondini soon by Zoom! (Pictured is Yanick Tadé visiting with a pastor from the Ondini Circuit)

A free will offering will be taken on June 27th in support of the partnership.



Good to Know

The Banquet, Sioux Falls

Sign-up on the bulletin board across from the office to **VOLUNTEER AT THE BANQUET** in Sioux Falls Thursday, July 22nd. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 3:00PM. A donation box is located in the Skylight Court. Suggested donation items include school supplies. A list of items needed is posted on the donation box. There is also a jar for monetary donations. We welcome youth to join us. Thank you in advance to all who donate items, money, and/or their time. Please wear closed toed shoes-no sandals.



The Church in Society is planning a Block Party on August 8. We are looking for yard games--bean bag toss, ladder golf, yard Jenga, yard Yahtzee etc. If you have any of these games or others we may use, please contact Betty Olson. Thank you! 831-4684



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!!

HELP WANTED:

The American Lutheran Church of Windom is seeking a part-time Youth & Family Coordinator to lead our teenage youth groups and youth events. An application form is available in the church office or visit: www.alcofwindom.com. Apply today!



WORSHIP AT THE LAKE: Sunday, June 20th, Sunday, July 18th, and August 15th at Cottonwood Lake. Come as you are and bring your own lawn chair and sunscreen.



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

****Altar Guild does NOT meet in June, July, or August****

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
2021 GRADUATES!**



Austin Doorenbos



Ellie Maricle



Cameron Alm



Damian King



Lily Mellstrom



Sam Doorenbos



Joelle Bak



Trenton Renquist



Dallas Anderson



Eryn Friesen



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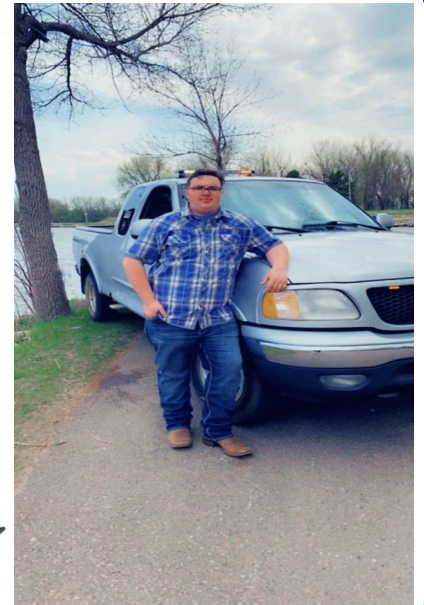
Haley Dauer



Ethan Pohlman



Caden Wiens



Jared Thomas

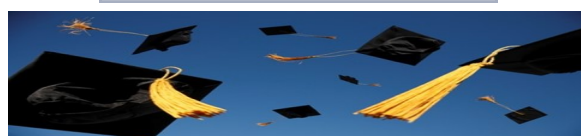


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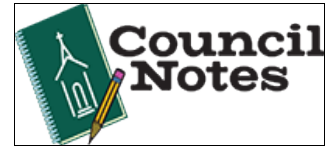
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Alberto Contrares
Tucker Fuchs
Hobie Hedquist
Reece Osher



Chance Elness



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM **May 11th, 2021 MEETING**



- Parking Lot Update - \$14,643 has been raised thus far. Linda J will contact Bargen concerning the striping and costs.
- Ad-hoc Committee for Y&F hiring - It was determined an ad-hoc committee should be created, with members of John Shamp, a representative from Budget and Finance and MMC, a Pastor, and any interested ALC member. This committee will update the recruiting plan, review salary and hours. They will report back to the council.
- MMC recommends to the council that Tera Elness be offered the Christian Education position at \$16.00 per hour for up to an average of 20 hours per week starting June 1, 2021 - The council reviewed and approved the updated draft of Christian Education Coordinator Job Description. A point of discussion was the determination of the beginning wage, which was addressed by Kevin H, of B&F, and Lindsey C, Treasurer. MMC recommended the wage, based on employment history and experience. MM/S/C (MMC/Kevin H)
- Strategic Planning - The council retreat, along with a summary of results in the agenda package, was discussed. Bill T shared thoughts on "Now What" talking about points that he noted (Faith Formation, Building Community in both ALC and the community, the use of technology to build community, and Visibility) With a theme of a couple goals during this year to build upon we will communicate goals with the congregation, present a Temple Talk on the Council Retreat; Lindsey C suggested a daily devotion on Facebook and numerous council members noted Pastor Adam's 3 minute devotions. Pastor Sarah noted that ALC's Facebook interactions have increased by 200%.
- Increase in Technology - As discussed in Strategic Planning, use technology to build community (website, FB, etc.), daily devotions, support Pastor Adam's 3 minute devotion, and develop additional outlets.
- Youth BWCA Trip - 6 youth may attend; there are 10 interested. Decision on the length of the event is being discussed by Y&F. \$150 deposit will be needed from each participant; there will be numerous fundraisers.
- Gifts of Grace - In honor of Bishop Anderson's retirement, he has requested donations to the Gifts of Grace. The Trust Fund will donate \$500; Venture Ministry Fund will donate \$500 and the congregation will be asked to donate. Information will be put on the website, Facebook, and into the bulletins.
- CPR Training - Pastor Sarah has contacted Jim Axford, the instructor. She is waiting for a response.
- Other - Lindsey C informed the council of a \$10,000 gift from the Dorothy Hofflander Memorial. The family has requested it be used for Christian Education and renovations. B&F recommends that 50% be used for Christian Education curriculum and 50% for the parking lot fundraiser and/or renovations. Kevin H informed the council that if there is a need to complete funding for the parking lot the 50% would be used, with any remaining funds going into the Renovation Fund. Lindsey C also reported that the 50% to Christian Education will be used over a number of years. MM/S/C (B&F/Kevin H)

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Lindsey C reported for Sarah T that the board is discussing potential changes with July 1st, 2021, opening of the church (based on CDC). Input they have received indicate members want to return to communion at the rail, and for the Wednesday and Saturday services to return to normal. They are also discussing the needed recording of services when outdoor services are done. Additionally, May 23 and June 20 the Church of God Prophecy will be providing music.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon T reported they will be planning for Father's Day at the lake service.

Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship - Steve J informed the council that B&F will be financing KLV for the remaining portion of the year (\$700). The board will be assisting Church In Society with the August 8 Block Party by creating fliers and distributing them. There is a grant available through ELCA for churches to fund programs to bring people together that may be considered. They will put "quick give" cards on the back of the pews for giving via cell phone; more information to come on that subject. Volunteers have stepped forward to assist with the summer custodial needs.

Properties - Linda J updated the council on their walk through, noting they have updated their work list. There has been \$14,643 raised for the parking lot fundraiser and a member purchased a compressor for the church.

Budget & Finance - Kevin H shared the Venture Ministry will provide \$700 for the KLV giving program; Venture Ministry will provide up to \$750 for food/beverage for the Block Party; Venture Ministry will also provide \$500 for Gifts of Grace.

Christian Education - Gina F noted they are very pleased to know that Tera will soon begin the Christian Education position. They have set VBS for August 1-5. Sunday School will end soon and since there will be no party, they will plan a special event for Rally Day. They are considering special summer events like the swim night, movie in the parking lot, etc. They will work with Tera to finalize their planning.

Youth and Family - John S shared that the board purchased a gas grill for the church's use. Graduation gifts will be given again, and a Baccalaureate ice cream event is being planned.

Church In Society - Betty O noted that they provided pizza to the local firemen; there will be a trash pick-up at 4:00pm on May 23; they continue to plan for the Block Party.

GLOW - Kathy H informed the council that they will have the Holiday Fair on November 13, 2021. There will also be a Girl's Night Out on June 15 at 5pm.

For the Record

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 5/24/21:

Income: \$162,815

Expenses: \$177,756

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



RECORDS:

Baptisms: Olivia Mae Zimmer, daughter of Cody Zimmer and Callie Jackson.



Deaths: Selma "Sally" Gohman

*In Loving
Memory*

MEMORIALS:

Sunday School Curriculum: In memory of Dorothy Hofflander.

Parking Lot Fund: In memory of Sally Gohman and Dorothy Hofflander.

Renovation Fund: In memory of Dorothy Hofflander, Myron Appel, Fern Haglund and Kathy Evenson.



OFFERING OPTIONS:

The ministry of our congregation continues in many ways! The options remain open for ways of contributing your offerings. You may 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

Applying Bible Principles

"Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil — this is the gift of God" (Eccl. 5:19).

Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that God also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from God's hand, but in particular, Solomon indicated that money and riches and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully His, and then God allows us the enjoyment of wealth and money. As we enjoy what God has entrusted to us, no doubt God takes great pleasure in our enjoyment if our actions are in conformity to His Word and will.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and wealth is according to God's plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and His work here at ALC.

During the past few months, have you kept God's glory as the number one priority in your use of money? Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?

GLOW in June

Gals Living
Our Witness

A Women's Ministry
of American
Lutheran Church

SUMMER OUTING! PAINTED PRAIRIE VINEYARD

TUESDAY, JUNE 15 near
Currie, MN

Leave ALC parking lot at 5:00 pm

Join us for a relaxing evening filled with food,
wine and girl time! Tour the facility and
learn about their history.

Women of all ages WELCOME!

Wine Tasting \$5 (optional)

Non-alcoholic beverages available

Order off the menu
(at your expense)

See the Menu @

Paintedprairiewine.com

Sign-up across from
office or call the church
831-1794 by June 1



Watch for
Summer Bible Study
coming in July!
Gather Magazine
"Just Love: Part 2"



Shetek Quilt Auction

June 26 @ Shetek Bible Camp
Auction starts @ 10:30am

If you would like a ride call
Jean Johnson, @ 822-2715

She will be leaving Windom @ 9:00am



For more info
about the
Quilt Auction,
see bulletin board
across from
church office.

June 2021

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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Big News!!

Shetek replaced our old walk-in refrigerator and freezer for summer 2021!

Here's what the space looked like before the new one went in. Watch next month for a picture of the new walk-in.



Events at camp!

(See shetek.org for more info.)

May 31 – Staff Training Begins!!

June 13 – First day of camp!!

June 21 – Golf Tournament Fundraiser

June 25+26 – Quilt Auction – live again in 2021

June 26 – Pelican 5K Fun Run/Walk

Quilt Auction 2021!

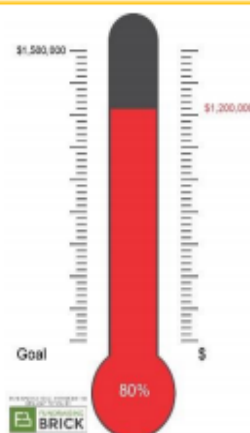


Join us on June 25+26 for our Quilt Preview and Auction. Quilt previews on Friday evening from 6:30-8:30pm and on Saturday morning 8:30-10am. The Quilt Auction will begin at 10:30am on Saturday. A burger and brat meal will be available to purchase on Friday evening also between 5:30-7pm.

The Pelican 5K Fun Run/Walk will be on Saturday morning with registration beginning at 7:30am and run/walk starting at 8am.

See www.shetek.org/giving for more information.

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is restarting after a pandemic pause. So far, we've raised over \$1,200,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! More info. on our website. <https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/>



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!