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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 Sunday 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.

Saturday, September 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 5

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, September 11

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Sunday, September 12

Second Sunday Noisy Offering
9:00 AM Worship w/Blessing of the Backpacks

Wednesday, September 15

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship Begins

Saturday, September 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Saturday, September 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, September 19

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, September 22

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Installation of Confirmation Small Group Guides

Saturday, September 25

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 26

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion and Installation of Sunday/Wednesday School Staff

Wednesday, September 29

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Noisy Offering





Pastor's Message

Wednesday night worship starts up this month. One of my favorite scenes from worship on Wednesday is a grandmother who brings her two granddaughters to worship every week. There is another family that worships together, three generations.

Once, when I was preparing to baptize a baby, I asked the parents how they came to know about Jesus. Who told them? Did they grow up in a church? The mom had gone through confirmation right here at ALC. Now she was bringing her baby back to be baptized. The dad said his grandparents brought him to church as a child. Those grandparents were in attendance for the baptism.

It takes a village. Babies can't know what is happening, and how God is giving them new life, forgiveness of sin, and a whole new family as the water is washed over their heads. Babies borrow the believing hearts of their parents, until they can come to believe for themselves. Will they come to believe when it's their turn? Somehow it needs to become believable with the help of a whole lot of people, and the Holy Spirit.

It becomes believable when small group guides sit with confirmation students on Wednesday night and listen to their highs and lows. It becomes believable when meals are shared for anyone who wants to come and eat. (No charge, give a contribution as you're able, but *come and eat!*) *It becomes believable when we pray together on Sunday morning for those far away and those right here, because God's world is big and so is our compassion. It becomes believable when bulletins get delivered to shut-ins with a smile and a caring word, because everyone is someone. It may even become believable at a Block Party when we gather with our neighbors, or at the ball field when a fly ball lands in a glove of youth welcomed onto the team. We all matter here, and we all matter to God.*

I just learned of a woman who made 20 dozen cookies for VBS. She wasn't going to let those kids down!! Now that's the village I'm talking about. You can do something too. For Confirmation this year we are doing a Bible drive. For \$20 an adult can provide a 7th, 8th, 9th grader with a Bible. It's one more way to connect with each other across generations, so that in each generation they may know that God is real, and worth investing in and telling about so others can come to know and have faith!

Here's a fun fact to show how things come full circle: Did you know that the prayer that is prayed in baptism is also prayed at Confirmation over each of the young people confirming their faith? Read this prayer as if it was being prayed over you right now:

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain/stir up _____ with the gift of your Holy Spirit ; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Our life together is beautiful. We need each other, across generations, men and women, boys and girls, young and old alike. I can't wait to see you, be with you, maybe eat with you, and worship God with you in September!! Pastor Sarah

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in peace. Psalm 133.1





Worship & Music Notes

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

September 5:	God Makes All Things New	Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5
September 12:	Creation by the Word	Genesis 1:1- 2:4a
September 19:	Binding of Isaac	Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14
September 26:	Isaac's Blessing and Jacob's Dream	Genesis 27:1-4,15-23; 28:10-17



Get ready for an exciting month! During September, ALC will gradually kick-off the new Fall programming, and a change in Wednesday Worship time! During September, scripture readings shift our focus from the last chapters of Revelation, to Genesis, the first book in the Old Testament. The passages will focus on what God has created and how we too, were created in the image of the one who creates. As the journey continues in Genesis, take time to revisit the story of Abraham, as he wrestles with sacrificing his son, Isaac. This story ends with a twist! Have you ever distrusted an individual? Read about Jacob and how God became a guiding force in his life. Come join in the weekly journey as stories demonstrate how God creates, loves, saves, forgives and blesses!



Important Dates to Remember:

Holy Communion is served on the First and Fourth Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. On the Second and Third Saturdays, it will be served during the 5:30 PM service in the Chapel.

Wednesday Worship returns September 15th at 6:30 PM. Please note the new time. Holy Communion will be served on the First Wednesday of the month starting in October.

Confirmation is on September 19th Eighteen youth will continue in their baptismal journey as they confirm their faith during the Confirmation Service at 10:45 AM. Please keep these students in your prayers.

Choir Updates!

Handbell Choir will begin practice on Monday, Sept. 20th at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. This group enjoys laughter and work as a team, as each player is responsible for 2 notes. There are still a few spots to fill and substitutes are always welcome! It is directed by Jane Cartwright. Can't wait to hear the bells ringing again!



Longing to sing with others? ALC Choir will begin practice on Wednesday, Sept. 29th at 5:30 PM. This is a new date and time! This group will practice during the Wednesday School time, so parents, here is a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow congregation members. The more, the merrier. Jamie Pohlmann will once again be directing this group. We will start by meeting in the sanctuary.

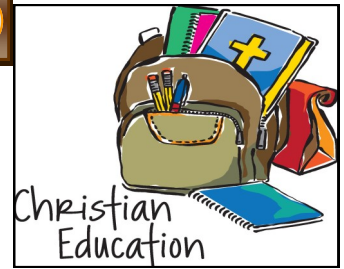
September 26th is Rally Day!! There are many activities planned for this day. Please consider kicking it off with worship.



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:

WELCOME BACK!!



Christian Education Upcoming Special Dates!

- September 1st Mandatory Confirmation Student (7th-9th)/Parent Meeting 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- September 8th Confirmation Small Group Guide Training 7:00pm, Skylight Court
- September 12th Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship!
- September 13th Sunday/Wed School Teacher/Leader Meeting 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall (basement)
- September 15th Confirmation Sunday Rehearsal for our 10th gr. Confirmands 8:00pm
- September 19th Confirmation Sunday for our 10th gr. Confirmands, 10:45am
God Bless You!
- September 22nd Installation of Confirmation Small Group Guides during Worship!
FIRST Night of Confirmation for our 7th-9th graders, 7:30pm
- September 26th RALLY DAY!

Installation of All Christian Education Volunteers during Worship!
- September 29th Sunday/Wednesday School Student/Parent Meeting, 10:15am, Fellowship Hall (basement) with a family cookout to follow!
Wednesday School Classes Begin, 5:30pm!
3 yr. olds receive their Bibles during Worship!
- October 3rd Sunday School Classes Begin, 10:15am!
3 yr. olds receive their Bibles during Worship!



Our Confirmation Program is now a THREE-YEAR Journey beginning in 7TH GRADE! Yay!!! I'm SO Excited to be your Teacher! See you SOON 7th Graders!! ☺

Tera Elness

teraalc@gmail.com
507-822-3377

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

If you have a child that is turning 3 years old by September 1st and will be enrolling in Sunday school please call the office at (507)831-1794 and let us know.



WHAT IS RALLY DAY??

I am **SO** Glad You Asked!

RALLY DAY is our KICK-OFF to a Brand New Sunday School Year!

Sunday School at ALC is offered TWICE each week –

Wednesday Evenings from 5:30-6:15pm

Sunday Mornings from 10:15-11:00am

RALLY DAY is the CELEBRATORY START DAY for BOTH!

Rally Day is for **ALL** Students and their Amazing Families!

And it all starts with Worship at 9am!

Immediately following Worship, all students (regardless of whether registered for Wednesdays or Sundays) will head to their classrooms where they will meet their teacher and enjoy a fun activity!

Parents will join me down in the basement Fellowship Hall for Coffee & A Brief Meeting to Discuss the School Year Ahead! (Pssst. I may even have doughnuts)

After all of THAT fun, even MORE fun will follow with a

FREEWILL OFFERING RALLY DAY GRILLOUT

in the Church Parking Lot! (and don't worry, the Vikes don't play till 3!)

Whew, it's gonna be an **AWESOME** Day Friends, so **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

*****SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH BOTH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND OUR CHURCH WEBSITE*****

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

We can't WAIT to have your kiddos back!



Our Kiddos NEED You!

Did you know that emotionally significant, comforting relationships during childhood are linked to better physiological and health profiles in infancy, childhood, and adulthood?

We are American Lutheran Church of Windom want to foster these relationships in the lives of our members – old and young alike!

Looking For A Way To Plug In?

Here Are **THREE** Incredible Opportunities!

*Team-Teach A Sunday School/Wednesday School Class!

This is an incredible way to share what you know about some of the amazing stories of the Bible, or learn right alongside your students!
(Ps. You are never too old to teach!)

*Be a Classroom Prayer Partner!

A Prayer Partner is someone who is paired with a specific class of children.
The Prayer Partner will commit to praying for each of their students as well as share a few special class times with them.

This ministry opportunity may be ideal for an older member.
(They are also welcome to pop in on their students with treats occasionally because who doesn't like treats, amen?!)

*Serve as a Confirmation Mentor!

Starting this year, we will begin a Mentorship Program within our Confirmation Program.
Our 7th graders will be asked to choose a Confirmation Mentor from within the Congregation (non-family member) to walk alongside them throughout their Confirmation Journey, including attending a couple of special Student/Mentor Nights right here at Church!

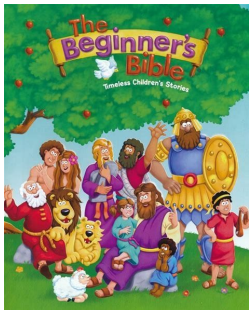
PLEASE CONTACT CEC TERA IF YOU ARE WILLING TO PLUG IN!

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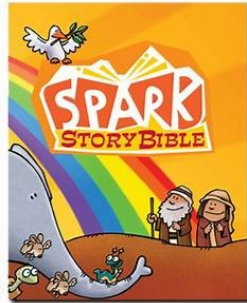


Do you love to share God's word with children?

The Christian Education Board is looking for Bible Sponsors for our youth who are being baptized, entering nursery or 3rd grade, and the 7th - 9th grade confirmation classes in the 2021-2022 school year. Bibles are \$20 each and will be presented to students this fall.



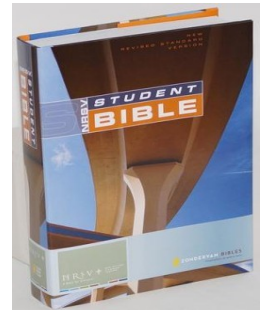
Baptism



Nursery



3rd Grade



7th-9th Grade

Please return the bottom portion to the church office with your donation.

Sponsor's Name _____
(As you would like it to appear in the Bible as the sponsor)

Number of Bibles Sponsored _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Thank you for sharing in God's work at American Lutheran Church!

Youth News:



Parents of students in 8th-12th grade (in the fall of 2021), please be looking for a letter in your mailbox regarding the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering. Early bird registration will begin on September 22nd so please start talking with your family about if your 8th-12th grade student wants to participate in this amazing opportunity! In the letter you will be receiving, will be a date for a parent and student informational meeting. Please attend this meeting if your student is even REMOTELY interested in attending!

*****A Youth Gathering Youth & Parents meeting will be held Wednesday, September 22nd at 8:30 PM (following confirmation) in the Fellowship Hall (basement). Please join us if your interested in this amazing event!*****

Thank you and I CAN NOT WAIT to work with you and your student in getting ready for this Gathering!
Melanie Shamp,
2022 Boundless Youth Gathering Coordinator

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**10:45 AM SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH
FOR OUR 10TH
GRADE
CONFIRMANDS**



JR. LEAGUE AND SR. LEAGUE

There will be no Jr. League for the month of September due to other activities going on at that time. Instead please join us for our Burger Bash and Kickball on Sunday, September 12th. Senior League will continue to be on hold until further notice.



There will also be a free meal including hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies, and lemonade before kickball. Come have a blast and help us celebrate this school year! Hope to see you there!

Come to the Windom Rec Fields on **Sunday, September 12th at 6:00 PM** for our kick off to the school year with our **Burger Bash and Kickball!** We will be playing kickball on eagle field, so bring your friends!



Good to Know

Wednesday Supper in September

September 29th, 5:00 PM– Walking Tacos, fruit cups, and cookies.

**** We are looking for volunteers to help serves Wednesday night suppers If you are interested in volunteering please call the office at (507)831-1794****



Holiday Hours:

**Monday, September 6th:
Labor Day**

**Church and Office
will be closed.**

Noisy Offering This Month:

Prayer Shawls

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was created to help those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Prayer shawls help individuals know that someone has been and continues to pray for them. It also encourages them to know that God is with them every step of the way, every day.

Each Prayer Shawl costs about \$15 to make. Please consider donating to this great Ministry.

New Fall 2021 Schedule

Wednesdays:

5:00- 5:30pm Supper (beginning 09/29)

5:30- 6:15pm Wednesday School (formerly known as BAM-Bible And Me beginning 09/29)

6:30- 7:15pm Wednesday Worship (beginning 09/15)

7:30- 8:30pm Confirmation classes for 7th, 8th and 9th graders (beginning 09/22)

Sundays:

9:00am Worship

10:00am Skylight Court Café-Coffee Hour

10:15- 11:00am Sunday School (beginning 09/26)

10:30am Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

RALLY DAY- a kickoff to the school year for ALL students, Wednesday and Sunday School and their families will be held on Sunday, September 26th, 2021. Worship starts at 9am. Following worship, students will go to their classrooms, meet their teachers, and enjoy a fun activity. Parents will join CEC Tera in the Fellowship Hall (basement) for Coffee and a parent meeting. Family grill out in the parking lot to follow.

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION is

open!! You may register online through the link on our Facebook Page, Website, or our What's up at ALC email. You may also pick up a registration form in the church office. Please note: children are not automatically registered for Sunday/Wednesday School from previous years. New registration forms are required each year. If you have any questions contact CEC Tera Elness at teraalc@gmail.com or 507-822-3377.

*If you have a child that is turning **3 years old** by **September 1st** and will be enrolling in Sunday/Wednesday school please call the office at (507)831-1794 and let us know.

Good to Know

WOMEN SEEKING GOD 2021

Bloom

A weekend of encouragement & fellowship

featuring **TERA ELNESS and AMANDA DEYOUNGE**



WOMEN SEEKING GOD

a multi-denominational weekend event

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
1505 DOVER STREET, WORTHINGTON, MN

FRIDAY, SEPT 24 6-9pm
SATURDAY, SEPT 25 9am-3pm

EARLY BIRD!
THROUGH SEPT 10 - \$49
AFTER SEPT 10 - \$59

Includes:
evening treats,
light breakfast,
catered lunch

To register

Call Love INC 507.727.7290

www.womenseekinggodbloom.eventbrite.com

WOMEN SEEKING GOD: Five years ago a group of women from several different church denominations in Worthington, MN, started a women's conference with the goal of providing a local, low-cost Bible teaching and fellowship event. They are excited to announce their 5th Annual Women Seeking God Conference at the end of September with Tera Elness as their guest speaker. All women of ALC are invited! Please call 507-727-7290 to register! Early Bird is \$49 through September 10th after is \$59. Hope to see you there!

Lutheran World Relief Supply List

Helping children in impoverished countries around the world.

Items needed to complete

100 backpacks

70 sheet spiral Notebooks

Pencil Sharpeners

Blunt kid's scissors

Black or blue ballpoint pens

Boxes of 24 count crayons



\$6 CASH DONATION

will fill

ONE Backpack

with supplies

Holiday Fair!!!

is coming on
November 13 !!!

Mark your calendars!
Get out your recipes!
Get to crafting!

Clean out your cupboards,
closets & basement!
(NO clothes excepted)

Holiday Fair is organized by
GLOW but it is an event for
the whole church. Your help
is needed to make it a success!

Want to know more? Contact
Karen Skarphol @ 831-5540 or
Judy Trotter @ 831-5750

Good to Know

Join us for Coffee Hour at our Skylight Court Café every Sunday following worship around 10:00 AM!!

If you would like to bring goodies a sign-up sheet is located in the skylight court!



Men's Bible Study: We meet every Tuesday at 8:00 AM 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:

FULL-TIME YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR POSITION: The American Lutheran Church of Windom and American Lutheran Church-Worthington have formed a ministry collaboration to create a full-time youth coordinator position. This is a new ministry position. Twenty hours/week will be spent at ALC of Windom and twenty hours/week will be spent at ALC-Worthington. The Youth Ministry Coordinator will schedule two Sundays and two Wednesdays in each congregation per month. The ministry area of focus is faith formation of junior and senior high youth and their families.

Salary: negotiable compensation package with benefits

Person to Contact: Pastor Sarah Tadé,

pastorsarah13@gmail.com or find application at

alcofwindom.com

A job description for each congregation is available upon request.



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.

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.

****Altar Guild meeting
Tuesday, September 14th at
2pm****

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.



Holiday Fair 2021

The 17th Holiday Fair is coming up on November 13, 2021. Thank you to the following people who have agreed to head up these committees:

BAKERY- Jackie Turner and Kay Evers

CRAFTS - Kathy Hiley, Beth Scrivens and Jane Cartwright

LEFSE- Karen Skarphol and Judy Trotter

LUNCH – Jean Johnson and Sharon Erpestad

NEW AND NEARLY NEW – Youth fundraiser

PUBLICITY- Penny Raia

Co-CHAIRS- Karen Skarphol and Judy Trotter

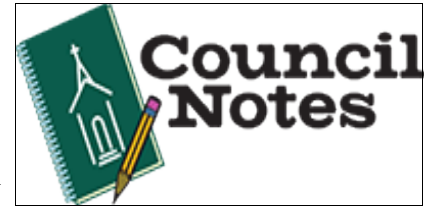
We Have had wonderful participation in the past and expect we will have many volunteers as well as shoppers and people who will donate again this year. Jams and jellies, pickles and other produce you are working with now are always good. Cookies, breads, candy, cakes, pies as well as rolls and breads sell quickly. Crafts of all kinds are welcomed. Rummage sale type items for the New and Nearly New (NO LARGE APPLIANCES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS OR CLOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED). NEW THIS YEAR! The youth will be taking over the New and Nearly New items as a fundraiser. Please Support our youth!!!!

We will be making LEFSE Tuesdays October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2nd. Please join us!!

If you would like to be on any of these committees contact Judy Trotter 831-5750 or Karen Skarphol 507-822-0785.

SPREAD THE WORD “HOLIDAY FAIR NOVEMBER 13, 2021!!!!!!

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM
August 10th, 2021 MEETING



- Youth and Family Coordinator – no applicants to-date.
- You BWCA Trip Update – Pastor Adam provided an update on what was an excellent trip.
- The council discussed briefly the potential to contract help for 2022 Youth Gathering planning. The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis. Budget and Finance support the concept.
- The council discussed current custodial arrangements as well as snow removal. Mutual Ministry recommendation for hiring an additional part-time custodian was tabled. President Michalski will follow-up in this area.
- MM/S/C to approve paying bills currently on hold.
- The council discussed the Scholarship Committee. Two members are needed.

Board Reports

Worship and Music – Did not meet. Worship at the Lake on August 15th.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship – Root beer floats will be provided at the August 15th worship. SLF will be coordinating coverage for the Skylight Court Café moving forward.

Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship – Did not meet.

Properties – Working on the checklist. Parsonage has a new water softener & the basketball hoop has been installed. Bids will be requested for snow removal and rain gutters on the parsonage.

Budget & Finance – Met but no quorum. No borrowing YTD.

Christian Education – Very busy time for Christian Ed. VBS was successful with 75 kids attending & new kids are signed up for Sunday School. Rally Day will be September 26th.

Youth and Family – No update.

Church In Society – No update..

GLOW – Holiday Fair is set for November 13th and lefse making dates have been set. GLOW will have an outing 9/1 to the Dykstra flower garden and Christmas party is set for December 2nd.

For the Record

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 8/23/21:

Income: \$274,622

Expenses: \$310,017

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

RECORDS:

Baptisms: *Quinton James Wenisch, son of Astaria Blanshan and Tristen Wenisch.*



Deaths: *Joyce Zimmerman* *In Loving*
 Dean Flatebo *Memory*



MEMORIALS:

Renovation Fund: *In memory of John Helgeson, Melvin Wojahn and Joyce Zimmerman.*

Camperships: *In memory of Melvin Wojahn.*

Christian Education: *In memory of John Helgeson & Melvin Wojahn.*

Music Fund: *In memory of John Helgeson, Melvin Wojahn & Joyce Zimmerman.*

Youth Fund: *In memory of Melvin Wojahn.*

Video/Media Fund: *In memory of Melvin Wojahn & Joyce Zimmerman.*

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 contact Wendy Pigman in the church office.



Applying Bible Principles

Someone once said, "Experience is a good teacher, but she gives the test first and then the lesson." That's certainly true, and based on many of life's experiences, we frequently fail the test before we can benefit from the lesson.

The formula " e equals mc^2 " is familiar to many college students but understood by very few people. Most of us know it had something to do with Einstein and was the formula that led to the release of enormous power and to the nuclear age. Similarly, in funding the local church, " e " might stand for *every*, " m " for *member*, " c " for *commitment*, and the " 2 " for the *effort multiplied by itself*. The fruit of that kind of effort is much more powerful than what Einstein discovered, even as Jesus described it in Matthew 21:22 — "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

Right now, as we consider the opportunity to support the ministries here at ALC, God is putting us to the test. As Gordon Moyes stated, "Responsible giving or stewardship is not a person's way of raising money, but God's way of raising people. . . . The church's budget is not a list of its expenses, but a record of its vision. It is not a list of bills to be met, but a program of ministry to be achieved."

As each of us prayerfully considers what God would have us give, and as we obey what God asks of us, we can trust God to provide the resources. That's a test — a test of where we are spiritually much more than where we are financially. It's a test of us as individuals and of us as a church. The question is whether or not we really believe that God has the power and ability to bless our obedience "far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Eph. 3:20).

How are you doing concerning God's tests regarding money in your life? If God's provision in your life in the days ahead depends on *how* you obey God's leading *now* concerning your giving, what will the future be like for you?

It just might, you know. . . .

GLOW in September

Gals Living Our Witness

DYKSTRA FLOWER GARDEN TRIP WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

CARPOOL DEPARTS FROM
ALC AT 10 AM
PRIOR SIGN-UP REQUIRED

Shetek Conference Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 18
Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp
Registration @ 9:00 a.m.
\$12 registration fee paid by GLOW
Coffee @ rolls, lunch, singing fellowship
and an inspiring program.

Contact Karen Skarphol
831-5540 or 822-0785 for more information

BIBLE STUDY

SEPTEMBER 16 @ 2PM

MEETING ROOM ACROSS FROM CHURCH OFFICE

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"The Gift of the Holy Spirit"

New to Bible Study?

See Gina in the church office for a
copy of the bible study.

Questions? Call Carolyn Torkelson
@ 822-0229

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Continue the fun by checking out our fall retreats!

Events at camp!

(See shetek.org for more info)

Mark your Calendar 2021

Leaf Art – September 19

**Donor Appreciation Meal – September 19
(rescheduled)**

Pre-Marriage Retreat – September 25

Make a Bug Hotel – September 25

Toddlers and Trees – October 10

Orienteering – October 16

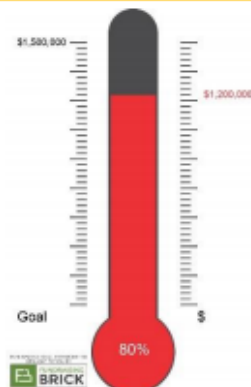
Octoberfest Retreat – October 22-23

Creepy Crawlies – October 29



The stained glass window in the chapel will now shine with natural sunlight and also will be lit from behind at night.

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/>



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