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Our Vision:

People experiencing a
life-giving relationship
with God.

Mission:

Living God's grace, we
cultivate community
to love and serve.

Values:

Relationships

God. Each other.
Creation.

Belonging

Affirmed. Included.
Valued.

Faith

Active. Inquiring.
Hopeful.

Wednesday, December 1

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy
Communion & Noisy Offering

Saturday, December 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday
of Advent

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 8

No Wednesday School, Worship, Choir,
or Confirmation

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Youth Soup & Chili
Supper

5:30 PM- 7:30 PM Living Nativity

Saturday, December 11

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

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday
of Advent/*Second Sunday Noisy
Offering*

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, December 15

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

Saturday, December 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Sun/Wed School Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 22

NO Meal, Wednesday School, Worship, Choir, or
Confirmation

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Candlelight Worship

5:00 PM Candlelight Worship

10:00 PM Candlelight Worship w/ Holy Communion

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day

No Chapel Service

Sunday, December 26, First

Sunday after Christmas

NO Sunday School

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy
Communion

Wednesday, December 29

NO Meal, Wednesday School,
Worship, Choir, or
Confirmation





Pastor's Message

It is becoming more common to have non-religious funerals. I hear often that people don't want their funeral "too churchy," which I take to mean processions, hymns, and big, fancy church words. More and more people are wanting recorded songs (mostly non-religious and sentimental), someone to say nice things about the deceased, and maybe a prayer. That's it.

To be honest, that's not my cup of tea, but if the choice comes down to throwing some traditional things out of a funeral or not getting a chance to tell people how great Jesus is, well... I'm going with telling others about Jesus. I will say though that I draw the line that there must be scripture and I get to preach, those I won't budge on.

And while such funeral services are fine, I just wish everyone would know how powerful they *could* be. I wish people knew the symbolism and the scripture in an old-school, liturgical funeral, so I thought I'd share that with you.

The body of the deceased starts outside the sanctuary, symbolizing being on Earth, where it can be adorned in whatever way the family wants. When the funeral starts everything is removed whether that's flags, trophies, prized possessions, etc. The reason comes from Revelation four as the elders who worship before the throne of God cast down their crowns (their titles, achievements, prizes, etc.) symbolizing that everything they've ever had or accomplished has come from God and they are giving it back to the true authority.

The procession towards the altar is also symbolic of the deceased leaving their old life behind as they head towards the throne of God. ALC also has a funeral pall, a white cloth, that can cover the coffin which further symbolizes sinlessness, nakedness before God, and how neither of us is better than anyone else. It doesn't matter how expensive or cheap our coffin is, nobody sees it, we're simply saints in God's eyes covered by Jesus' forgiveness.

Before we go forward singing praises to God (just as the angels do around God's throne) the opening words of comfort are straight out of Second Corinthians and Romans. After the scripture reading and sermon comes the Apostles' Creed which further reinforces our belief that God loves us enough to suffer and die for us so that we might have eternal life along with the reminder that as the catholic (universal/all denominations) church and communion of saints that we have the support of God's body (all Christians) during our hardships.

After the prayers is the option to have communion (which I've yet to have requested). Communion is not only giving us forgiveness of sins but we are actually also getting Jesus' physical body and blood to strengthen us for the days ahead, and, even more than that, communion being the rite that unites the body of Christ to keep it strong even as it's hurting.

And last, but not least, and my favorite, the commendation, where I'm blessed and unworthy to lay my hand on the casket (or urn) to turn them completely over to God's care. Granted, I have no authority to accomplish that, but what I love about it is that it's the ultimate act of closure. We no longer have to worry about our loved one, they have fully and formally been entrusted into God's care and are better off now.

As morbid as this sounds I would invite you to think about your own funeral because they truly are one of the many beautiful things a congregation does. What scripture or songs would you like? Maybe try the funeral pall and ask for having communion; after all, you only get one funeral, and how nice would it be to have your family all in one placing and communing together?

Either way, Pastor Sarah and I always feel honored to preside at funerals and will work with you and your families so that it may be as godly and meaningful for you as possible.

THE FUNERAL PALL

What does it mean?

All of you who were baptized in Christ have clothed yourself with Christ! Galatians 3:27

The funeral pall is used to cover the coffin during the service in the church. The pall enables all to come equally before the altar, just as God loves everyone, rich and poor alike grounded in their baptism.

The pall is white, the Easter color of resurrection joy. The sacred name of Jesus is symbolized with the cross.

The pall is placed over the coffin in the narthex (but could be placed after the greeting just before the reading of Romans 6) before the coffin enters the nave and is again removed in the narthex after the service.

By keeping the coffin covered during the service, the church's worship is directed to the altar. The pall is intended to remind the worshiper that they have been baptized into the name of the Triune God and therefore is covered with the robe of Christ's righteousness.

The old things have passed away, and all things are new. Because I live, you also live.
John 14:19



Worship & Music Notes

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

<u>Week of Dec.:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Scripture Passage</u>
Advent 2: 1-5	Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Advent 3: 8-12	Word Accomplishes God's Purpose	Isaiah 55: 1-13
Advent 4: 15 - 19	Word Make Flesh	John 1:1-18
Christmas Eve: 24	Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Christmas Day: 25	Shepherds Visit (Christmas Day)	Luke 2:8-20
1st Sun of Christmas: 26	A Voice in the Wilderness	John 1:19-34
2nd Sun of Christmas: Jan. 2	Jesus Says Come and See	John 1:35-51



There is anticipation as we enter the season of Advent. So many things swirl about in one's mind regarding daily and weekly checklists. So many things to get done. But have you ever wondered what was swirling about in the minds of those who were in the Christmas passage?

I once again re-read the Christmas passage, Luke 2:1-14 in preparation for services. What were the masses of people thinking as they ventured back to their own towns to register? So many people crossing paths, would they ever meet again? The story shared the reason why Joseph headed to Nazareth, to the city of David called Bethlehem. What thoughts occupied the mind of this first-time father? What thoughts were swirling in Mary's mind, soon to be a first-time mother, as they traveled? Were they anxious, disappointed, or apprehensive when there was no place to stay? With all that happens in giving birth, did they wonder how they would be able to handle every step of the way? What were the other story characters wondering? What did the terrified shepherds, who were out in the fields, wonder when an angel appeared? How could they have ever known that this event would take place in this region? As they traveled to the manger, what was their conversation? What words did the shepherds use to tell this fantastic story about a baby, wrapped and lying in a manger so that all would believe? The wise men traveled from afar, following a star. How did they not make a wrong turn and be led off track?

Oh, what a wonder-filled story! Take time to read Luke 1. Through blessings, found in the Lord, these individuals are provided hope and peace for their journey, and they will know love and joy as the story reaches the climax. Come, join us for one of our Christmas Eve services. May the Lord guide you and walk with you as you journey on the pathway to Bethlehem.

December Services:

Advent services will once again have the lighting of the Advent Candles. This will happen during both Wednesday night (Dec. 1 and 15) and Sunday mornings.

Living Nativity will be on Wednesday, December 8 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. If you are willing to share a musical selection (vocal or instrumental) please sign-up on the Worship bulletin board located by the offices or contact me at cartj58@gmail.com. There will be no worship this night.

Musical Notes: ALC Choir will share anthems each Sunday during Advent. In addition, ALC Handbell Choir and ALC Choir will feature Christmas selections on Sunday, Dec. 19th, during the service. Dec. 19th at 2:00 PM will feature both Wednesday/ Sunday School students as they share their Christmas Program.

ALC Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be held at 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 10:00 PM with Holy Communion. If you would like to provide a musical selection for one of these services, please sign-up on the bulletin board or contact me,



LIVING
Nativity



Noisy Offering This Month: ALC Helping Hands Fund

Helping Hands is a fund here at the American Lutheran Church that allows us to provide help for individuals in need. Thank you for your support!

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 DECEMBER Calendar!

**NO Wednesday School December 8th -
It's LIVING NATIVITY! ♥**

**Sunday, December 12th -
Christmas Program Practice for BOTH
Sunday AND Wednesday School Students
during the Sunday School time -
10:15-11:00am**

**There will be NO Wednesday/Sunday School -
December 22, December 26th, December 29th, January 2nd
for Christmas Break.**

Join us on
Sunday, December 19th at 2:00pm
in the Sanctuary for this year's
Sunday/Wednesday School
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!



*Goodie Bags will be given out
following the program!*

ALL are Welcome!



Youth News:

YOUTH HOTDISH FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, December 15th at 7:30 PM and
Sunday, December 19th at 10:00 AM.

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. All proceeds will go towards the 2022 Sr. High Youth Gathering.



DECEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Dec 1st– Kaede Scrivens

Sunday, Dec 5th– Hayden Tietz & Braydn Evens

Wednesday, Dec 8th– Living Nativity

Sunday, Dec 12th– Nate Sykora & Peyton Hilbrands

Wednesday, Dec 15th– Charlee Huska & Avery Fast

Sunday, Dec 19th– Heidi Johnson & Charlotte
Nauman

Wednesday, December 22– Christmas Break

Friday, December 24th–

3:00 PM– Eric Heggseth & Michael Marcy

5:00 PM– Kaede Scrivens & Anja Nielsen

10:00 PM– Spencer Kleven & Xavier Roberts

Sunday, Dec 26th– Eleanor Eken & Erin Shamp

Wednesday, Dec 29th– **New Year's Break**

*****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).*****



c Prayer

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.

JR. LEAGUE AND SR. LEAGUE

Jr. League will be on Sunday, December 12th from 4:00 PM– 5:30 PM. **Senior League** will be on Sunday,
December 12th prior from 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM. All are welcome! Bring your friends for a fun activity!

Welcome New Members!



Kirk & Alice Odden



Katie Ihler, son, Karter Pribyl
and daughter, Kaisen Pribyl



Arland & Deb Polzin



Josh & Aimee Hilbrands, son, Peyton,
and two daughters, Hailee and Harper



Brent & Megan Bramdstedt,
son, Copper and daughter, Lizabeth

Welcome to our American Lutheran Community!



Our Vision: People experiencing a life-giving
relationship with God.

Our Mission: Living God's grace, we cultivate
community to love and serve.

Our Values:

Relationships- God. Each other. Creation.



Good to Know

Happy Holidays



Warmest thoughts, blessings, and best wishes for a wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year!

"From the fullness of grace we have all received one blessing after another" John 1:17

from the ALC STAFF

ALC's Annual
Lutefisk
Supper for
January 2022
Is **CANCELLED**

Holiday Hours

Friday, December 24th— Office will be closed at 12:00 noon.

Saturday, December 25th— Building closed

Friday, December 31st—

Building and Office
Closed.



Good to Know

American Lutheran Church of Windom presents a

Living Nativity

**Soup & Chili
Supper**
5 to 7 p.m.
in the
Fellowship Hall
\$5 Suggested
Donation



Wednesday, December 8
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

View the Living Nativity by foot or by car:
10th Street east
and turn south on Prospect Avenue

Ride the Horse Drawn Carriage
Pet the Animals (inside & outside)

In the Skylight Court:
Holiday Bake Sale
Listen to live Music of the Season
Enjoy Cider & Popcorn

Please bring Food or Cash donations for the Windom Sharing Center

****Church in Society Board will be taking donations for our Windom Area Sharing Center. Please bring food or cash donations to the Living Nativity!**



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve Services on Friday, December 24th, 2021

3:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Good to Know

Wednesday Supper in December

December 1st, 5:00 PM - Ham sandwiches, chips, baby carrots w/ranch, and bars

****December 8th, 5:00 PM –7:00 PM Living Nativity-Youth Soup & Chili Supper****

December 15th, 5:00 PM- Goulash, corn, buttered bread, fruit cup, and cookie

December 22nd-NO Supper due to Christmas Break

December 29th– NO Supper due to New Years Break

**** 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****

The Everybody Eats Wednesday night 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!



SOUP & BREAD: DECEMBER 12th 5:30pm-7pm

Hey everyone! We are getting back into the role of things! 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!

Thank You!

The Church in Society Board would like to thank all who donated to make our Thanksgiving Meal project a success. Your generosity was greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank everyone who gave to the local Food Shelf at our Thanksgiving Eve Service during the processional offering. Thank you for carrying out ALC's mission "Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve". We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you again to all who contributed!



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

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, December 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,

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.

News from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa and the Ondini Circuit

Greetings to all in the congregations of the Shetek Conference! As 2021 draws to a close, and we enter the holiday season, I wanted to share with you some news from our partners in Southern Africa, so that we may better know their context and hold them in thought and prayer.

Phil Knutson, the ELCA Regional Representative based in Johannesburg writes:

ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response programs continue to support sustainable development projects in Southern Africa to assist companion churches as they work to mitigate the impact of poverty, HIV&AIDS, climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic in the communities they serve.

Young adults are also being trained as community leaders to mobilize action and awareness.

Lee Mazibuko, Chair of the Shetek-Ondini Partnership reports that due to the COVID 19 pandemic, church attendance has been poor, as people are afraid. There is a slight increase in attendance at the churches but not enough to support their pastors. They are hoping that with more people getting vaccinated that will improve.

Our partners are courageously continuing the ministry of the Gospel, in the face of the continuing struggle with HIV AIDS, the COVID-19 pandemic, and little revenue in congregations even to support their pastors. Yet, the word that our contributions to ELCA World

Hunger are at work is encouraging. We will be sending funds from the Shetek Conference to the Ondini Circuit soon for pastors' salary support, and assistance for agricultural projects, like the productive garden at Hoffenthal. **Thank you for your prayers, and your financial support to ELCA World Hunger and the Shetek-Ondini Partnership!**

I wish you joy, peace and health this Advent, and a Merry Christmas,

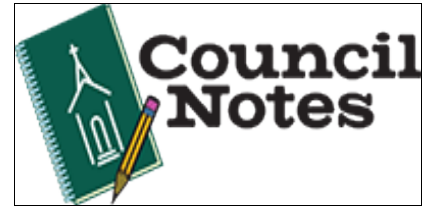
Pastor Sarah Tadé, Interim Dean of the Shetek Conference

Contributions to our partnership ministry with the Ondini Circuit can be sent to the Shetek Conference Treasurer: Carol Serfling, PO Box 293, Adrian, MN 56110-0293.



Joy at the Hoffenthal Garden! Hoffenthal means “a place of hope”. Pictured are Bonnie Ossefoort from Good Shepherd Lutheran in Lake Wilson and her newfound friend, Tumbe Tumbe in 2017. Tumbe Tumbe is the head of the Health Project in the Ondini Circuit. The sales from this garden support AIDS orphans and other efforts.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM **November 9th, 2021 MEETING**



- Bethany Contract - President Michalski reviewed the status of the contract with Bethany Lutheran; Pastor Adam noted their council has approved it, MM/S/C (Kevin/Sharon) for ALC to approve the contract and add it to the projected budget.
- New members Brent & Megan Bramdstedt, son, Copper and daughter, Lizabeth, Kirk & Alice Odden, Katie Ihler, son, Karter Pribyl and daughter, Kaisen Pribyl, Arland & Deb Polzin, Josh & Aimee Hilbrands, son, Peyton, and two daughters, Hailee and Harper were approved. MM/S/C (Kevin/Betty)
- Annual Meeting January 23, 2022 - President Michalski reminded the council of the Annual Meeting
- Mid-Year Meeting July 17, 2022 - President Michalski reminded the council of the Mid-Year Meeting
- Budget & Finance and MMC Budget Recommendations - Kevin shared the motion from MMC and B&F to update the wages the church pays, based on a study from wages paid in southwest MN, and job reviews. This would then be placed in the 2022 budget, to be approved at the annual meeting. Discussion asked for the changes to be made, which Kevin provided. After being informed of the changes, the motion was seconded by Betty. MM/S/C
- MMC Recommendation - MM/S/C (Betty/Kay) to approve the recommendation to remove the Christian Coordinator from probation.
- Board Redesign - President Michalski asked the council to consider altering the number of members of some boards for quorum purposes, and to make filling the annual ballot easier, as it is getting more difficult to find volunteers. It was determined that the boards should discuss this at their next meeting and information would be taken to the mid-year meeting.
- Other - President Michalski provided an update on the status of the Nominating Committee. Kevin provided a motion from Budget and Finance to allow Chloe Shamp to have 3 hours per month to provide Senior League programming. MM/S/C (Kevin/Sharon)

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Kelly updated the council on the holiday services, their board membership status, and noted they will have ideas for the Memorial Board project.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon - this board will meet next week. They are planning on providing pies for after the Thanksgiving service and apple cider at the Living Nativity.

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship - Adam provided the information in Steve's absence - K LW programming will end next week; Pledge Days are approaching; they are discussing a processional offering, having the ELCA Regional Planner do a presentation again, and the possibility of updating the church web site to list projects and events interested parties may donate to.

Properties - Linda reviewed the Living Nativity, the snow removal bid from Negen's (which was accepted by Properties), the fixing of pastor's window, and items to donate.

Budget and Finance - Kevin reminded the council that the budget forms are needed soon as December 7 is their meeting date for the 2022 budget preparation.

Christian Education - Gina listed the numerous topics and events they are working on, which included 2022 Confirmation, Thanksgiving participation by the youth, Living Nativity, Bible Studies, and the Christmas program.

Youth and Family - Adam reported for John - They continue to work on the funding for the Youth Gathering; youth will be working the Holiday Fair and participating in the Living Nativity.

Church In Society - Betty discussed the upcoming Thanksgiving meals - they will do 20 with Des Moines Valley and 10 on their own for a total of 30 meals; they will also be collecting food for the food shelf.

GLOW- Kay reminded the need to assistance at the Holiday Fair either in working or attending; they have a Christmas Party December 2; working on their 2022 planning.

For the Record

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 11/22/21:

Income: \$383,282

Expenses: \$429,702

Borrowed: \$18,000

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



The American Lutheran Church books for 2021 will close at 5 pm on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Be sure to get all 2021 contribution in by this time. Let's work together and meet all 2021 commitments here at ALC. No gift is ever too small.

The ALC Office will be closed on Friday, December 31st. Happy New year to all!

RECORDS:

Baptisms: *No baptisms this month.*



Deaths: *No deaths this month.*

MEMORIALS: *No memorials this month.*

*In Loving
Memory*

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

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Tim. 6:10).

How would people describe you? Are you one who “loves” money? Is your life marked by a continual inordinate concern about and striving for money? If so, then perhaps you are one who truly “loves” money.

Money is neutral. It is neither good nor bad. What matters is our attitude towards it. If we view it as a means to an end, a means of exchange, and something God can use in our lives to bring glory to God, then we probably do not love money. On the other hand, if we are always wanting more and more money, if we will do just about anything to obtain it, and if we think about money more than anything or anyone else, we likely are guilty of loving money. In that situation, it has become a “god” to us, and we bow at its altar in continuing service in order to obtain more of it.

If you are determined to get rich, no matter what, before you continue that lifestyle, read Paul’s admonition to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Consider Solomon’s counsel in Proverbs 11:28 and Ecclesiastes 5:10-11. And think about the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 6:24, who said, “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Or as Jesus would say, “Let anyone with ears listen.”



Holiday Fair 2021 Report

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Holiday Fair 2021 a success. We appreciate all who stepped up to co-chair the various committees, donated items to sell and needed for the lunch, those who worked the various points of sale, set up and take down and the SHOPPERS!! Everyone was needed to make this a success!! Once again Thank you to everyone involved in the 2021 Holiday Fair.

HOLIDAY FAIR 2021 Preliminary report

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Crafts	\$1,856.25	\$0.00	\$1,856.25
Baked Goods/Lefse	\$3,592.75	\$35.01	\$3,557.74
New & Nearly New (Youth)	\$1,265.03	\$0.00	\$1,265.03
Lunch	\$1,831.00	\$0.00	\$1,831.00
*Thrivent Action Grants	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
General Expenses	\$0.00		\$0.00
Donations	\$38.00		\$38.00
	\$9,083.03	\$535.01	\$8,548.02

*Two Thrivent Actions Grants were received. One for lefse making supplies and one for lunch supplies beyond the food donations.

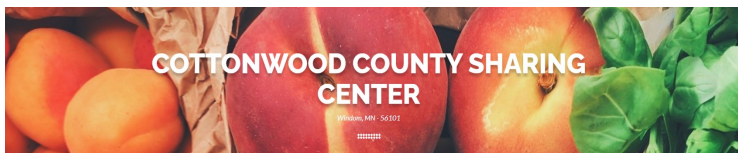
Advertising expenses have not been included yet.

Disbursements

- 50% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries
- 15% to Lutheran Disaster Response
- 10% to the Cottonwood County Sharing Center
- 10% the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
- 10% to ALC Building Maintenance Fund
- 5% to ALC Helping Hand Fund



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December GLOW

Gals Living Our Witnss

**GLOW
Christmas
Dinner
Dec. 2
5:30
ALC
Fellowship
Hall**
(Prior Ticket
purchase
required)

Bible Study

Thursday, Dec. 16 @ 2:00 pm
ALC Meeting Room
December Gather Magazine
Devotional:
Women of Advent, page 32
If able, bring a plate of
Christmas goodies to share.
See Gina in the office for a
copy of the Bible Study.
Invite a Friend!
Questions?
Call Carolyn Torkelson
@ 822-0229

2021 GLOW Donations

ALC:

Skylight Court
Everybody Eats
ALC General Fund

Churchwide:

WELCA Thankoffering
SWMN Synod WELCA
ELCA Good Gifts
Churchwide WELCA
Shalom Hill Farm
Shetek Bible Camp

Windom Community:

The Dinner Table

Minneapolis:

Marie Sanvick Center
Caring and Sharing Hands

Sioux Falls:

The Banquet

The World:

Ondini Circuit Scholarships
Central African Republic
Scholarships

A Women's Ministry of
American Lutheran Church
2021



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!

December 2021



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Join the fun at our next quilt and craft retreat



The walls are going up!

Events at camp!

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

Mark your Calendar

Winter Animals – December 4

Annual Meeting – 3:30 December 5

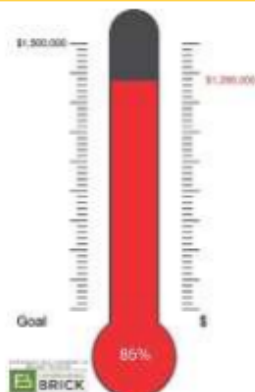
**Scandinavian Supper and Program by
Pati Kachel “Ya Sure I’m a Norvegin
Lutheran!” – 5:00 December 5**

Winter Fun Day – December 28

Quilt & Craft Retreat – January 21-23

*But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news that will cause great
joy for all the people.” Luke 2:10*

Our “Building on the
Foundation” capital
campaign is restarting
after a pandemic pause.
So far, we’ve raised over
\$1,288,000 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!**