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

Saturday, June 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, June 5, Day of Pentecost

National Cancer Survivors Day

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy
Communion

Saturday, June 11

4:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy
Communion (Moved to the
Sanctuary)

Sunday, June 12

Holy Trinity Sunday

10:30 AM Riverfest All
Community Worship, Barc

Saturday, June 18

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

Sunday, June 19

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

Father's Day

9:00 AM Worship

Saturday, June 25

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, June 26

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy
Communion

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

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.
-Genesis 2:15*

One day in my young thirties I took stock of everything. Six years into my first call, married eleven years, a son and a daughter, and I realized all my long-term goals had been met and I thought, "Well, now what?"

I still ask myself that from time to time, especially now that I'm in my forties.

I get up each day, I work, I come home, spend time with family, go to their events, putt around with my hobbies, and start all over the next day. After almost ten years of this I still wonder from time to time, "Well, now what?" Is this all there is? Should I be doing something more profound? In the grand scheme of things, does my life actually matter?

My very religious grandmother died a year and a half ago and she always told everyone she was a "lucky, blessed lady." She left behind journals at my dad's and I was reading some of them. In the nineties her daughter got divorced, it was very ugly, and it tore the family apart for years. As her seven children and spouses played Cold War with one another, amidst a lot of secrets, hiding, and maneuvering, what none of the family knew, what my grandmother wrote about, is how she was the steady going ox that everyone, mostly unknowing, kicked and dropped their burdens on.

She details the struggle of caring for her divorced daughter, how to be a Christian with her abusive son-in-law, how to deal with their children who kept coming to her and in their pain and anguish would use her and lash out at her, along with her own children who thought that she was taking sides. She details the struggle of trying to do what Jesus wanted her to do, to love and help everyone, and the struggle of often being the targeted scapegoat.

None of the family knew any of this.

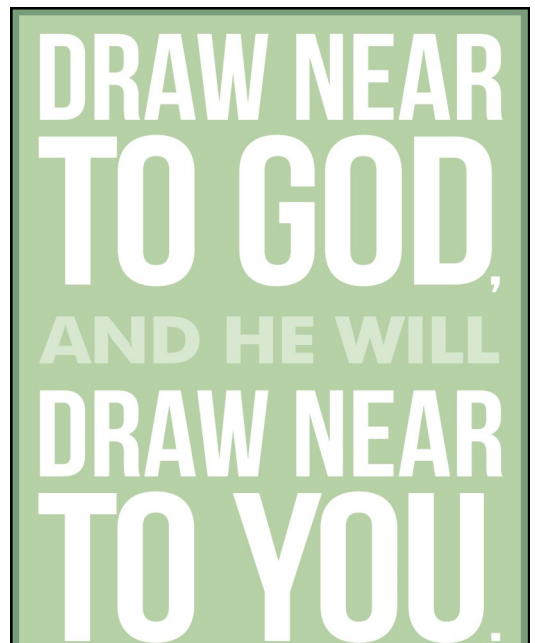
Yet, for her entire life, she always called herself a lucky, blessed lady and she meant it.

Her life consisted of raising seven kids, working as a school secretary, and, I kid you not, many journal entries about her going to Catholic mass. That was her life. Plain. Simple. Seemingly not very profound. No lofty visions or goals to change the world. She raised her kids well, the school adored her as their secretary, her church fawned over her, and she always called herself a lucky, blessed lady. I would argue that that came from living the life that God set out before her, doing the work that God gave her, enduring the hardships and the struggles that won't change the world and that don't even give her credit in the end as nobody knew how powerfully God used her to not only keep our family together, but to have us as close as we are now with wounds ninety-nine percent healed.

Through it all, through the seeming mundane life she had, she was very close to God with a close, loving relationship (which she also journaled often writing, "I love you God"), so much so that even as she was stretched to breaking holding the family together, even then she felt that she was a lucky, blessed lady.

Long story short: there is often pressure for us to be profound and world changing. Yet in Genesis God gave Adam a garden to till even though there was an abundance of food and gave him a family. Nothing profound, nothing to change the world, nothing to have him go down in history; just a simple life. Enjoy your work. Enjoy your family. There will be struggles and hardships. There will be pain. Always turn to God for advice, to show you the path, and to help you endure the beatings and the being torn apart for doing the work that God has set before you knowing that you will get through it, that you will enjoy the amazing results, and that the feeling of being lucky and blessed is what God wants for all of us and is available to all of us.

Pastor Adam



Worship & Music Notes

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

Date:	Theme: Scripture Passages:	
June 4 / 5	Rejoice in the Lord (Pentecost)	Acts 1:1-21 Philippians 4:4-7
June 11	Ten Commandments	Exodus 19:1-6' 20:1-2
June 12	Community Worship at the BARC	
June 18 / 19	Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:3-11
June 25 / 26	Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:12-16

As the days continue to extend their length with sunlight, as we approach the summer solstice, and the evenings offer brilliant stars in a blackened sky, and fireflies surf across the top of the grasses and into the foliage, may you continue to see and praise God with all that has been created.

What's happening at services?

June 4 / 5 is Pentecost! God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The ability to speak to one another was an effective tool for breaking down barriers between people and cultures. Tera Elness will be installed as the Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. Cancer Survivor Sunday will also be acknowledged.

June 11th we celebrate the Holy Trinity. **Due to the Riverfest activities, this service will be recorded for use on Sunday, and will begin at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary.** We begin our Summer series with the Ten Commandments which will run to July 3rd.

June 12th Come! Gather with others from the community at BARC for worship beginning at 10:30 AM. This service will be broadcast LIVE on KDOM radio. ALC Broadcast of the Saturday Chapel service, will run from 11:30 - Noon. Check out Youtube and Facebook as other sources.

June 19th Father's Day with a visit from the Chordhustlers. We will collect a Noisy Offering for "The Banquet."

Summer Worship Series 2022

Come find a spot in the pews as we explore these topics during the summer!

Ten Commandments June 11 - July 3

1 Peter July 10 - August 7

Ruth August 14 - September 4

Sign up on the bulletin board to help assist with worship!

Greeters, Readers, Communion Assistants, Ushers, Musical selections

Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

Noisy Offering This Month: The Banquet

The Banquet meal ministry is a volunteer-based ministry, meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. Their mission is to provide a welcoming place where people can gather, receive nourishment and experience love in action, and to assist volunteers in providing food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of The Banquet. 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)



Mankato Moondogs

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT!

Sunday, June 19th

Families will meet in the Church Parking Lot at 3:00PM for a short prayer before following each other over to the game caravan-style. Game starts at 5:05pm.

Tickets are just \$6 and for an extra \$4 will include a voucher for a hot dog, chips, and pop!

Tickets **MUST** be purchased by the Church in advance so please sign-up on the Christian Ed/Youth & Family Bulletin Board **NO LATER THAN JUNE 12th**. Money can be paid directly to the church office or given to Tera the day of the game upon departure.

MANKATO MOONDOGS
FAMILY 4-PACK WITH PIZZA RANCH

OUR MOST POPULAR PACKAGE

ABOUT THE FAMILY 4-PACK
THE MOONDOGS HAVE PARTNERED WITH PIZZA RANCH IN MANKATO TO DEVELOP A PROMOTION CALLED THE FAMILY FOUR PACK! START WITH FOUR TICKETS AND GET AS MANY AS YOU NEED. EACH ADDITIONAL TICKET IS ONLY \$12.

TICKET PRICING
\$48/PACKAGE
\$200 VALUE FOR ONLY \$48

CHOOSE BETWEEN THREE DATES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th - 6:35 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 8th - 6:35 PM
MONDAY, AUGUST 8th - 6:35 PM

YOUR FAMILY 4-PACK INCLUDES

- FOUR PIZZA RANCH BUFFETS**
YOU WILL RECEIVE 4 VOUCHERS TO PIZZA RANCH TO EAT ALL THE PIZZA, CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES, AND SALAD YOU WANT!
- PREMIUM MOONDOGS TICKETS**
FOUR PREMIUM TICKETS TO A MOONDOGS GAME IN THE 200 LEVEL ON THE DATE OF YOUR CHOICE.
- FOUR MEAL DEALS**
FOUR MEAL VOUCHERS FOR THE MOONDOGS GAME, WHICH CAN BE REDEEMED AT THE CONCESSION STAND FOR A HOT DOG, SODA, AND CHIPS.
- FOUR HATS**
IF YOU SHOW YOUR FAMILY FOUR PACK TICKETS AT THE MERCHANDISE STAND, YOU WILL RECEIVE FOUR HATS, ONE FOR EACH PERSON IN YOUR GROUP!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR FAMILY 4-PACK, CALL THE MOONDOGS OFFICE AT (507) 625-7047

MANKATO MOONDOGS BASEBALL
1221 CALEDONIA STREET, MANKATO, MN 56001



Kids entering **Kindergarten – 2nd Grade** are invited to join Tera & Crafting Kelly this summer for a **SUMMER STORYTIME**

the last Wednesday afternoon of each month!

(June, July, August) This Summer Storytime will include:

- A Story • A Craft • A Game • A Snack

We so hope you will join us!

Wednesday, June 29th 2:00-3:30pm

Wednesday, July 27th 2:00-3:30pm

Wednesday, August 31st 2:00-3:30pm

Please contact Tera with any questions! 507-822-3377 teraalc@gmail.com

Youth & Family News

Junior League & Senior League are BACK!

But what are they???

The answer? An opportunity to hang out with friends and learn a ton more about our incredible awesome God!

****Junior League** those entering 7th-9th grade**

****Senior League** those entering 10th-12th grade**

When?

Junior League: Sunday, June 5th and Sunday, June 26th

Senior League: Sunday, June 12th
5-7pm

Where?

At the Church! But not always!

Will there be food?

Absolutely! What would youth group be without food??

Can friends come?

Of course! The more the merrier!

Can I contact you Tera if I have any questions? You sure can!

My cell is 507-822-3377 and you can even text if you'd like. SEE YOU AT LEAGUE!

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.



Chicago Mission Trip reroutes to Lake Traverse, South Dakota! 2022 was to be the year of the national Youth Gathering, canceled because of the on-going pandemic. Instead, most of the youth who were signed up agreed to do a mission trip to Chicago through a Lutheran organization called Serve Boldly. A few new youths signed on. Sadly, Serve Boldly couldn't find staff and canceled their summer programming. Youth Works had trips to offer, and our group of 7 youth and 2 adults agreed to reroute once again, this time to Lake Traverse, SD a Native American site. Here the youth will *learn about Dakota history and culture, serve the community, and help provide a safe place for kids.* July 17 - 22. Thank you for your support of our youth!

Watch for ALC in this years Saturday June 11th **RIVERFEST PARADE** starting at 6pm. Contact Tera if and/or your child would like to be apart of our float, which will be VBS themed.

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 years theme will be Tree of Healing! Register online with the QR Code below or stop in the Church Office for hard copy registration form.

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 or 507-822-3377.



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

Welcome to Tera Elness as the Director for Children, Youth and Family Ministry!

I began serving as your Lead Pastor in September of 2013. Since then, I have seen various ways that faith formation ministry has been structured, and several staff people sift in and out of those positions. All have brought gifts and dedication to this work, but we have lacked consistency. We have been without a youth worker since Melanie Shamp resigned in December of 2020. We are pleased that the passions and abilities of Tera, our Christian Education Coordinator, align to meet the needs of our congregation for our youth and families as well as our younger children! She will begin the new expanded position June 1, just one year after she began the position working in Christian Education.

How did this happen? The full time job position of Director for Children, Youth and Family Ministry follows a pattern of continuous faith formation that many congregations of our size are now adopting. The Mutual Ministry Committee studied this position considering how it would fit at ALC. The job description was reviewed by the Boards of Christian Education and Youth and Family, who received it favorably, with the intention that the current Christian Ed Coordinator take the job. The Budget and Finance Board was asked to prepare a compensation and benefits package. All that was brought to the ALC Council in April, and was met with approval. A group from the Mutual Ministry Committee interviewed Tera for the position, and brought a recommendation for hire to the ALC Council in May, which was approved.



I welcome Tera in this position to compliment the rest of our staff team, the ALC leadership and membership in carrying out the ministry of the Gospel in this place, especially as it relates to our young people. We look forward to what God has yet to do! Tera will be installed in her new role during the worship service on Sunday, June 5th at 9:00. God provides! Thank you, ALC congregation, for your support of the ALC staff and your prayers and active participation in our ongoing ministry. May God bless it!
Pastor Sarah

Synod Council voted on May 21st to cancel the 2022 Synod Assembly

The SW MN Synod constitution S7.14 mandates that, "One-half of the members of the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum." This means that the "Synod Assembly" is not simply the number of people who register and show up. Quorum is based on this Synod's **potential number of voting members**. If there is not quorum in attendance, the Assembly cannot perform its business. The potential number comes from:

- Ministers of Word & Sacrament and Ministers of Word & Service who are under call,
- Lay voting members elected by their congregations. (Number is determined by # of baptized members reported on the Form A & C of a congregation's annual report),
- Conference Chairpersons and lay members of the Synod Council who are not otherwise Voting Members of the Synod Assembly.

The potential number results in a higher quorum than other synods around us. As of Friday, May 20th our registered voting members was well below quorum.

On Saturday, May 21, the Synod Council voted to cancel the 2022 Synod Assembly due to the inability to attain quorum. Because the Synod Council is the interim legislative authority when there is no Synod Assembly, (Synod Constitution S10.02), all voting matters normally decided by the Assembly are transferred to the Synod Council. These actions include:

- 2024 Budget
- 2023 Compensation Guidelines
- Resolution 22.01
- Synod Elections

Next year's assembly WILL be held on June 9-10, 2023, in person, at Gustavus Adolphus College. **SAVE THE DATES.**



*"For we are God's servants, Working together,
you are God's field, God's building." - 1 Corinthians 3:9*

2022 Synod Assembly - **CANCELED**

Good to Know

The following is Carol Brand's faith statement written for her granddaughter's confirmation. I (Pastor Adam) thought it was amazing and worth everyone reading it. Enjoy (and please share your faith statements with me 😊)

My Faith Statement

Having grown up with Roman Catholic traditions and having been taught as a young child in Catholic schools – grade school at Holy Cross, St. Margaret's Academy in high school and the College of St. Benedict. The nuns that taught us were very special– HOLY, but a “hoot” at times.

I became restless around age 20 and felt that something was “off”. The Holy Spirit led me to my soon-to-be husband and his family who were practicing Lutherans. Way in the beginning when I questioned Pete about his faith, he just said that “he knew but couldn't find the words”- He “just knew!” His family welcomed me, maybe just a little skeptical at first. Being Catholic was a “problem” back then. At the time of my growing up, each religious tradition stayed close to their own teaching and did not venture out from it– in fact we were taught to stay close. After getting to know the Band family and becoming more informed about the Lutheran faith— their example “hooked me” and I felt like I had “come home”. The Lutheran faith is the Catholic with tweaks of correction. I like to think that I've had the best of both and feel like the best hybrid of both traditions.

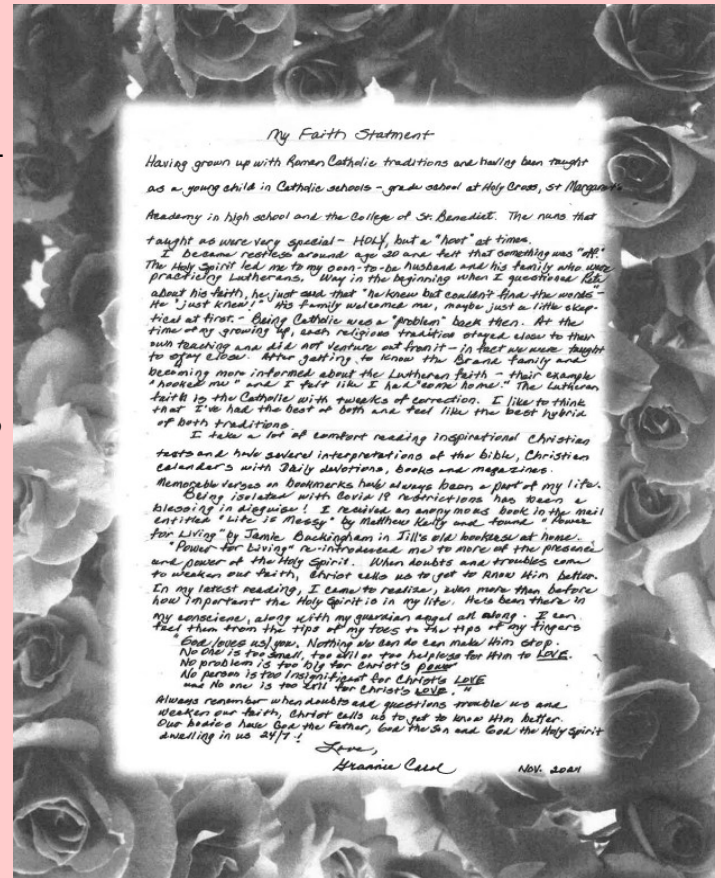
I take a lot of comfort reading inspirational Christian texts and have several interpretations of the bible, Christian calendars with Daily devotions, books and magazines. Memorable verses on bookmarks have always been a part of my life.

Being isolated with covid 19 restrictions has been a blessing in disguise! I receive an anonymous book in the mail entitle “Life is Messy” by Matthew Kelly and found “Power for Living” by Jamie Buckingham in Jill's old bookcase at home.

“Power for Living” re-introduced me to more of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. When doubts and troubles come to weaken our faith, Christ calls us to get to know Him better. In my latest reading, I came to realize, even more than before how important the Holy Spirit is in my life, He's been there in my conscience, along with my guardian angel all along. I can feel them from the tips of my toes to the tips of my fingers.

“God loves us/you, nothing we can do can make Him stop. No one is too small, too evil, or too helpless for Him to LOVE. No problem is too big for Christ's power. No person is too insignificant for Christ's LOVE and No one is too evil for Christ's LOVE.”

Always remember when doubts and questions trouble us and weaken our faith, Christ calls us to get to know Him better. Our bodies have God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit dwelling in us 24/7!



Welcome New Members!



Dan & Renee Harley
(son) Elias



Jill Wolf



Jeremy & Kelsey Edwards
(sons) Jaxon & Wyatt



Clarice Dunnick



Matt Strum
(daughters) Katherine & Lauren (Not Pictured)

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2022 GRADUATES!



Alexis Haken



Ethan Purrington



Caleb Kleven



Dalton Riordan



Dillon Evers



Dillon Grant



Zachary Squires



Tyra Khounsanthone

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2022 GRADUATES!**



Mitchell Haken



Benjamin Purrington



KJ Huska



Brooklyn Paulson



Dodge Byam



Noah Armstrong



Vance Koch

Good to Know

Update from the 35th Annual meeting of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations (GACAC) held at Gustavus Adolphus College (GAC) on April 30th. The GACAC is a 500+ member association formed after the ELCA merger in 1998. Elections were held for new and incumbent Board of Trustees and Board of Directors.

The Gustavus chaplain gave an update of the campus ministry focusing on all opportunities for the youth faith education including summer programs, camps, scholarships, and on-campus education. ALC's own, Eliana Tadé, was highlighted as one of the youth workers in the Chaplain's office. The College was proud to have recently opened a new multifaith center to better serve all student's faith studies.

The annual Covenant Award honored Sister Sarah Hausken for her contributions to the partnership between the Synod and GAC in her role as Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator and advisor of the Lutheran Youth Outreach board. There was no new business for the association. As always, the GAC food service provided an excellent meal and delectable desserts.

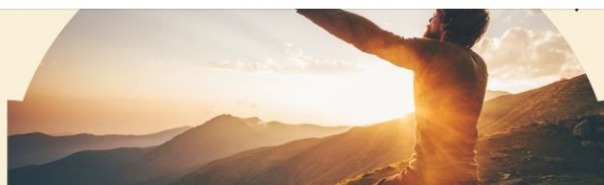


Respectfully submitted by Dana Wallace

RIVERFEST WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Worship

June 12th will be held at the BARC (1012 5th Ave, Windom). It will be a community worship service beginning at 10:30 AM. The Saturday Night Chapel service will be held in the sanctuary at 4:30 PM due to Riverfest activities. This service will be recorded and broadcast on Sunday morning at 11:30 AM. Check out page 13 for the full Riverfest Community Worship flyer!

The Windom Ministerial is hosting a community worship service at the [Business, Arts & Recreation Center, Inc.](#) on Sunday of Riverfest weekend. Everyone is welcome! 🙏 After, head over to Island Park for an afternoon of food trucks, family-friendly activities, the Pirates game, and the Lucky Duck Race!



Community
Worship

A NOTE OF THANKS:

Thank you so much for all the kind words and gestures of thanks and appreciation regarding my "retirement" from Wednesday night suppers! It was my pleasure to serve in the capacity. I will however, continue to serve in other ways! Also, thank you for the radio sponsorship in honor of my family.
Sincerely, Melanie Shamp

THE BANQUET, SIOUX

FALLS: Sign-up on the bulletin board across from the office to **VOLUNTEER AT THE BANQUET** in Sioux Falls Thursday, July 21st. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 3:00PM. A donation jar is located in the Narthex (back of the church). Our goal is to raise \$1,000! We welcome youth to join us. Thank you in advance to all who donate money and/or their time. If you plan to attend please wear closed toed shoes-no sandals.



Guys Needed for a Work Project

Sunday June 26th at 1pm we need some guys (or anyone teenage and above really) to help put together a bunch of safety kits. These are kits that are installed in the homes of the elderly so that they have things like grab bars in their bathrooms. It shouldn't take more than two hours and will be a great way to serve Jesus, your congregation, and Windom. Please let Pastor Adam or the office know if you can help. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.



Community Worship Service

JOIN WINDOM AREA CHURCHES IN WORSHIP,
SCRIPTURE & PRAYER OVER RIVERFEST WEEKEND

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matt 28:19

Sunday, June 12
10:30 AM

BARC Auditorium
1012 5th Ave

Spanish translation provided, service aired live on KDOM.
Contact Ministerial pastors for more details.

Good to Know

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: Congratulations to Sam Doorenbos and Eliana Tadé for receiving ALC's college scholarship! The award, this year of \$1,000, is available to ALC students attending ELCA Colleges. Thank you all who donated to the scholarship fund and those who gave during the Lenten meal that they served. Your donations are benefitting our youth, our future leaders!

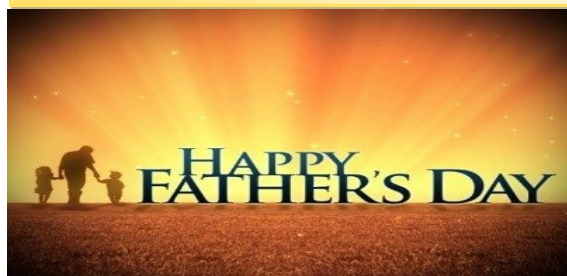


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L U T H E R A N M I N I S T R I E S

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, or text: 822-2715. Thank you!

Join us in celebrating **FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH** at our 9am worship service! Rootbeer floats will be provided in honor of all Fathers following worship during our Skylight Court Café Coffee hour! All are welcome!!



SIGN UP TO PLAY CHURCH SOFTBALL!

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office. Contact Donny Boltjes at (507)830-0015 if you have any questions.



NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS' DAY

will be observed June 4th and June 5th at our worship services. If you have ever had a diagnosis of cancer, we want to recognize you, as well as the medical professionals and caregivers who provide care and support.



The Day of Pentecost, June 5th

As the birthday of the church, Pentecost Sunday is among the most important festivals of the Christian church. Occurring 50 days after Easter, Pentecost celebrates the day the Holy Spirit appeared to the first believers, providing the enthusiasm, faith, and courage to spread the good news of the gospel throughout the known world. We celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. We invite you to wear red to help us



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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS VOLUNTEERS/COORDINATOR:

ALC now has a volunteer opportunity for someone to continue coordinating meals on Wednesday nights during the Sunday/Wednesday School year. The program may be revamped into groups that serve once or twice a month depending on the number of volunteers and if someone is willing to coordinate the program. Please call or email the church office at 831-1794 or winalc@windomnet.com if you're interested in volunteering or coordinating the Wednesday Night Meal Program for it to continue in the fall.



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 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.

****Altar Guild does not meet in the months of June, July, or August.****

CHOIR PRACTICE will start up again in the fall! All are welcomed!

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 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!

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.

BELL CHOIR will start up again in the fall! All are welcomed!

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM

May 10th, 2022 MEETING

- Recommendation from Interview Committee for Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry: Unanimously, the interview team recommends Tera Elness be offered the position of Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries for ALC - Karen reviewed the interview and verified the group recommends Tera be offered the position with a beginning date of June 1st and installation of June 5th, if Tera accepts the position. MM/S/C Unanimously (Linda/Vanessa)
- Christian Ed & Youth & Family recommend that the new Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries job description include "and other duties as assigned" - MM/S/C Unanimously (Vanessa/Paul)
- Approval of Colin Wilson as a Mutual Ministry Committee Member - MM/S/C Unanimously (Kevin/Sharon)
- Pastor Sarah - Practice tools for congregations: What happens when change happens - moved to next month
- New Member Sunday, May 15, approval of new members - MM/S/C unanimously to approve new members (Sharon/Kevin) - New members will be Jill Wolf, Jeremy & Kelsey Edwards and sons Jaxon Nielsen and Wyatt Edwards, Dan & Renee Harley with son Elias Harley, Clarice Dunnick, and Matt Strum with daughters Katherine and Lauren Strum.
- Other - Pastor Adam shared that a Pentecostal pastor has asked if their church, which has outgrown their BARC space, may discuss rental of space at ALC. Properties is gathering information on insurance and other needs related to this. More information next month.

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Karen updated the council on the Shakopee group that be presenting a musical production May 28, and the need for \$100 for provide a meal; they will ask Venture Ministry for the funds. Additional projects include summer services, Harvest and Home in October and the need for summer music.

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship - No meeting

Properties - Linda reviewed the property walk through, parking lot drainage ideas, the possibility of selling the bus, and the Pentecostal Church rental.

Budget and Finance - Kevin asked for approval of the outstanding bills, MM/S/C Unanimously (Kevin/Linda)

Christian Education - Vanessa provided information on the High School Senior Recognition and gifts, May 22, VBS, Riverfest float, and summer activities.

Youth and Family - Pastor Adam shared they will be partnering with Christian Education on the Senior Recognition gifts; noted numerous summer trips and reorganizing the Chicago trip.

Spiritual Life & Fellowship - Sharon noted they will be providing root beer floats on Father's Day and there are two baptisms this coming Sunday.

GLOW - Karen reported on the success of the sewing days, with numerous kits being made; Ice Cream Social for Michelson Manor; Cambria Trip; Shetek Quilt Auction and attendance to the Shetek Conference.

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 5/23/2022:

Income: \$188,469

Expenses: \$205,712

Carryover from 2021: \$25,969

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



RECORDS:

Baptisms: Jaxon Robert Nielsen and Wyatt Alexander Edwards, sons of Jeremy & Kelsey Edwards.



Deaths: Joy Flatgard
Norma Schmalz
Carol Brand

*In Loving
Memory*

MEMORIALS:

Youth Bibles – In memory of Arlene Burbank & Carol Brand.

Baptismal Cloths – In memory of Carol Brand.

Organ Fund – In memory of Bonnie Bottin & Arlene Burbank.

Parking Lot Fund – In memory of Carol Brand.

General Fund – In memory of Arlene Burbank & Bonnie Bottin.

Renovation Fund – In memory of Conrad Heggeseeth, Arlene Burbank, Joyce Helgeson, Margo Torkelson, Fern Haglund & Kathy Evenson, mother of Rhonda Haglund.

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.



SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS

To register go to 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 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!

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!



Have you signed up for camp yet?

GLOW in June

Gals Living
Our Witness

A Women's Ministry of American Lutheran Church

2022 Shetek Quilt Auction

June 25 @ Shetek Bible Camp

Auction starts @ 10:30am

Question?

Jean Johnson, @ 822-2715

Carpool leaving Windom @ 9:00am



For more info
about the
Quilt Auction,
see bulletin board
across from
church office.

GLOW OUTING JUNE 7



Tour CAMBRIA and
lunch at Donna Vaupel's.

SORRY, TRIP IS FULL!

Carpool leaving
ALC Parking Lot @ 8 am.

Questions?
Call Kathy Hiley
822-1046

See you
next January!

**Thanks to all who
worked and contributed
to LWR Sewing Days!**

	2022	Over 31 years
Quilts	64	3,245
School Kits	72	1,312
Baby Care Kits	123	2,284
Personal Care Kits	16	545
Sewing Kits	0	147

★ \$314.75 was donated on
May15 for shipping of Quilts
and Kits all over the WORLD! ★

June 2022



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart

Colossians 3:23

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

Mark your Calendar

- **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!

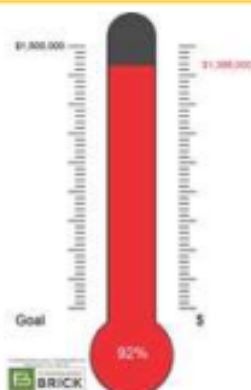
Register at shetek.org or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information



New Lodge Update: Sheet rock is going up!

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!