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February

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

Wednesday, February 2

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & Healing Prayers

Saturday, February 5

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Healing Prayers

Sunday, February 6

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & Healing Prayers

Wednesday, February 9

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/ Noisy Offering & Installation of Officers & Board Members

Saturday, February 12

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

Sunday, February 13

Second Sunday Noisy Offering
9:00 AM Worship w/Installation of
Officers & Board Members

Wednesday, February 16

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

Saturday, February 19

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, February 20

Gideon Sunday 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 23

Shetek Wednesday 6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

Saturday, February 26

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, February 27

Shetek Sunday
Transfiguration of Our Lord
9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion



Pastor's Message

Why Become a Member of a Congregation?

There was a time when a person just didn't cross denominational lines. If you were Lutheran then you stayed Lutheran. If you moved to a different town then you found their ELCA congregation and you immediately become a member there. Even dating across lines would cause friction within families even fifty years ago. Denominational identity was huge back in the day.

Now, not so much.

I've sat in enough seminars now to learn that people forty and under don't put much stock in denomination. If a congregation is good for the family, has decent music and sermons, doesn't go against any of their core beliefs (political, religious, etc.), and the people are friendly, then most people in that age group will worship there and also, more than likely, won't even inquire about membership. A big reason for that is because nowadays becoming a member of anything may mean being hassled. Being a member of a store may get you perks, but it may get you hidden fees. Being a member of a charitable organization may mean people are going to be calling you often. And the worst is that most people don't like to have to talk to someone to tell them they're quitting. It's simply easier to not be a member.

The first question many ask is, "What does membership get me?" The blunt answer is the right to vote, be on boards, and discounts on church use (weddings, funerals, etc.), which, for people who are already married, doesn't carry much weight. Furthermore, why become a member when worship, church events, leagues, Sunday school, confirmation, baptism, and pretty much all our events are free to non-members?

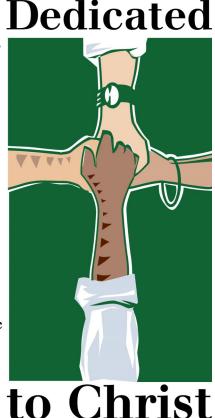
To me, membership is not something that should be taken lightly. Membership is more than just the right to vote and become a congregational leader, it is saying that this is my congregational home and I'm going to put my all into it.

When I was a teenager my congregation was in a huge fight, my dad was on council, and it was very stressful. I said, "How about we call it a day and just go somewhere else?" to which he replied something like, "No, because being a member is about working hard to make the place where you worship the best it can be because you love it and the people. It's not something you just quit when it gets hard."

Church membership means different things to different people but I've always liked the way my dad talked about it. Yes, we want everyone to worship at ALC. We want everyone to know and learn about God. We want people's kids to love this place and learn too. We don't want anyone to feel pressured or have anxiety about giving offerings, teaching Sunday school, being on a board, or even having to become a member. We just want all people to feel comfortable to worship Jesus here with no strings attached.

And, if you find that you love and care a lot for this place, so much so that you wouldn't immediately jump ship even if times get rough here, that you're passionate about the ministries and the opportunities to serve Jesus here to the point of speaking up and putting in your time and energy to make this place even better than it is, then that sounds to me like you are in the perfect place to become a member.

And, if you're not there yet, great! We love worshipping with you. We love it when you show up. We want to make sure you feel at peace in our sanctuary to worship God. We members are here to serve Jesus and to serve you as Jesus. May this place be a blessing for you whether you are a member or not. Either way, we're glad you're here.



Worship & Music Notes

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

Week: Theme / Scripture Passage

February 2-6 Healing Stories John 4:46-54 [5:1-18]

February 9-13 Bread of Life John 6:35-59 February 16-20 Living Water John 7:37-52

February 23-27 The Man Born Blind John 9:1-41

—Transfiguration of Our Lord—

When our girls were young, a new toy hit the scene, Transformers. With just a few twists and turns, a car or truck would transform into a robot figure. It was amazing to see how quickly the transformation could be made. Children today continue to enjoy transforming action figures, from movies and cartoons, which come in all colors, shapes, and sizes.

Passages this month remind readers of who Jesus is; a healer and comforter during difficult times, a provider of nourishment, for bodies and souls, as the bread of life, a fountain of living water that helps to change daily lives, and one who opens the eyes of believers that they may see his good works. During February, pay close attention as to how Jesus nourishes, listens, and opens eyes to transform individuals,

"Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you." (ELW #801)

Worship Notes for this month:

February 5 / 6: Prayers for Healing

February 9 / 12 / 13: Noisy Offering to support Vacation Bible School Registration

February 9 / 13: Installation of Officers and Board Members

Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st / 4th weeks on Sunday; 1st week on Wednesday; and 2nd / 3rd weeks on Saturday.

ALC Choir practices on Wednesday night beginning at 5:30 PM. There is always a place for you in the choir.

ALC Bell Choir will begin practice on Monday, February 28th at 6:00 PM. If you would like to join our Bell Choir please contact me know or call the office.

Noisy Offering This Month: Vacation Bible School (VBS) Program

Vacation Bible School is our one week specialized Christian education summer program with the focus of children as our demographic. VBS helps strengthen and deepen the relationship and understanding of God in each participants life. Our theme for 2022 is not yet chosen, but stay tuned for more information. Please consider donating to this important Ministry.

Tune in to ALC's Worship Broadcasts on Sunday at 10:30 AM on KDOM 103.1 FM Thursdays at 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM on Windom Cable TV, Channel 3



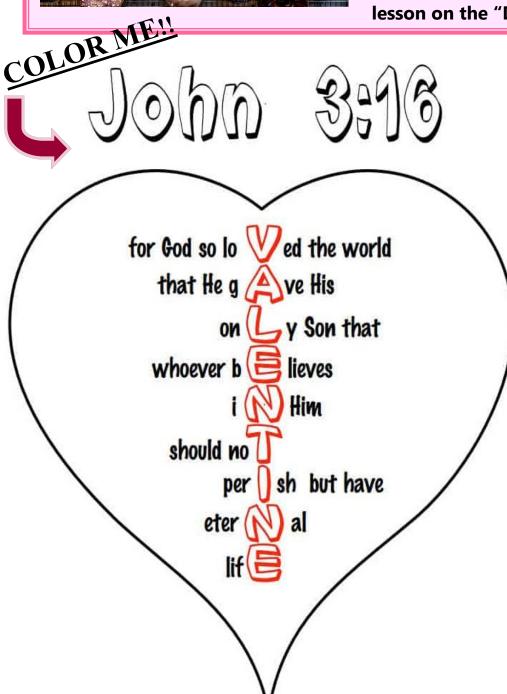
Christian Education

From Tera Elness, Christian Education Coordinator (822-3377)



Mark your Calendars! Donuts with Grown-Ups!

Wednesday, February 2nd
Sunday, February 6th
(during regular Wed School/Sunday School class time!)
Students & their Grown-Ups will meet Tera in Fellowship Hall for Donuts and a fun lesson on the "Do nots" of the bible!



Wednesday School:

February Schedule

February 2nd—

Donuts with Grown-Ups!

* All grades- Fellowship Hall*

February 9th-

Solomon Builds the Temple

February 16th-

Naaman is Healed

*2nd Gr. Students Craft Day—

Resource Rm*

February 23rd-

The Prodigal Son

Sunday School:

February Schedule

February 6th—

Donuts with Grown-Ups!

* All grades—Fellowship Hall*

February 13th-

Solomon Builds the Temple

February 20th-

Naaman is Healed

February 27th-

Queen Esther

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From Tera Elness, Christian Education Coordinator (822-3377)



Let's make this year's SUPER BOWL SUNDAY...

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

Let's fill the shelves of the Windom Area Sharing Center with cans upon cans of SOUP! Bring your cans to church on

super bowl
- SOUPER BOWL Sunday, February 13th!



Mark your Calendars for Camp Wednesday/
Camp Sunday!

Shetek Lutheran Ministries will be joining us for Worship on February 23rd & 27th!

In addition to the scholarships
that ALC provides,
we will again be giving away
two FREE camperships this year –
one mini-week and one full-week!
If you would like your child(ren)
entered into this year's drawing for
a free campership,
please contact CEC Tera.
Our drawing will be held mid-March!

SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALC PROVIDES TOWARDS CAMPERSHIPS FOR THOSE WISH-ING TO ATTEND CAMP AT SHETEK? That's right! We provide \$100.00 towards Mini-Camp, and \$200 for those wishing to attend Full-Week camp, Family Camp, and/or Grand-parent/Grandchild camp! In addition, ALC will again be giving AWAY two camperships - one mini and one full-week! Please contact CEC Tera if you would like to register your child in the drawing to be held mid-March!

Also, the ALC Trust Fund provides a scholarship towards college for any student that works at Shetek for the summer! For those high school and college students that are looking for a summer job check out Camp Shetek!

Youth & Family News

FEBRUARY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Feb 2nd— Eleanor Eken & Erin Shamp

Wednesday, Feb 6th– Kaede Scrivens & Peyton Hilbrands

Sunday, Feb 9th– Nate Sykora & Michael Marcy

Wednesday, Feb 13th

Jackson Anderson

& Xavier Roberts

Sunday, Feb 16th– Charlee Huska & Matt Redman

Wednesday, Feb 20th– Lenin Marcy & Brita Tjentland

Sunday, Feb 23rd-Anja Nielsen

Wednesday, Feb 27th— Quintin Tietz & Hayden Tietz

If you're not able to acolyte on your day. Please try find a replacement/switch with another student and <u>CONTACT Tera</u> (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).

YOUTH HOTDISH FUNDRAISER

The youth will be selling **HOTDISHES** on the 3rd Wednesday (February 16th) and 3rd Sunday (February 20th) of the month. A small is \$10 and a large is \$15. They will also be doing coffee hour on the 3rd Sunday (February 20th) of each month. This will go through May. All proceeds will go towards the 2022 Sr. High Youth Gathering.





JR. LEAGUE AND SR. LEAGUE

Jr. League will be held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 2:00PM-3:30PM! **SR. LEAGUE** will be held the 3rd Sunday of the month from 4:00PM-5:30PM. Join us for some fun activities! All are welcome! Bring your friends!!

All Kids Grades 7th-12th!

Join us at the Windom McDonalds every Friday (when there's school) at 6:30 AM! Breakfast is FREE! Invite a friend! What to expect: fellowship,



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

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.

Good to Know

Annual Assembly of the Shetek Conference Sunday, February 20th, 2022 at 2PM in-person at the American Lutheran Church of Worthington. (915 Winifred St., Worthington, MN 56187)

All members of the Shetek Conference of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA are welcome to attend. Each Congregation may have up to six members eligible to vote at this meeting. . Important business of the meeting will be electing a Dean and other positions, and reviewing reports from the Southwest MN Synod, the Shetek -Onidini Partnership, Shetek Lutheran Ministries, and meeting the new directors from Shalom Hill Farm.

HEADS-UP: Sewing Days will be starting up again on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of January -April. Join us February 1st and February 15th at 9:00 am-2:00 ish. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits, and pack school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Come for an hour or two or bring a sack lunch and spend the day. No experience necessary! Ouestions? Call Kathy Hiley: 831-4109 or Jackie Turner: 831-1633.



Spiritual Disciplines

Lent will be here in about a month and I (Pastor Adam) would like to encourage you to try out a spiritual discipline this year. For me I will be trying to never say/text/post etc. anything negative about anyone. This will take me at least a month to prep myself, and even with a month of prep I'm pretty certain I will fail multiple times.

I'd invite you to join me in that discipline or, if that one doesn't tickle your fance, here are some other ideas: sit in silence for five full minutes every day trying to think about nothing, pray daily, read a chapter a day of a couple of Paul's letters in the New Testament, read a chapter a day of one of Paul's letters and read that same letter over and over throughout Lent, go to all Wednesday and Sunday services during Lent, try a different way to serve at church.

Whatever you choose, may God bless you and give you the strength needed for the discipline you plan to take on.

Rebuilding Together

There's an organization in the tri-county area that has started up about a year ago called Rebuilding Together. Their mission is to help people live in their homes longer by providing free repairs for low-income seniors, those living with disabilities, families with children, and/or veterans and their families who are in need. This last year they've been busy building wheelchair ramps and grab bars in bathrooms. They are in need of volunteers to help build and will take any skill level. If you volunteer you can help out once a year or multiple times a week. If you find yourself with some extra time and want to make people in your community really happy please let Pastor Adam know.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD

MEMBERS will be on Wednesday, February 9th at the 6:30 pm worship service and Sunday, February 13th at the 9 am worship service. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve ALC on our Boards and Council!

THANK YOU to Craig Zimmerman for bringing all the left over items from our Holiday Fair's New and Nearly New to places that would take them/needed them. These places included:

- Neighborhood Thrift, Mankato—Those in need.
- Salvation Army, Mankato—Various projects.
- Enterprise Thrift, Madelia- Special needs kits.
- Goodwill, Worthington

 Those in need.
- Bibles for Missions, Worthington.
- Care and Share, Mountain Lake—All the Christmas items.

Craig noted that some places only wanted certain donations on certain days or were only open on certain days so he had to go at different times on separate days.

Again, THANK YOU Craig for volunteering to bring the left over items to all these places and for giving your generous time to do so!

Good to Know



SOUP & BREAD:

January 9th at 12:30pm-2pm and January 23rd at 5:30pm-7pm

Hey everyone! 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!

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.



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!!

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 signup sheet is located in the skylight court!





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 WEB-SITE**? Don't miss out. Go to http://www.alcofwindom.com/ and click on the Media tab to hear a sermon that you might have missed.

HAVE YOU 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!

Altar Guild meeting Tuesday, February 8th 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!

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.

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!

Bits and Pieces

PRAYER SHAWLS: If you know of someone in our church family who could use a Prayer Shawl, call the church office.

<u>KEEP SAVING</u> 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.

<u>KEEP SAVING</u> your canceled stamps. <u>Correctly cut</u> <u>stamps</u> by leaving 1/4" to 1/3" boarder around the stamp. You can turn your stamps in at the church office.

<u>CONTINUE</u> 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM January 11th, 2022 MEETING

- Mike Wojahn talked to the Council about the possibility of having a Columbarium on church property. The initial step would be to survey the congregation to see if there is any interest.
- The Zoom link for the Annual Meeting will be on the ALC Facebook Page and Website.
- Shetek staff member, Mark Nysetvold visited ALC.
- The budget to be presented and approved at the Annual Meeting was approved by council. MM/S/C (Sarah/Sharon) Salaries and benevolences were the only items which saw increases. The 2021 budget was \$517,276 with the 2022 budget set at \$560,337.
- The Nominating Committee reported that the ballot was 93% filled. Properties, Church in Society, Budget & Finance, and Worship & Music still have openings for members. It was duly noted that board/committee members should be asked individually if they plan to continue on in their board/committee.
- February 8, 2022 is the All Board Relaunch at 6:30pm with separate board meetings to convene at 7:00pm.
- ALC will participate in the Community Worship Service on June 12 for Riverfest at Island Park. MM/S/C (Betty/Sharon) Another plan will be developed for Bergen.
- The following officers and board chairs were thanked for their service to ALC: Bill Tjentland, Lindsey Cartwright, Betty Olson, Sarah Tailowright, John Shamp, and Kevin Heggeseth.
- The 2022 ballot for Board elections was approved. MM/S/C (Sharon, Kevin)

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Sarah T reported that the electric drum set will be donated to Shetek.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship – No Meeting

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship – No Meeting

Properties – Parsonage cabinets will be painted in the future. Other items discussed were the replacement of the water fountain on the 3rd floor, updated signage for the church, Columbariums on church property, and the need for a security system.

Budget and Finance – The church finished the year in the black. There is less than \$5,000 to raise to pay off the renovation loan with a desire to pay it off as quickly as possible.

Christian Education – Donuts with grown-ups will happen February 2nd and 6th. Prayer Partner Day is March 16th and 20th. Students will sing on Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday. Shetek Wednesday and Sunday are February 23rd and 27th. There will be no classes on January 19th and 23rd.

Youth and Family – John and Melanie were having problems with Zoom and could not be available for their report.

Church In Society – Only 19 of the 30 families redeemed their meat coupons so ALC Thanksgiving meals may be discontinued in the future. Living Nativity collected \$496 and 421 pounds of food for the food shelf.

GLOW – Sewing days have resumed with 12 women finishing 27 baby care kits, 56 school kits, and 3 totally finished quilts. Women's Bible study is the 3rd Thursday of the month.

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 1/24/22:

Income: \$36,571 **Expenses: \$31,769**

Carryover 2021: \$25, 969.70

(These figures do not include January end-of-month

commitments and benevolences.)

RECORDS:

Baptisms: No baptisms this month.

Deaths: Donald "Don" Zimmer

Robert "Bob" Turner August "Wig" Turner

Larry Bak

In Loving Memory Charles "Chuck" Severson Ronald "Ronnie" Bak



MEMORIALS:

Renovation Fund – In memory of LaVern Christianson, Donald Zimmer, Robert Turner & August Turner.

Video/Media Fund – In memory of Don Zimmer, Robert Turner, August Turner & Charles Severson.

Music/Choir Fund – In memory of Don Zimmer & Charles Severson.

3rd Grade Bibles– In memory of LaVern Christianson

Christian Education – In memory of LaVern Christianson

Prayer Shawl Fund—In memory of LaVern Christianson

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.





Wednesday Supper in February

February 2nd, 5:00 PM - Hot dogs, beans, chips, cookies

February 9th, 5:00 PM - Smorgasboard

February 16th, 5:00 PM - Walking tacos, fruit cup, cookies

February 23rd, 5:00 PM - Chicken Cheddar Broccoli rice hotdish, fruit cup, 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**

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!

Gals Living Our Witness

A Women's Ministry of American Lutheran Church 2022

Mark Your Calendar: March 6 - 10am GLOW Meeting

April 21 @ 5:30 pm Shetek Conference Spring Gathering Pipestone We LOVE to SEW and we would LOVE to have you JOIN us!

Sewing Days Tuesdays, February 1 & 15 9:00 am - 2-ish

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, and pack school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Come for an hour or two or pack a sack lunch.

No experience necessary.

Questions? Call Jackie Turner 822-1633

Bible Study

Thursday, February 17 @ 2 pm ALC Meeting Room

Jan/Feb Gather Magazine page 30, Session Two The kingdom of God: Mysteries of the kingdom Come check out Bible Study!

See Gina in the office for a copy of the bible study. Questions? Call Carolyn Torkelson: 822-0229

February 2022



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

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Come to camp for pancakes March 20.



The roof and doors are on.

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is restarting after a pandemic pause. So far, we've raised over \$1,363,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! More info on our website. https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/



Events at camp!

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

Mark your Calendar

Sugarbush Square Dance: Saturday, March 19th, 2022 5:30pm-8pm Sugarbush Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 20th, 2022 9am-1pm Confirmation Retreat March 11-12 Pre-Marriage Retreat March 12

Love: The more you share it, the greater it grows

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow
for each other and for everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

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!