



# May 2022

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**Sunday, May 1,** *Third Sunday of Easter*  
Creation Sunday  
9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

**Wednesday, May 4**  
6:30 PM Last Day of Wednesday Worship  
w/Sunday & Wednesday School Teachers &  
Small Group Guides Appreciation

**Saturday, May 7**  
5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Noisy Offering

**Sunday, May 8,** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
**Mother's Day**  
**Second Sunday Noisy Offering**  
9:00 AM Worship w/Sunday & Wednesday  
School Teachers & Small Group Guides  
Appreciation

**Saturday, May 14**  
5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy  
Communion

**Sunday, May 15,** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
New Member Sunday  
9:00 AM Worship w/Recognition of New  
Members & Blessing of the Quilts

**Saturday, May 21**  
5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy  
Communion

**Sunday, May 22,** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Senior Recognition Sunday  
9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion,  
Senior Recognition Sunday, & Healing  
Prayers

**Saturday, May 28**  
5:30 PM Chapel Service (in the  
Sanctuary)

**Sunday, May 29,** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
9:00 AM Musicals with a Mission, the  
youth drama group from St. John's  
Lutheran Church, Shakopee presents  
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor  
Dreamcoat

## 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.



# Pastor's Message

## Easter Season Reflections

Easter morning began early. I rose and quickly got ready to join the youth who were already beginning to assemble. They were going to be the first to announce the Resurrection on Easter morning. And did they ever! They had prepared an enactment of the resurrection: Mary Magdalene weeping at the empty tomb, Peter and John running to see for themselves, and then Jesus appearing and speaking Mary's name. It all came off without a hitch! So did the special music. As did the Youth Breakfast. Putting out all the flowers and decorations the day before only took an hour, because there were so many hands. When I got to Bethany it was just as beautiful: the whole cross was covered with Easter lilies, and banners announced that Jesus is Risen and that we have New Life. That theme was accentuated by babies in church, both at Bethany and at ALC. Some of the students who had received 1<sup>st</sup> communion for the first time on Thursday night were back on Sunday morning with hands extended to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus. The story was being told again this year and lived out with our lives.



And again Jesus said, *"To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."*  
Luke 13.20-21

Sometimes I just sit back and watch:

- Women quilting and making layettes.
- Contributions to the Southwest Crisis Center which totaled nearly \$1,600. Their

vision is "Restoring hope and healing from domestic and sexual violence and exploitation" Sounds like work that brings new life!

- Donations for Lutheran World Relief in Ukraine, and Good Gifts contributions being collected at Bethany.

And then there was Lenten Worship: How did you enjoy Lent with Holden Evening Prayer and the Lives of the Apostles? (*Thanks to the 12 players who played those roles!*) We asked our confirmation students about it. How did the service make you feel? -curious - safe, calm, forgiven - aware – good - like I have so much I should be grateful for, but I take for granted. – empowered and happy, but sad for the apostles that were killed. Lent was a time for reflection, learning, discipline and refreshment. *Can see fruit from your own Lenten journey?*

Now it is spring. Garden plants will arrive for purchase and the doors will open at area nurseries. The frost went out of the ground this past week, and this morning I saw that my tulips from bulbs planted last fall were finally poking through the ground. It has been cold and wet. *God, send the sun to warm the earth, that planting, and spring work may begin. Lift our spirits with signs of your gracious presence, making all things new (especially me, 'cuz I need it!)*

Easter is a season of fifty days that begins with the Resurrection of our Lord and ends with Pentecost, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It's a time of great joy because the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ is for you and me and all the world! The chains of sin and death have been broken. *What will you do with your newfound freedom?* Yeast in the dough makes the dough rise. *Do you see growth happening all around you?* Taste and see that the Lord is good! Psalm 34.8

Pastor Sarah

# Worship & Music Notes

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

Week:	Theme: Passage:
April 27- May 1	Paul's Conversion Acts 9: 1-19a (20)
May 4- 8	Paul and Silas Acts 16:16-34
May 14 / 15	Paul's Sermon at Athens Acts 17:16-31
May 21 / 22	Partnership in the Gospel Philippians 1:1-18a
May 28 / 29	The Christ Hymn Philippians 2:1-13

Do you ever ponder why things happen? Are you ever amazed at how things are connected? This month the scripture focus is on Paul and his journeys. Dr. Kimberly Leetch summarizes Paul as a good listener, a man with a bold and fearless faith. Even when in prison, he was able to share his faith. He lived his life encouraging others but yet providing grace and compassion. Paul realized that coexisting with those of different faiths could provide peace. Look for events in your daily journey where faith connections are made. Make time to share the good news with others.

The month ends with these familiar words from Philippians 2:10-11; so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## What is happening at church this month:

Creation Sunday: April 27th / April 30th / May 1st

Recognition of Small Group Guides, Wednesday & Sunday School Staff: May 4th / May 8th

Mother's Day: May 8th

Blessing of the Quilts: May 14th / May 15th

Recognition of New Members: May 15th

Healing Prayers offered on May 21st / May 22nd

HS Seniors Recognition: May 22

Musicals with a Mission, the youth drama group from St. John's Lutheran Church, Shakopee presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on May 29th, 9:00 AM. This group is under the direction of Kari Vaupel, daughter-in-law of Dave and Donna Vaupel, former members of ALC.

**UPDATE:** Due to the construction in Tegel's Park, at Cottonwood Lake this summer, the Worship and Music Committee has decided to suspend outdoor worship this summer. We anxiously look forward to the time when we can gather at the lake for worship.

As the sun rises, enjoy each new day that God has given you, surround yourself with the beauty of nature as plants spring forth from the earth and colorful buds burst open. Listen to not only the sounds of the wind, but hear too, the animals such as birds, frogs and crickets. Then, at the close of the day, marvel at the beauty that surrounds the setting sun and notice the brilliant sparkle of stars that shine in the night.

### Noisy Offering This Month: ELCA Scholarship Fund

The American Lutheran Church has a Scholarship Program that is available for college students from our congregation who plan on attending an ELCA College. This program is ran by our ALC Scholarship Committee who help put on fundraisers to raise money for scholarships. 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)

## Wednesday School: May Schedule



**May 4th**— Last Day of Class Fun!!

## Sunday School: May Schedule



**May 8th**— Last Day of Class Fun!!



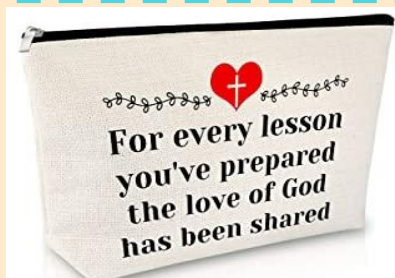
### End of the Year

### Wednesday School & Sunday School Celebrations!

**Wednesday, May 4th & Sunday, May 8th**

(during regular class times)

Outdoor Fun: Lawn Games, Treats, a Potter's Bench, & a VBS Registration Station with Crafts!



## Teacher & Small Group Guide Appreciation Recognition!

**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

During the regular Worship Services

Please Join Us in Thanking the Following Wednesday School/Sunday School Teachers & Confirmation Small Groups Guides for a Successful Year of Faith Formation!

Cheyenne Boeck , Bri Miller, Crystal Fast, Vanessa Tjentland, Kristy Mickelson, Marlene Johnson, Abby Grove, Brandon Roskamp, Melissa Dardis, Trisha Grant, Katie Ihler, Cindy Knutson, Kathryn Ralston, Melissa Mau, Chelsie Carlson, Amy Joyce, Nicole Larson, Mandie Borer, Kelly Kleven, Amanda Wilson, Jamie Pohlman, Michele Johnson, Ann Bartelt, Kjell Eken, Noel Tade, Beth Scrivens, Ali Dahna, Colin Wilson, Jodi Johnson, Todd Schumann, Travis Freiwald, Dawn Aamot, Sheryl Hanefeld, and Greg Scheitel!



# Youth & Family News

The **LAST DAY OF CONFIRMATION** for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade will be **Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 PM**. In celebration of this confirmation year, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to a movie at the Windom State Theater and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going out to Shalom Hill Farms! Thank you all for the great year and blessings to you!

## END OF THE YEAR ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, May 1st**– Charlotte Nauman

**Wednesday, May 4th**– Heidi Johnson & Katie Purrington

**Sunday, May 8th**– Kaede Scrivens & Brita Tjentland

\*\*\*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).\*\*\*

## JR. LEAGUE AND SR. LEAGUE

Jr. League and Sr. League will be on hold again until further notice. BUT, please be on the look out for special spring and summer events/activities put on by Pastor Adam, Pastor Sarah, or the Y&F Board.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)!

VBS will be held Sunday, July 31st- Thursday, August 4th! It will be held in the evening from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM! This year's theme will be Tree of Healing! There will be a chance to register early at our last Sunday/Wednesday School classes on Wednesday, May 4th and Sunday, May 8th!

Many volunteers are needed to make Vacation Bible School successful! If you are interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School in any way, please contact the church office or Tera Elness at [teraalc@gmail.com](mailto:teraalc@gmail.com) or 507-822-3377.

## Youth Trip Updates, Summer 2022

Two trips are planned for this summer:

### **Boundary Waters Canoe Trip** –

Following the success of last year's trip, Pastor Adam is again heading north with a group of youth the first week in August. Their trip is outfitted and directed by Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry.



**Mission Trip to Chicago** - The ELCA Youth Gathering, *Boundless*, has been canceled due to public health concerns. The nine youth from ALC and Bethany that were registered along with Pastor Sarah and Kevin Heggseth have rerouted and are heading to Chicago July 10 – 15<sup>th</sup> on a mission trip with Serve Boldly! Serve Boldly provides Lutheran teenagers with the opportunity to accompany and serve their neighbor while deepening an understanding of God's presence in their lives.

## YOUTH HOTDISH FUNDRAISER

The Youth going on the Boundary Waters Canoeing Area Trip have raised the majority of the money needed for their trip! There will not be any more Hotdish Fundraisers for the month of May because of this. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated or participated in the many Youth Fundraisers! We couldn't have done it without you and the support of our ALC church community!



Join us for Vacation Bible School

## Tree of Healing



**July 31 - August 4**

5:30-8 p.m.

American Lutheran Church of Windom

All children completing Nursery-5th Grade are welcome to attend.

## Good to Know

### First Communion

This year the First Communion kids had two classes here at ALC to learn about First Communion. They also baked bread with their families and Dr. Mary Olson for their First Communion on Maundy Thursday. We had such a wonderful group of kids! We would like to thank Dr. Mary Olson, everyone who helped with First Communion, and all the children and families involved. We Pray that Jesus, the Bread of Life and Cup of Eternal Salvation will always nourish your faith. Remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you!



**God's Blessings on** all our students who partook in Holy Communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 2022: *Jude Blumberg, Macie Carlson, Cameron Grant, Austin Hodkin, Graham Miller, Neveah Ott, Ciersten Pohlman, Tristan Ralston, Penelope Roberts, Morgan Roskamp, Ava Scheitel, Wyatt Soderholm, Brynley Spielman, and Nolan Tjentland.*



Also, **God's Blessings to** *Carter Knutson* who partook in First Communion on Sunday, April 24th





**PROUDLY PRESENTS:**



**St. John's Lutheran Church - Shakopee**

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

**St. John's Lutheran Church - Lakeville**

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30am

**American Lutheran Church - Windom**

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

Freewill offering to benefit Kaitlyn's Klost helping with infant, toddler & children's clothing, toys & supplies for those in need!



musicalswithamission.com  
Facebook.com/St.JohnsLutheranMusicals/

## Last Wednesday Night Supper

**Wednesday, May 4th, 5:00 PM– Pizza!**

A special **THANK YOU** to Melanie Shamp who has headed up the Wednesday evening meals and the many volunteers that have helped her Darcy Hoffman, Dana Wallace, Pastor Adam, Scott, Kathryn, and Caelen Ralston! This will be Melanie's last night of the ALC Wednesday Night Supper program as she steps down from heading up the meals, which included planning, buying groceries, prepping, cooking, serving, and cleaning up every Wednesday and with the help of the volunteers listed above! So, **THANK YOU** for all your hard work and dedication to ALC and the supper program!



### **ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE WINDOM AREA**

**SHARING CENTER:** personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, regular size shampoo, body soap, etc.), food items (pasta noodles (egg noodles especially) is a very needed item), and lastly any and all baby items.

### **HAVING TROUBLE HEARING IN THE**

**SANCTUARY?** We have added 3 additional **SOUND MATES**, which are available from the ushers. Sound Mates are a small unit that helps amplify sound through the use of headphones. Check one out. They are easy to use.

**GLOW Outing on June 7** – American Lutheran Women are invited to take a day trip to tour the Cambria Plant in Le Sueur and then travel to Donna Vaupel's new home in New Prague where she will serve us lunch. We will carpool, leaving the church parking lot at 8 am and will be back in Windom by late afternoon. Our tour is limited to 15 ALC women and a firm signup deadline is May 19. Signup sheet and more information are on the bulletin board across from church office.



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### **SUMMER WORSHIP AT THE LAKE**



#### **UPDATE:**

because of the construction of the new shelter house at Tegels Park, ALC is not able to have worship at the lake this summer. We'll look forward to doing this next year summer!

### **BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

will be on **May 15th, 2022**

#### **GLOW SEWING DAYS**

**TOTAL:** The American Lutheran quilters/GLOW members have completed 64 quilts, 72 School Kits, 123 Baby Care Kits, and 16 Personal Care Kits. All these items will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items and their time to help make this happen!



### **Holiday Hours**

Monday,

May 30th

**Memorial Day–**  
Church & Office  
will be closed.





## Introducing Carolyn Schneider, our missionary serving in Jamaica!



Global  
Mission

Thanks to the generosity of our Trust Fund, ALC is able to sponsor two missionaries this year: Carolyn along with Young Adults in Global Mission in Jerusalem and the West Bank (more about them another month ☐) Carolyn teaches church history at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Kinston, Jamaica. She is responsible for caring for, advising, and tutoring Lutheran students in all things Lutheran at this

ecumenical college. Read her letter below!



### Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear friends and companions in ministry,

Easter, 2022

“Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are now being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to perfection by Him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord”

(The Church in the Province of the West Indies, *The Book of Common Prayer*, reprint edition, 2007, page 242).



The good news above was part of a worship service that I attended on Good Friday at the chapel of the University of the West Indies (UWI), where I often worship with the Anglican community. In the photo to the left you can see that the chapel's arched entrance echoes the arches in the background, which are the remains of an aqueduct that supplied water to the sugarcane plantation that used to be where the university is now.

In a sense, it was sugar that made the Caribbean. This past semester I have been co-teaching a course on Caribbean Church History with a veteran teacher of the subject, colleague Rev. Dr. Glenroy Lalor, from whom I have learned a lot. On day one of the course, we tried to define “the Caribbean”, and by process of elimination we got to this definition: It is the ethnically diverse coasts and islands of the western Atlantic that share a history of sugar plantations worked by enslaved Africans. Most Jamaicans today are descendants of the Africans who were captured, enslaved, transported, and made to work on the sugar plantations until they died. It is an extremely painful legacy and the trauma of it has not yet healed.

It was Roger Copeland, one of the students at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), where I teach, who shared with me the plantation history of the university when he joined me in worship at the UWI chapel once. Then he said something unforgettable. He turned to me and said, “It’s good that they put this chapel here so that what happens in it can begin to heal the wounds of the past; there is still so much pain.” That chapel, where we celebrate the life of Jesus, his healing ministry, his teaching about the reign of God, his suffering and death, his resurrection and his sharing with us of his body, blood and Spirit, is placed directly on the wound of the past, in the middle of the place of slavery. What a witness to the God who is with us to give us life where we need it most!



This Easter message is what students at UTCWI are being trained to share with the communities where they will serve so that, through them, God can heal the people and raise the downcast. Those who are in Christ have a new life that is not defined only by the pain of the past but also by the freedom of the present and the perfection of the future. Caribbeans who are in Christ embrace a definition of themselves that includes what is good, beautiful, creative and joyful as Christ heals them, his own people whom he has made and rescued. One fun example of this celebration of life in the Caribbean took place on campus in February, "Reggae month" in Jamaica. The staff of the Registrar's office hosted a "Crazy Hat Day" and invited everyone to wear a hat with a Jamaican theme. My favorite was the one made by Kimberley Walker, the registry assistant. She models it in the photo, and she gave me this explanation of all its features:

"On my hat made of thatch are:

- Jamaica's national fruit- Ackee [The pulp inside is usually eaten for breakfast, fried up with thyme, scallions and saltfish.]
- Jamaica's Coat of Arms
- Jamaica's national flower - Lignum Vitae
- Jamaican flag
- and there is a fern at the back (not visible in the picture)."

It is a priceless gift to be able to share new life in Christ with the community at UTCWI and with you.



*Carolyn*

Carolyn Schneider  
Lutheran Warden-Tutor  
The United Theological College of the West Indies  
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P.S. In addition to prayer, here are ways to support me financially.

1. To become a covenant congregation, download the form at [ELCA.org/covenantform](http://ELCA.org/covenantform) or call 800-638-3522, ext. 2820.
2. Make an individual gift by check payable to "ELCA Missionaries" with "Carolyn Schneider (GCS2016)" in the memo line and mail your check to:  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
3. Make an individual gift by credit or debit card by visiting [ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving](http://ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving) or calling 800-638-3522.

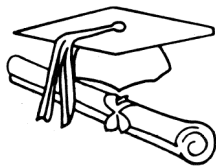


## SENIOR RECOGNITION SERVICE

Sunday, May 22nd 2022

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

2022 Senior Class!



*Noah Armstrong*  
*Dodge Byam*  
*Dillon Evers*  
*Dillon Grant*  
*Alexis Haken*  
*Mitchell Haken*  
*KJ Huska*  
*Caleb Kleven*  
*Vance Koch*

*Dora Larson*  
*Ashley Voshage*  
*Tyra Khounsanthone*  
*Brooklyn Paulson*  
*Benjamin Purrington*  
*Ethan Purrington*  
*Dalton Riordan*  
*Zachary Squires*  
*Olivia Christians*

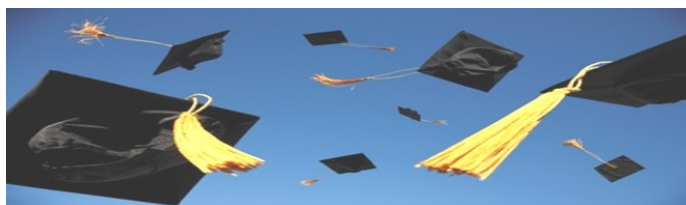
As graduation is fast approaching the American Lutheran Church wants to honor all ALC graduating seniors at our Sunday, May 22nd, 9:00 AM Worship service. All high school seniors should be receiving a letter with more information regarding this service.

**\*\*REMINDER:** Please email your senior photo for our screens and June Messenger to the Church Office at [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) by Friday, May 13th or sooner. \*\*

If you want to share your gifts and talents on this important day. Please call the church office at 831-1794, or e-mail the church office at [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) by **May 13<sup>th</sup>** to share in the following ways:

- Sharing special music with piano, voice, guitar, or instrument
- Read scripture
- Part of procession—cross bearer, Bible carrier, Christ candle bearer

**\*\*All ALC high school seniors, their family, and the congregation are invited for cinnamon rolls to help celebrate Senior Sunday, May 22nd following the service in Skylight Court!\*\***



## Good to Know

### EASTER FLOWERS

**THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased Easter Flowers in memory, honor, or celebration of loved ones!



**WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS** is scheduled for May 15th. If you or someone you know would like to become a member of ALC please contact the church office at (507)831-1794 or [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) and let us know. New Member Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 PM in the Skylight Court.



### **SOUP & BREAD: May 8th at 5:30pm-7pm and May 22nd at 5:30pm-7pm**

Hey everyone! As a reminder.....Soup and bread is for ANY adult 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!



**The Church in Society Board would like to THANK** everyone who contributed to the Forty Day Lenten Challenge. There was a total of **\$1,800.43** raised for the Southwest Crisis Center. Church and Society is very grateful for everyone that donated. The Southwest Crisis Center donations will help provide a safe place, food, and clothing for men, women, or children escaping domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or sex trafficking. Hotels are frequently used for a temporary safe place till housing is found. Thank you again for supporting this important ministry!



**S H E T E K**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

### SHETEK BIBLE CAMP IS 75 YEARS OLD!

To celebrate and honor Shetek Lutheran Ministries, we are asking anyone who worked at camp, past and present, to contact us to be recognized for your contributions and share your camp experiences. We would also like to use your camp stories and experiences as part of the Capital Campaign, a fundraising effort for new cabins at Shetek. Please contact Jean Johnson via email: [jajohnson1954@gmail.com](mailto:jajohnson1954@gmail.com), or text: 822-2715. Thank you!



## Good to Know

### SEEKING INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, OR FAMILY GROUPS WILLING TO USHER.

Thinking of creative scheduling such as one week per month on a rotation basis. It's a great way to meet people in the congregation. Contact Jane Cartwright 831-5032 (h) or call the church office.



**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!!

**SOUND & VIDEO TECHNICIANS NEEDED!** We are looking for volunteers to operate the Sound System and/or Video System. If this is something you'd like to check out or may be interested in doing, please contact the church office and we can help schedule a Wednesday or Sunday service for you to sit in on to learn more information about it.



Would you like to be a part of ALC's **PRAYER CHAIN**? Prayer Chain is an email group that gets requested prayers for subjects/people in our congregation, community, and world. If you would like to be a part of this email group please email or call the church office at [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) or 831-1794 with your current email address and we will add you to the group. Likewise, if you or someone you know needs prayers please contact the church office and we'll send out a **PRAYER REQUEST** to the Prayer Chain email group. Please let us know if you would like that person or subject to be prayed for publicly in church or privately through our Prayer Chain. Also, in consideration of HIPAA, we do have a generic please pray (individuals name) in this time of need. No medical/ personal information will be shared unless it is public information, we get consent from that individual, or consent from a close relative.



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!



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.

**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, May 10th 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.

Join us for **CHOIR PRACTICE** Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in the choir room! All are welcome!

Join us for **BELL CHOIR** Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

### 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](mailto: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.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM** **April 19th, 2022 MEETING**

- Add Jean Johnson as Co-Chair for Shetek Capital Congregational Campaign - Steve explained the training he has undergone and the campaign status, suggesting ALC consider the naming rights of a sleeping room, at \$25,000, which can be given over a 3 year period (basic contribution based on current attendance would be \$18,400 should ALC participate in the campaign) Discussion of budget concerns led to a decision to participate due to ALC's long standing support of the Shetek Lutheran Ministry. MM/S/C to approve adding Jean Johnson as Co-Chair and to participate in the campaign seeking the Naming Rights option. Unanimous approval.
- Update on Worship at the Lake - Karen reported that due to construction at the park there will be no summer services at the lake.
- Riverfest Community Service - Riverfest will include a community church service, so there will be no Sunday service at ALC, or Bergen, on June 12.
- Motion to amend personnel policy - Paul presented the information on the MMC meeting addressing policy 3.1 of the ALC personnel policy Employee Classification. Motion to update the policy to read, "Full time employees work 32 hours per week, or more, and are eligible for benefits. Full-time clergy are exempt employees and are paid a salary. Full-time non-clergy staff may be exempt employees that are paid a salary or non-exempt employees that are paid an hourly wage. Other staff are non-exempt employees and are paid an hourly wage". This update is based on the new salary position of the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. Noted in the discussion was the current lack of summer programming, which Jamie Frank addressed, saying because current programming does not exist does not mean it cannot be created. Kevin also addressed the summer hours noting the position will have numerous hours during the year that involve travel and outside events. MM/S/C to approve the motion (Paul/Karen) Unanimous approval.
- Motion from Christian Education to approve job description for Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries position as presented in the joint meeting with Youth and Family, contingent on the Budget and Finance Committee's compensation package that would allow the current Christian Education Coordinator to move into that position (Employee Classification as Full-Time salaried position, FLSA exempt) - Jamie brought forth the motion. Paul noted that MMC would interview Tera Elness, with appropriate board members, and if she accepted the position, it would begin June 1, 2022. Kevin added that currently the Trust Fund provides \$22,000 for the position and will be visited with for additional funding to support the increase to the budget. Second by Linda. MM/S/C unanimously.
- Motion from Budget and Finance - Brady presented the motion from Budget and Finance to change the wording in the financial package for the position of Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries to read, "Base Salary LESS FICA with the total cost of \$59,150.00. It was seconded by Kevin. The agenda included a written financial statement for the proposal, with Kevin adding that there is currently \$22,000 unspent for 2022 and the position begins in June of 2022, which is half a year. (The money for Youth and Family was in the current budget and has not been spent) Kevin and Lindsey will be visiting with the Trust Fund for additional financial support. Pastor Adam questioned the additional stress to the 2023 budget, with both Brady and Karen noting that congregational meetings show a passion for youth programming and this position. Jamie added that Youth and Family programming is currently lacking at ALC and a dedicated individual is needed to fill the position. Pastor Sarah reminded the council that at the council retreat "Faith Formation of All Ages" was noted as an important aspect of ALC's mission and that MMC plans for transparency with the congregation. MM/S/C to approve the motion, unanimously after extensive discussion.
- Motion from Budget and Finance - Fulltime employees, other than Pastors, will be offered a full package of benefits for the employee. If children are brought onto the health insurance policy, the employee will share the cost of health insurance, contributing a percentage for all insured. The spouse will seek his, or her, own health benefits from his, or her, own employer. The spouse may choose to be added to the employee's health benefits at their own expense. MM/S/C unanimously.



### Church Council Notes Continued...

- Melanie Shamp leaving Wednesday meal preparation volunteer position - With Melanie's retirement from this volunteer position it was wondered if a special recognition, or gift, was appropriate. Discussion of the many volunteers ALC is blessed with, where many go unrecognized, resulted in the motion to provide a cake at the last Wednesday meal, with a recognition of Melanie. No gift will be provided as to not set a precedent for future situations. The council is very thankful for Melanie's conviction to this position, and all the other services she provides to ALC.
- Motion to purchase a serviced paper folding machine for the office - Properties and Budget and Finance presented a motion to purchase a paper folding machine, which was approved unanimously.
- Masks for communion servers - Discussion on the current need to continue to wear facial masks while serving communion. Melanie made a motion that no masks are required, but may be worn if desired. Kevin seconded the motion. MM/S/C unanimously.
- Other - Pastor Sarah addressed the vacation time for the new Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry position, explaining the policy is based on years of experience. Since Tera, if accepting the position, is a former church employee who worked here for a number of years, she would fall under the 4-9 years of employment on the contract and thus receive applied vacation time. Jennifer asked if this separates sick leave and vacation and Paul verified that yes, sick time and vacation time are separate entities.

### Board Reports

**Worship and Music** - Karen restated that there would be no lake services this summer; Shalom Hill Farm representatives will be providing a Temple Talk; the Church of Prophecy will be providing music for some services and will be reimbursed \$100; Pentecost planning; Riverfest service June 12 is at BARC.

**Spiritual Life and Fellowship** - Sharon updated the council on their planning for Mother's Day gifts and future Father's Day planning.

**Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship** - Steve noted Maria Thom and Gina's technology assistance with the Easter Facebook boost which had 705 reaches; Wendy provided them information on the giving envelope status and the need to consider going to generic envelopes since many people do not use the envelope system now; YouTube online viewing has been increasing; the adult male Bible study with Pastor Adam and Brandon Roskamp went well.

**Properties** - Linda thanked the council for their responses to the request to update the insurance company the church has used. This change is not only less costly, but also provides additional coverage in some areas. Properties questions the need for the current bus, with a thought of selling it and purchasing a van; they will be doing a walk through next week; are looking at ways to eliminate the drainage challenges by the parking lot entry.

**Budget and Finance** - Brady reviewed the motions involving Budget and Finance.

**Christian Education** - Jamie updated the council of First Communion, Easter Egg Hunt, upcoming Senior Recognition, VBS, Nursery and Kindergarten events, Confirmation meetings, Creation Sunday on May 1, and the May Teacher Appreciation event.

**Church in Society** - Jen noted they will be provided the local EMT's with pizza April 28; there was a successful Food Share month response; July 21 is the Banquet in Sioux Falls; the fall clean up may be held at Shalom Hill Farm.

**Youth and Family** - Melanie discussed the Easter breakfast the youth did, the upcoming youth trips, leadership training at Gustavus, Boundary Waters, Valleyfair and other summer events.

**GLOW** - Karen noted the upcoming trip to LeSuer. Information is on the bulletin board by the office.

## ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 4/21/2022:

**Income: \$145,572**

**Expenses: \$160,295**

**Carryover from 2021: \$25,969**

These figures do not include April end of month commitments and benevolences.

### RECORDS:

**Baptisms:** Skylar Marvel Hogan, daughter of Tim & Miranda Hogan.



**Deaths:** Amber Loewen  
Bonnie Bottin  
Arlene Burbank

*In Loving  
Memory*

### MEMORIALS:

**Renovation Fund** – *In memory of Eddie Woizeschke, Bonnie Bottin, Joyce Helgeson, Arlene Burbank and Gerald Kuecker.*

**Video/Media Fund** – *In memory of Joyce Helgeson and Arlene Burbank.*

### 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](http://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.



## SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS

To register go to [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org) or pick up a Shetek Lutheran Ministries 2022 Summer Camps brochure that has a mail in registration form in the church office. If you have any questions please contact Shetek Lutheran Ministries at 507-763-3567 or contact Tera at [teralalc@gmail.com](mailto:teralalc@gmail.com) or 822-3377.

Also, **DID YOU KNOW THAT ALC PROVIDES TOWARDS CAMPERSHIPS FOR THOSE**

**WISHING 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 Grandparent/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!





# GLOW

*Gals Living Our Witness*

## GLOW MEETING

Sunday, May 1  
10:00 am

ALC meeting room

Let's get together  
and plan future events!  
All are Welcome!

## Bible Study

Thursday, May 19 @ 2 pm

ALC Meeting Room

May/June Gather Magazine, Page 36, Session 1

Crafted in Christ

A SUMMER OF REST AND RENEWAL

See Gina in the office for a copy of the bible study!

Questions? Carolyn Torkelson 822-0229

## GLOW OUTING - JUNE 7

Women of American Lutheran Church  
are invited on a day trip to:

Tour the  
CAMBRIA

Plant in Le Sueur



and have lunch with  
Donna Vaupel at her  
new home in New Prague.

Maximum of 15 members for the  
tour and signup deadline is May  
19. Signup sheet and more info  
is on the bulletin board across  
from office or call Kathy Hiley @  
831-4109

## 2022 SW MN SWO Convention

Friday, May 13

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church  
Benson, MN

Jackie Turner & Karen Skarphol  
will represent ALC church women.

**A Women's Ministry of American Lutheran Church 2022**



**May 2022**



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## Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Shetek is hiring summer ministry team members for 2022!!

Please pray that there would be young adults who feel called to serve this summer. If you know of anyone please encourage them to apply.  
[www.shetek.org/work-at-shetek](http://www.shetek.org/work-at-shetek)

*I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.  
Ephesians 4:1*



*Inside the new lodge*

### Mark your Calendar

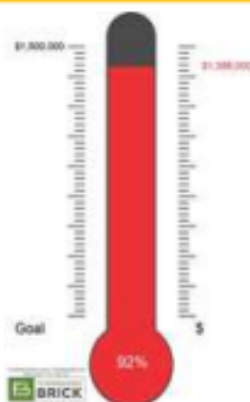
- Volunteer Work Day May 7
- First Day of Camp June 12
- GOLF Tournament June 20
- Quilt Preview June 24
- Quilt Auction June 25
- Pelican 5K Run/Walk June 25

### Events at camp!

Register at [shetek.org](http://shetek.org) or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is restarting after a pandemic pause. So far, we've raised over \$1,388,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! More info on our website.  
<https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/>



Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!