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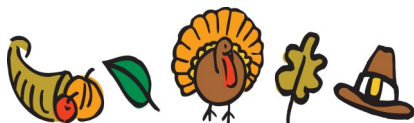
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Please Join Us in House, on Facebook, our Website, our YouTube Channel, KDOM Radio, or Local Cable Channel 3 for Worship!



SO MANY BLESSINGS

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, November 3

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, November 6

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, November 7

All Saints Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 10

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Noisy Offering

Saturday, November 13

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

Sunday, November 14

Stewardship Sunday

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, November 17

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Welcoming of New Members

Saturday, November 20

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, November 21

Christ the King Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Welcoming of New Members

Wednesday, November 24

NO Meal, Wednesday School, Worship, Choir, or Confirmation
6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/Nursery-6th Grade singing & Musical Groups

Saturday, November 27

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

NO Sunday School

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion




Pastor's Message

All Saints' Day in Nov. 1 every year. We will mark that day in worship the week following. That day the bell will be tolled for each person who has passed from this life to the next and buried through our congregation since All Saints Day last year. *Is everyone who dies a saint?* Not by their own merit! It is faith in Christ Jesus that gains the believer that status and frees us from the power of the evil one, even death itself.

A pastor colleague told me a story. She had the opportunity to baptize an adult. This person had grown up as a Mormon and had felt herself condemned, never measuring up to expectations. She felt as though Satan himself had her in his grip, because she could never keep the commandments and ordinances of her faith. By chance one day she heard an evangelical speaker, who spoke to her of the love of God and the saving grace of Jesus. She heard this message that day for the first time. She continued to follow the path of seeking out places that spoke the Gospel. That is how she came to be a Lutheran. At her baptism, she was given the opportunity to renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God. She was named a child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. The pastor said to her: *God will never ever let you go.* "That day" she said, "I was free from the grip of Satan for the first time."

This is for real. The saving power of God in our lives is for real! It is for our living and our dying. The opposition to our life with God is real too. It's so real that many never manage to live a life *with God*. Maybe they were never taught, or invited, or it seemed fake, or not possible, or they just didn't care, or they were fine on their own, or they knew religious people that they couldn't stand. *What if we were able to do something, so that more people could live a life with God? Wouldn't we want to?*

There's a lot we can do! If you know someone in one of the categories above, pray for an opportunity to share what life with God means to you. Sharing the Gospel, the good news about Jesus is the work of every Christian.




What does living life with God mean to you? Can you share that with someone who doesn't know what that life is like? Can you share what God has done for you?

No one is excused. The purpose is not to grow our church, although that's a good thing too. The purpose is that people will be free! *"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" Jesus in John 10.10b.* I want that abundant life for everyone, don't you?

We will welcome New Members this month, remember the Saints, enjoy Holiday Fair, and celebrate Thanksgiving. We have a lot to look forward to, and opportunities to grow our faith. The vision of our congregation is *"People experiencing a life-giving relationship with God"* May more and more people have this experience, and may God make us bold to share our faith.

Pastor Sarah

I make it my ambition to proclaim the good news, not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on someone else's foundation, but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him shall see, and those who have never heard of him shall understand." Romans 15.21



DID YOU KNOW?
The FUTURE CHURCH effort of the ELCA is to help the church reach new, young and more diverse people with the Gospel.



Worship & Music Notes

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

Week of: Title: Scripture Reading:

Nov. 3-7	God Speaks to Elijah	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13
Nov. 10-14	Amos: Justice Rolls Down	Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24
Nov. 17-21	Isaiah: A Child is Born	Isaiah 9:1-7 (<i>Christ the King Sunday</i>)
Nov. 24-28	Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (<i>Advent 1</i>)

In November, the scripture readings will finish the theme of Kings and Prophets and move into the season of Advent. The passages for this month will encourage one to step away from the distractions of daily routines and listen for God's voice during quiet moments. Embrace the sounds of silence. The passages will encourage one to evaluate their surroundings and begin a process of change from self-centeredness to outwardly caring for others. Love one another like Christ loved. The passages will renew one's outlook when times are tough through faith and hope. Together they are powerful. Feeling alone, longing for others, suffering loss? Those were feelings experienced by families years ago while in exile. For generations, these families looked to God for guidance. Come! Hear the stories which have been told for generations.



Events happening during November:

November 7th: All Saint's Sunday with Holy Communion. Names will be read of those whose baptismal journey ended during the past year.

November 14th: Stewardship Sunday

Wednesday, November 17th and Sunday, November 21st: New Members are Welcomed Christ the King Sunday will be celebrated. This is the end of the liturgical church calendar.

November 24th: Thanksgiving Eve service begins at 6:30 pm. All musical groups are invited to participate in this service. There will be a processional offering for the Cottonwood County Food Shelf. Following the service, there will be a pie social in the Fellowship Hall.

November 28th: The first Sunday of Advent. The season of waiting for baby Jesus begins.

Holy Communion will be served on

Wednesday, November 3rd

Saturday, November 13th and 20th

Sunday, November 7th and 28th



Looking for individuals or groups to perform in the Skylight Court during Living Nativity, December 8th. Please check out the sign up sheet on the Worship bulletin board located in the office hallway

Veterans Day: November 11!
Thank you to our Veterans!

** Set your clocks back an hour on the evening of November 6th!

** Thursday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. Thank you for all you have done as you served in the military.

Noisy Offering This Month: Women of Today, Christmas Cheer Box

The Windom Women of Today collect items to make Christmas a little brighter for some of the families in our community. Monetary donations are used to purchase toys, hats, mittens, stocking stuffers and clothes for children infant to 18 years old.

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:



Mark your Calendars!

Our Sunday/Wednesday School Students will be making a
♪ ♪ JoYfUL NoiSe ♪ ♪ unto the Lord (and all of you!)
during our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service!

Wednesday, November 24th

6:30pm

(Coffee & Pie to Follow! Mmm!)



****NOTE: There will be NO Wednesday School/Sunday School
on Thanksgiving Weekend** (November 24th/28th)**



3rd Graders & Their Parents
“Get to Know Your Bible Class”

Wednesday School Students – November
17th

Sunday School Students – November 21st
Meet CEC Tera in the Fellowship Hall
during your regular Wednesday/Sunday
School time for a
special class geared towards becoming
familiar with your brand new bible!

(Pssst...there'll even be treats!)



Hip! Hip! Hooray!

We ♥ Pajama Day!

**Wednesday School Students ~
November 3rd!**

**Sunday School Students ~
November 7th!**

**Wear Your Favorite Pjs to Class!
(Teachers, you can too!)**

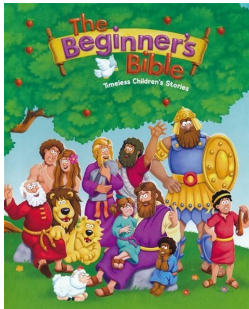


***Our Sponsor a Bible drive continues as children continue to receive bibles. Over 100 bibles have already been sponsored due to YOUR generosity! Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a Bible so far! We are still in need of more Bibles. ***

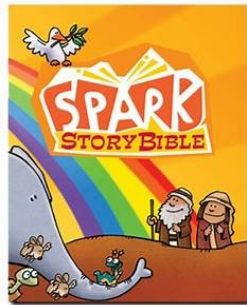


Do you love to share God's word with children?

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.



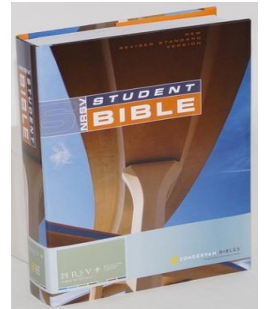
Baptism



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:



SIGN-UP DEADLINE for the ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN MINNEAPOLIS IN JULY 2022 is November 1st. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due at this time. This is open to 8th-12th grade. Please contact Melanie Shamp if you have any questions regarding the trip.

Melanie Shamp, 2022 Boundless Youth Gathering Coordinator

NOVEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Nov 3rd– Eleanor Eken & Matthew Redman

Sunday, Nov 7th– Spencer Kleven & Katie Purrington

Wednesday, Nov 10th– Morgan Johnson & Anja Nielsen

Sunday, Nov 14th– Blaise Larson & Michael Marcy

Wednesday, Nov 17th– Harriet Lohse & Jackson Joyce

Sunday, Nov 21st– Charlie Erickson & Logan Hanson

Wednesday, Nov 24th– Quintin Tietz & Hayden Tietz

Sunday, Nov 28th– James Erickson & Naeem Muhammad

*****If you're not able to acolyte on your day. Please try find a replacement/switch with another student and CONTACT Tera (text or call) at 822-3377 to let her know ASAP (if able, at least the week before your scheduled time and even if you didn't find a replacement).*****



ALL KIDS GRADES 7-12!!!!

Join us at the Windom McDonalds Restaurant
every Friday, beginning at 6:30 AM!

Breakfast is FREE!

INVITE A FRIEND!

Kids join together for fellowship, breakfast, devotion and prayer at 6:30 AM. We are generally finished by 7:20 AM. If transportation is needed or if you have any questions, please contact Jody Derickson at the First United Methodist Church of Windom at 831-3284 or via email at umcoffice@windomnet.com.

YOUTH HOTDISH FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, November 17th at 7:30 PM and

Sunday, November 21st at 10:00 AM

Starting in November, The youth will be selling hotdishes on the 3rd Wednesday and 3rd Sunday of the month. They will also be doing coffee hour on the 3rd Sunday of each month. This will go through May.



JR. LEAGUE AND SR. LEAGUE

Jr. League will be on Sunday, November 14th & 28th from 4:00 PM– 5:30 PM. All are welcome! Bring your friends for a fun activity!

Senior League will be on Sunday, November 21st at 4:00 PM.

Youth News:

All women ages 12 thru College are invited to **The First Baptist church Identity Retreat (1 Peter 2:9)** **November 5th at 7:00PM-8:30PM and November 6th at 8:30AM-4:00PM.** Meals will be provided. Tickets are \$15 if registered by October 29th or \$20 at the door. To Register call (507)831-3811. Guest Speaker: Robyn Willard, Robyn has journeyed through trials in her life and she is devoted to and passionate about sharing how God has redeemed her and how Christ has redeemed you as well. Join us as we learn with the Bible teaches us about who we are in Jesus Christ. Worship with Makayla Belgarde & Gracie Scherman. You are chosen. You are Treasured. You are welcome.

YOU ARE CHOSEN. YOU ARE TREASURED. YOU ARE WELCOME.



identity

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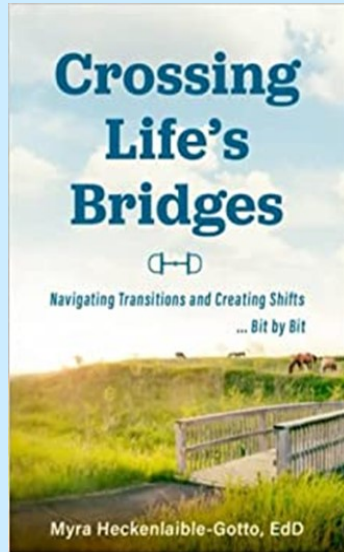
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First Baptist Church of Windom | Young Women Ages 12 thru College
Meals Provided | Tickets are \$15 if registered
by October 29 or \$20 at the door

To Register, Call (507) 831-3811

Good to Know



Join us for a BOOK SIGNING!

ALC's own Myra Gotto, along with her husband Kevin, will be sponsoring the Skylight Court Café on **Sunday, November 14th** following Worship.

Myra will be signing and selling copies of her new book, "Crossing Life's Bridges".

Stop by and visit with Myra and pick up your copy! What a fantastic gift idea for the holidays too!



New Women's Study Opportunity!

Join Tera the five Mondays in November for a one-hour study from 7:00-8:00pm in the Meeting Room as we center in on the topic of
-WAITING-

There is no fee or book to purchase, simply bring your Bible!

Please contact Tera to sign up!
 teraalc@gmail.com / [507-822-3377](tel:507-822-3377)
 (call or text)

Study will run November 1st - November 29th
All Women Welcome!



Something New!

Starting November 2nd!

Join Tera on Tuesdays & Thursdays from
 12:30-1:00pm for

WALK BY FAITH!

Hall/Steps Indoor Walking at ALC!

We'll start with a Prayer and

Take it from There!

**Walk independently, with another,
 or with a group!**

**No sign-up required, no fee to attend, just
 come when you can and join us as we
 WALK BY FAITH!**

Good to Know

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30 PM

Music by the ALC Choirs

& Sunday/Wednesday School Students (Nursery—Sixth Grade)

Message by Pastor Adam

Processional Offering for the Windom Area Sharing Center

Pie Fellowship will follow the service

(Everyone is invited (if you would like) to donate a pie for the Fellowship, that would be greatly appreciated).



Thanksgiving Meals

The Church and Society Board is again joining hands with our Community to provide turkey meals to families that could use a helping hand. Church and Society is collecting monetary donations to pack 30 meals for families with the help of our local Dept. of Health and Human Services, businesses, organizations, and individuals. We could not complete this project without your donations. Thank you very much!! *-From the Church in Society Board*



♥ Love Boxes ♥

Distributed on Saturday, Nov. 20

Love boxes are filled with goodies and are delivered by GLOW volunteers to shut-ins and others in need of encouragement.

Donations of the following needed!

Cookies (6 to a plate), small loaves of quick bread, muffins (4 to a plate), jelly, jam, caramel corn, pudding cups, fruit.

Bring donations to church by 5:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 or 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

Holiday Hours

Thursday November 25th—

Office/Building will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 26th—

Office/building will be closed.



Good to Know

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be on November 14th, 2021. This year will be a little different. We'll still have a speaker and pledge cards, but instead of passing out to everyone the Volunteer Opportunity Form we will be highlighting certain volunteer opportunities during announcements every couple of weeks throughout the year and putting a sign up card in the bulletin. If you'd still like to use the Volunteer Opportunity Form with everything listed on it, we will have copies in the back of the church.

Pledge Card	
NAME(S) _____	Keep this portion as a record of your financial stewardship commitment for the year 20 ____.
ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____	
Financial Stewardship Commitment for 20 ____	
Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church through our congregation.	
\$ _____ per <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> other _____	My (our) financial stewardship commitment \$ _____
(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning.	But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph. 4:7)

Volunteer Opportunity Form																																																																													
We are grateful for all the hands and hearts that allow us to live out our mission of being a community of Christ, experiencing God, reaching out and nurturing faith. As we reflect on what we are thankful for here at ALC, we ask where are you willing to share your gifts to ensure our community of faith and community outreach continues to be vibrant and transforming? Thank you for your service. Please complete one form per person in your household. Additional forms will be in the office and the gathering space. Please indicate if you will continue and/or if it is a new opportunity you would like to be involved in.																																																																													
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NEW MEMBERS: If you've been worshipping at ALC and are not yet a member, but would like to be, good news! We will welcome New Members on Wednesday, Nov 17th and Sunday, November 21st. Please let us know as soon as possible to be able to go to the New Member Meet and Great on Thursday, November 4th! If these dates don't work for you please talk to either Pastor Adam or Pastor Sarah and they can arrange another date with you.

Adult Learning, November 7th will feature a documentary video on the medical missionary work of Mark and Linda Jacobson over the course of 38 years in Tanzania through the ELCA. Their life story is demonstrates what accompaniment, practiced by ELCA missionaries, looks like. Bring your coffee to the Meeting Room at 10:15am and enjoy the video!

WINTER COATS & GEAR DRIVE: The Community

Integration group has seen that as newcomers arrive in Windom for work coming from warmer places, there is a need for warmer clothing (hats, mittens/gloves, boots, snow pants, thick jackets, winter coats, scarves, and socks). If you have extras of any of these for adults, please bring them to the church between by November 5th. A box will be in the parking lot entry way. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE: LIVING NATIVITY

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

- * Live Nativity Scene
- * Animals both inside & out.
- * Holiday Bake Sale
- * Carriage Rides
- * Music
- * Soup & Chili Supper and MORE!!!

Check out the November Messenger for more information!



LIVING
Nativity



Good to Know

Wednesday Supper in November

November 3rd, 5:00 PM - Hot dogs, beans, chips, cookie

November 10th, 5:00 PM - Chicken Cheddar Broccoli Rice hotdish, fruit cup, cookie

November 17th, 5:00 PM- Walking tacos, fruit cup, cookie

November 24th Thanksgiving Eve—No Supper



**** 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****

Everybody Eats Wednesday suppers are back up and running! This program runs on donations only! Meals typically cost about \$3 a meal. We want everyone to be able to eat even if they don't donate money to eat. With that being said, some evenings we don't get enough money donated to cover the cost of the meal. Please pray over this ministry and if you feel so inclined, just a small \$10 donation would feed 3 people! You can leave your donation in the church office anytime! Please mark it for "Everybody Eats". Thank you so much for your support of this wonderful ministry!

WOMEN OF TODAY– CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX

The Christmas Spirit is upon us and the Windom Women of Today are again helping any family in need for acquiring Christmas presents for their children. If you know of any family in our church community or a church member knows a family in need for their children, an application is available in the church office. **The application must be mailed by November 30th.** There is no income base for this assistance. The only thing is the children must live with them. The distribution of gifts are on Friday, Dec. 12th and Saturday, Dec. 13th. We want to help make sure families have something under their Christmas tree for their children.

If you have any questions, please contact Monica Muller at 507-831-5932. For donations please make checks payable to CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX and send your donation to: Windom Women of Today P.O. Box 222 Windom, MN, 56101 or our Noisy Offering for November is also designated to The Women of Today, Christmas Cheer Box you may also place your donations in the offering plate on Wednesday, November 10th, Saturday, November 13th, and Sunday, November 14th. **All donations must be turned in by December 8th.**



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)

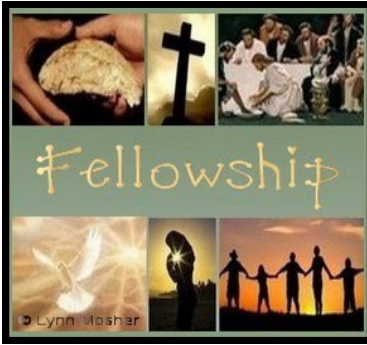
Holiday Fair is organized by
GLOW but it is an event for
the whole church. Your help
is needed to make it a success!

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



A side note from pastor Adam: more and more people are having some anxiety talking with a pastor either in person or on the phone. If texting makes you more comfortable and you'd like to chat with a pastor, please, text us (or get ahold of us in anyway you feel most comfortable). Adam's cell: 715-326-1961 and Pastor Sarah's 507-589-9308.

Good to Know



SOUP & BREAD: NOVEMBER 7th 5:30pm-7pm

Hey everyone! It's been a while! We are ready to get back at it! As a reminder.....Soup and bread is for ANY adult couples that wish to come and share fellowship over supper; then we play games and have a fun RELAXING time with other adults! Have young kids? NOT A PROBLEM! We have child care available! Your child(ren) can eat with us and then go with the youth watching over them or you can feed them before you come! It's up to you! We all bring a dish to share (not always Soup and Bread but that is actually what it started out as.) We eat, laugh, have fun and share stories of our crazy, fun lives! We would LOVE to have you join us!

“Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace”

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (1 Peter 4:10).

We are entering into our annual stewardship emphasis entitled, “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace.” During the next few weeks, we will consider what it means to be a “faithful steward” and how our stewardship translates into practical Christianity.

This emphasis is built in its entirety on two concepts: First, God owns everything! As Psalm 24:1 states clearly, “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” God owns it all and has never relinquished the title deed to the world. Second, our responsibility is to manage that which belongs to God which God has entrusted to us. In other words, all that we have is a blessing from God and represents that which God has loaned to us on a temporary basis.

What kinds of things belong to God? Certainly our time is a gift from our Heavenly Father that is given to everyone equally. All of us have the same amount of time — 24 hours per day. How we use our time is what makes the difference for this life and for eternity. Some will squander their time by giving priority to activities that carry little impact for eternity. Others will invest their time wisely for God’s glory and for the good of others.

Our talents are also gifts on loan from God. Not everyone receives an equal amount of talents or abilities, but all of us can excel at something. Some are called to a public ministry whereby what they do is highly visible, including pastors, worship leaders, and teachers. Others are called to a less visible role in the ministry and work of the church. But all of us are given talents and abilities which can be used for God’s glory and to strengthen the Gospel outreach here at American Lutheran Church.

The question is not *whether we can* do something for the Lord. The question is *if we will* use our talents and abilities to serve God. Unfortunately, many times, we offer excuses to avoid serving the Lord, excuses that often appear humorous when applied to other activities. *Moody Monthly* once carried an article which illustrated excuses people might use for not attending sports events. The analogy is easy to make in terms of serving the Lord.

Every time I went, they asked me for money. The people with whom I had to sit didn’t seem very friendly. The seats were too hard and not comfortable. The coach never came to call on me. The referee made some decisions with which I could not agree. I was sitting with some hypocrites — they only came to see what others were wearing. Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home. The band played numbers that I had never heard before. The games are scheduled when I want to do other things. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches anyhow. I don’t want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves which sport they like best.

On the second day of their conference at Yalta, Premier Stalin gave President Roosevelt a reason why a proposed plan would not work. Roosevelt gently reminded Stalin that this was not the same reason he had given the previous day. Stalin replied, “My dear Roosevelt, whenever you don’t want to do something, one excuse is as good as another.”

Stop and think about it: 80% of the work in most churches (including our church) is done by 20% of the people. The rest have made other activities a priority for their time and talents.

As one of the “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace” here at American Lutheran Church, will you go against that trend by making a commitment to the “Proprietor of the Universe” to use the time and talents that have been given to you to make a difference in the ministry and outreach of our church? Remember, as one of those to whom God has entrusted time, talents and treasure, God is counting on you. . . .

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, November 9th 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,

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate ALC's Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 831-1794 or an email may be sent to winalc@windomnet.com.

REMEMBER 2nd Thursday of every month at Senior Dining. Join your ALC family once a month for lunch at the Windom Community Center.

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

Confirmation Class of 2021

Sunday, September 19th, 2021



Front Row: Pastor Sarah Tade, Jadrah Renquist, Raelyn Marcy, MaKayla Marcy, Alexa Frank, Aubriana Spielman, Pastor Adam Roberts

Second Row: Olivia Hoffman, Emma Holtz, Leah Hauge, Ella Smith

Third Row: Adam Dahna, Elijah Freiwald, Aaden Naumann, Cole Purrington, Hunter Haken, Isaac Armstrong, Charlie Smith

Sunday, September 12th, 2021

Victoria Robillard

THANK YOU to Carol Christianson, Jane Cartwright, Kay Evers, Kelly Kleven, Betty Olson, Judy Trotter, and Jackie Turner for preparing the Confirmation banners! Thank you also to the many small group guides and mentors who have worked with these students!





Holiday Fair 2021 is almost here!!

Saturday, November 13th, 2021

9:30am-1:00pm

Committees are busy preparing for our 17th Holiday Fair and we hope you are too! If you have not signed up to help there are still opportunities for you! The sheets are located on the bulletin board across from the church office. We need your help to make this another successful Holiday Fair! Thank you in advance!

CRAFTS: We would like you to share your talents. Items may be brought to the meeting room on Friday November 12th (please recommend a selling price). If you have any questions please contact Kathy Hiley 831-4109, Beth Scrivens 822-6246, or Jane Cartwright 831-5032.

BAKERY: Homemade baked goods are always in demand. If you're bringing cookies, bars, etc. please package them in groups of 4, 8, or 12. Please bring items to the Fellowship Hall (Basement) Friday, November 12th from 8:00am– 6:00pm. If you're bringing baked goods early Saturday morning, please bring them to the SE door and someone will meet you to help carry. If you have any questions please contact Jackie Turner 822-1633 or Kay Evers 830-1422.

LEFSE: We will still be making lefse on Tuesday, November 2nd from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. Come and join us! If you have any questions please contact Karen Skarphol 822-0785 or Judy Trotter 831-5750.

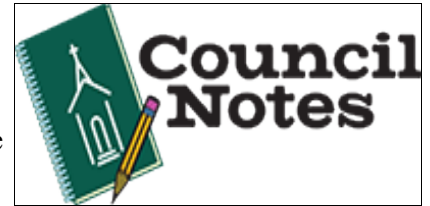
NEW OR NEARLY NEW: The youth will be handling this area and earning the proceeds. If you have some nicer items you don't want anymore and they are still in good condition, this is the place to bring them. Please have items clean and in good condition. **WE CANNOT USE: CLOTHES, SHOES, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, REFERENCE BOOKS OR FURNITURE.** Items may be brought to room 101 in the church basement starting **Monday, November 1st.** If you have any questions please contact Melanie Shamp 380-8656.

Morning coffee and lunch will begin at 9:30am. We will be serving coffee, coffeecake, and pie. Soon to follow will be our hot turkey sandwiches, vegetable soup, crackers, orange drink, and milk.

We will need some help setting up tables Thursday morning November 11th and taking them down after Holiday Fair Saturday, November 13th after 1:00 pm.

Thank you for your contributions!!!

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM **October 12th, 2021 MEETING**



- Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Cartwright reviewed the current financial status. Current borrowed amount is \$13,000. Giving has been strong, as have been expenses with the church being open with activities. Cartwright noted that the contract with Bethany is up for renewal in 2022 and should be discussed yet this year. MM/S/C to approve the treasurer's report. (Steve/Kay)
- Tabled from September Council Meeting: Mutual Ministry recommendation pertaining to custodial hiring - There was no second to the motion.
- Nominating Committee - President Michalski provided an update on the board numbers needing filling, and noted that the Nominating Committee is being formed.
- ELCA Insurance Plan 2022 (Gold+) - Kevin Heggeseth brought forth a motion by Budget and Finance recommending the council approve the benefit package of Portico Gold+ for fulltime employees. (This is the package ALC has consistently provided) MM/S/C (Steve/Kay)
- Living Nativity Assignments - President Michalski reviewed the board assignments for the December Living Nativity (December 8, 2021).
- Other - A. Kevin Heggeseth, for Budget and Finance, made the motion to use up to 10 hours per week of custodial services, at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, at the discretion of Pastor Sarah, which will be evaluated at this year's end. MM/S/C (B&F/Kay) B. Linda Jaakola, of Properties, provided a list of items to the council suggested to be discarded, sold, or donated. A number of items may be used for the Holiday Fair and a Silent Auction. Kay Evers made a motion to dispose of the items at the Properties discretion. MM/S/C (Kay/Sharon)

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Kelly Kleven updated the council on Wednesday attendance (50 to 155); reviewed the Bible handouts.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon Thompson reported that the Saturday evening meal was a success; they are discussing the Lutefisk event; will serve pies after the Thanksgiving service and cider at the Living Nativity.

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship - Steve Johnson provided a review of the Welcome to Windom event (over 100 root beer floats provided); November 14 will be Stewardship Sunday; a draft of the Stewardship letter is being completed with the letter being mailed October 31; they have reviewed the volunteer forms.

Properties - Linda Jaakola noted due to harvest they did not meet this month; the water fountain on the third floor leaked causing some damage for which they are waiting for insurance to respond to; Pastor's office window to be fixed (also waiting for insurance response); waiting for snow removal bids.

Budget and Finance - Kevin Heggeseth brought forward a motion for B&F to provide up to \$1,500 for the Wednesday evening meals, to be re-evaluated at the end of this year (the funding will come from the Venture Fund) Linda Jaakola seconded the motion. MM/S/C

Christian Education - Vanessa Tjentland reviewed staffing for the Wednesday/Sunday School and noted current registrations are at 105 students; Bible distributions were completed and the Christmas Program has been chosen.

Youth and Family - Pastor Adam updated the progress for the Senior and Junior High Youth Gatherings; noted there have been no applications for the coordinator position and it is yet being posted.

Church In Society - Betty Olson discussed the challenges with data privacy and obtaining names to provide Thanksgiving meals to. Currently working Des Moines Valley and have 20 family names, but will do more if they receive suggestions from others.

GLOW - Kay Evers reported on the baking days for the Holiday Fair; 1200 rounds of lefse have been made thus far. (Bill Tjentland offered to provide taste testing)

For the Record

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 10/22/21:

Income: \$337,686
Expenses: \$390,736
Borrowed: \$13,000

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

RECORDS:

Baptisms:

Annabelle Marie Marcy, daughter of Shane & Tyann Marcy
Annika Evelyn Smith, daughter of Michael & Tanya Smith
Sully Alvin Smith, son of Michael & Tanya Smith



Deaths: *Lonny Vollan*
Harlan Olson
Charlotte Meier

*In Loving
 Memory*

MEMORIALS:

Sunday School: *In memory of Irene Hultquist.*

Renovation Fund: *In memory of Lonny Vollan.*

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.



ALC DAY AT SENIOR DINING



ALC Day is the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM. This is a day to show your ALC pride and have a great meal with others at the Community Center! Anyone can come and dine in on this or any other day, **just call the day before at 831-6161 to make a reservation.** If you are 60 years old or older, the cost is \$5 or what you can pay. For others, the cost is \$8.75. Come, eat and enjoy! The Senior Dining program is a program of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. By the way, there are 3 ways to benefit from this program: Dine In, Meals on Wheels, and curbside pickup. Call to sign up for which ever you are interested in.

Christmas GLOW Dinner Party!

Girls Night Out!

\$15/person
Limited Seating

Thursday, Dec. 2 @ 5:30 p.m.
American Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

The evening begins with beautifully decorated tables, appetizers and piano music by our own Rozanne Gronseth.

Fill your plate from a catered Pasta Bar that includes 2 kinds of pasta, salad, garlic bread, and cheesecake.



After dinner, listen to the music
of our special guest Lynn Stoneking!

Tickets will be available before worship or in the church office.
Tickets must be purchased by noon, Tuesday, November 23.

November GLOW

Gals Living our Witness

A Women's Ministry of American Lutheran Church 2021

Holiday Fair Nov. 13

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Your help is needed!
Sign-up on the Bulletin
Board across from
the office.

Your talents are needed!
Bring your Crafts and
Baked Goods on Friday
or before 9:00 a.m.
Saturday morning.

GLOW Meeting Sunday, Nov. 7 10:00 a.m.

Come help us plan for 2022!

Christmas GLOW Dinner Party! Dec. 2 @ 5:30 p.m.

For more information, see the poster in the
Messenger and on church bulletin boards!

♥ Love Boxes ♥

Distributed on Saturday, Nov. 20
Donations of the following needed!

Cookies (6 to a plate), small
loaves of quick bread, muffins
(4 to a plate), jelly, jam, caramel
corn, pudding cups, fruit.

**Bring donations to church by
5:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 or
9:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.**

Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 18 @ 2 pm

Meeting Room across from office.

November Gather Magazine

Bible Study

"The Gift of the Spirit: A divine wild
goose chase" Session 3, page 16

See Gina in the church office for a copy of the
Bible Study and join us!

Questions?

Contact Carolyn Torkelson at 822-0229

November 2021



14 Keeley Island Drive
Slayton, MN 56172
507-763-3567
camp@shetek.org
www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Please join us for our famous Scandinavian Dinner.

Your choice dine in or take out, Reservations only

Work has resumed on the new lodge!



Events at camp!

Register at shetek.org or
Call 507-763-3567 for more info

Mark your Calendar 2021

Confirmation Retreat – November 5-6

Owls in the Night – November 20

Winter Animals – December 4

Annual Meeting – 3:30 December 5

Scandinavian Supper and Program by

Pati Kachel “Ya Sure I’m a Norvegin

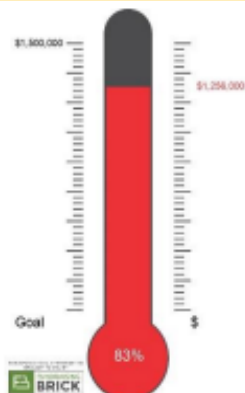
Lutheran!” – 5:00 December 5

Winter Fun Day – December 28

*Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain
you; he will never let the righteous be shaken*

Psalm 55:22

Our “Building on the
Foundation” capital
campaign is restarting
after a pandemic pause.
So far, we’ve raised over
\$1,256,000 in
gifts/pledges towards our
\$1,500,000 goal! More
info. on our website.
[https://shetek.org/slm-
master-plan/](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!**