



# October 2022

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## Our Vision:

People experiencing a life-giving relationship with God.

## Mission:

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

## Values:

### Relationships

God. Each other. Creation.

### Belonging

Affirmed. Included. Valued.

### Faith

Active. Inquiring. Hopeful.

## Saturday, October 1

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Healing Prayers

## Sunday, October 2

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion, Healing Prayers, & 3rd Graders receiving their Bibles

## Wednesday, October 5

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

## Saturday, October 8

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

## Sunday, October 9

**Harvest & Home Sunday**

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Second Sunday Noisy Offering**

9:00 AM Worship w/Bishop Dee Pederson

## Wednesday, October 12

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

## Saturday, October 15

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

## Sunday, October 16

**National Faith Formation Teacher Appreciation!**

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM Worship

## Wednesday, October 19

No Supper, Choir, Wednesday School, Wednesday Worship, or Confirmation

## Saturday, October 22

5:30 PM Chapel Service

## Sunday, October 23

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

## Wednesday, October 26

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

## Saturday, October 29

5:30 PM Chapel Service

## Sunday, October 30

*Reformation Sunday*

9:00 AM Worship

10:45 AM Confirmation Sunday



# Pastor's Message

*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts. -Malachi 3:10-12*

In my years as a preacher I've sat through many seminars on stewardship and it has always felt to me that the common theme is trying to find ways to make people want to give an offering. I always come away from these things feeling like they're all about gimmicks. Gimmicks like finding something that will make people want to give an offering like funding Sunday school or paying the light bill. Or get people to desire giving an offering to church instead of buying a pizza. Or show people their excess and how to be generous with that excess. To me it often feels like manipulation. I know I'm an odd one but I'd rather have small-print bluntness than a sales pitch.

Giving an offering is a sacrifice. A sacrifice is giving up something you love, which will cause us hurt to some extent, that shows love and appreciation. A sacrifice brings back to us, in time, benefits, but that is not why we sacrifice, that's simply a byproduct.

The Bible is clear that everything is God's. The Bible calls us to sacrifice (give back) to God ten percent of what we make. The Bible also makes clear that that is not easy and that it's going to be painful. Which raises the question: why would we want to engage in behavior that causes us pain?

Tithing is very similar to exercise. Most don't want to start exercising. When you do start it causes pain, there seems to be no benefit at all, and most want to quit right away. But over time exercise gives you more energy, helps you feel better, reduces stress, and you get to a point where you actually get joy out of exercising and are thankful that you do it.

Sacrificing our tithe (giving ten percent of what we earn) is painful, it seems to bring no (immediate) benefit at all and most want to quit right away. But talk to anyone who tithes and they all have story after story of God taking care of their needs so miraculously that it puts joy and laughter in their hearts. Over time our sacrifices reduce stress after seeing how God has cared for us already. It makes us feel good about ourselves knowing our sacrifice is being used by God to bless others and to do good things in the world. We even get to a point where we actually *want* to sacrifice for the joy we get out of doing it.

So I don't have any gimmicks on stewardship. I do have small-print bluntness though: if you start sacrificing to God then it is going to hurt, you will probably not see an immediate benefit, it will take effort, and every part of you will want to quit immediately.

That being said, when you sacrifice to God faithfully over time you will see God do miracles that will make you happy and cause you to laugh. These miracles will cause your anxiety to decrease and you will feel better as you realize God is always helping you. Not only that, you will even get to the point where you will look forward to earning money for the joy of offering some of it back to God.

You may not believe me, you may not believe the Bible or even God, if that's the case then do as God says in Malachi: put God to the test. Test if God doesn't look out for you when you sacrifice your tithe to God and test if your life doesn't improve when you entrust your finances to God.

Pastor Adam Roberts

# Worship & Music Notes

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

## Week of:

Sept.28 - Oct 2

Rescue at Sea

Exodus 14:5-7, 7-10, 21-29

Oct 5 - Oct. 9

Covenant and Commandments

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Oct 12-Oct 16

Joshua Renews the Covenant

Joshua 24:1-15; [16-26]

Oct 23

David and Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

Psalm 51:1-9

Oct 26 - Oct 30

Solomon's Wisdom

1 Kings 3:4-9, [10-15], 16-28



**Harvest and Home will be celebrated on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at the 9 am worship service.** We are **OCTOBER** excited to have Bishop Dee Pederson here as our guest. Bishop Dee was elected to her position on June 12<sup>th</sup> of 2021, when Bishop Jon Anderson retired. She serves the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. She has served as the Director of Evangelical Mission, and was a pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud (1988-2006) and was the lead pastor from 2006-2019. Her first call was at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer, MN, where she was a co-pastor from 1981-1988.

Bishop Dee is excited to connect with leaders and churches in rural MN. Following the service, there will be coffee cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall. There will be time for Questions/Answers and conversation with Bishop Dee.

## Fun Facts about Bishop Dee Pederson:

Grew up on a Wisconsin dairy farm; Oldest of four siblings; Enjoys spending time with grandchildren; Enjoys dogs; Skilled in martial arts (Tae Kwon Do); Cultivates orchids; Finds renewal in the waters of Lake Superior.

## Service Notes:

**October Ushers:** Brian Carlson, Keith Pohlman, Braxton Pohlman, Noel Tadé, Dean Willaby, and Kevin Gotto.

**Holy Communion:** Sunday: Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

**Noisy Offering:** Windom Area Schools Backpack Program on Wed. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Sat. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, and Sun. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday Worship:** Come, join worship on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. This worship service has been revamped! Come be a part of the excitement.

**Confirmation Service:** Young adults will be Confirmed on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am. Please hold these individuals in your prayers.

## Interesting Facts:

October 9<sup>th</sup> is Clergy Appreciation Day and October 16<sup>th</sup> is Sunday School Staff Appreciation Day. October 30<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Day.

Did you know that ALC is 140 years old? Yes, the first meeting of Lutherans on record in Windom was on December 3rd, 1882, in the Town Hall. The current beautiful building in which we now worship was dedicated on September 21, 1952, seventy years ago! Thanks be to God!

\*\*\*Please note, there will not be a service on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\*

## Noisy Offering This Month: Windom Area Schools Backpack Program

This program provides weekend meals to the Windom Elementary students in Kindergarten - Fifth Grade. With the growing classes this program is expected to expand this year. Generous donations from the community make this independent program possible, as it receives no school funding. Thank you for donating to this great 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, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries (822-3377)

## NEW BIBLES FOR OUR 3RD GRADERS!

3rd Grade Students  
will be receiving their new bibles  
on Wednesday, Sept. 28th  
and October 2nd  
during the services!



3<sup>rd</sup> Graders & their Parents  
"Get to Know Your Bible Class"

Wednesday School Students – October 12th  
Sunday School Students – October 16th  
Meet Tera in the Skylight Court during your regular  
Wednesday School time/Fellowship Hall during your  
regular Sunday School time  
for a special class geared towards  
becoming familiar with your brand new bible!  
(Pssst....there'll even be treats!)



## Women's Bible Study

MONDAY  
NIGHTS  
OCT. 31.01.24  
6:30PM

ALC MEETING ROOM

ALL WOMEN AGE 18-118  
ARE WELCOME!

## BEE DAY

WEDNESDAY  
SCHOOL/SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS!

## WITH KATIE!

WE BEE-LONG TO JESUS!  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH  
AND  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH  
DURING REGULAR  
CLASS TIMES  
KATIE CHAPMAN FROM  
SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES  
WILL BE HERE TO TEACH US ALL  
ABOUT THE WONDERS OF  
BEES!



## VIKINGS IN LONDON

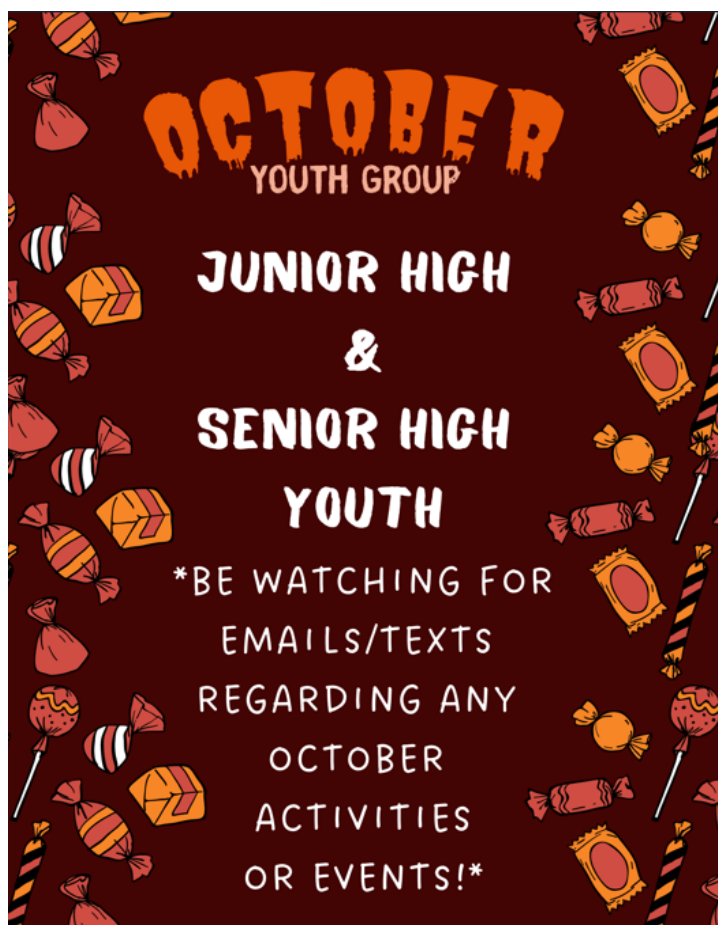
VS. SAINTS | WEEK 4 | TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM



In honor of the Vikings early morning  
game on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> –  
Wear your favorite Vikings gear to  
Sunday School!  
(or any favorite team!)







**OCTOBER**  
YOUTH GROUP

**JUNIOR HIGH  
&  
SENIOR HIGH  
YOUTH**


\*BE WATCHING FOR  
EMAILS/TEXTS  
REGARDING ANY  
OCTOBER  
ACTIVITIES  
OR EVENTS!\*



**MEA**

**BREAK!**

No Wednesday Night activities  
or programming on October 19th  
and No Sunday School on  
October 23rd



National Faith  
Formation Teacher  
Appreciation Day!

**TREAT A  
TEACHER!**

Let's Thank Them!

WED, OCT. 12TH  
5-6:15PM  
SUN, OCT. 16TH  
8-9AM

Wed Supper: Spaghetti,  
Salad, Bread, Dessert

Sun Brkfst: Egg Bakes,  
Cinnamon Rolls, Juice,  
& Coffee

**TEACHERS EAT FREE!**  
All freewill donations  
will go to benefit our  
2023 Youth Trips!



**7TH - 9TH  
GRADE  
CONFIRMATION  
STUDENTS**

COMBINED CLASS

October 26th, 2022  
Special Guest:  
Coach Adam Farag

PLEASE MEET IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

# Youth & Family News



**To all those who make our Faith Formation Programming possible –  
THANK YOU.**

## Sunday/Wednesday School-

**Teachers:** Vanessa Tjentland, Aubri Spielman, Kelsey Edwards, Alycia Flatgard, Cheyenne Boeck, Bri Miller, Crystal Fast, Abby Grove, Brandon Roskamp, Beth Roberts, Melissa Dardis, Grace Scheitel, Melissa Mau, Stephanie Palmer, Danielle Bunting, Amy Joyce, Bryan Joyce, Trisha Grant, Katie Ihler, Cindy Knutson, Jessie Markus, Tashia Marsh, Chelsie Carlson, Tina Mesner, **Music:** Amanda Wilson, Cassie Muske, **Resource Center:** Kelly Kleven, **Subs:** Kathryn Ralston, Kim Soderholm, Tanaya Renquist, Roxanne Nelson, Miranda Hogan **Prayer Partners:** Betty Fredin, Sandy Grove, Kay Evers, Gayle Derickson, Page Kern, Karen Skarphol, Rhonda Haglund, Deb Minion, Kim Armstrong, Mary Krumweide, Kim Bramstedt, and Marlene Johnson.

## Confirmation Small Group Guides-

8th Grade Guides: Scott Ralston, Andy Spielman, Noel Tadé, John Holt, and Sheryl Hanefeld.

9th Grade Guides: Colin Wilson, John Shamp, Travis Freiwald, Steve Nerdahl, Step Redman, and Greg Scheitel .

## Confirmation Sunday, October 30th, 2022: (10th Graders)

A letter has been sent out to all our 10th grade Confirmands with more information about Confirmation Sunday, photos, and directions for that day.

### Key Points:

Confirmation Sunday, Rehearsal: Wednesday, October 26th at 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Confirmation Sunday: Sunday October 30th at 10:45 AM

ALL 10th Grade Confirmands must be here at 9:15 AM to put on robes, take individual pictures and meet in the Fellowship Hall for donuts and refreshments. A GROUP photo will be taken at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary.

\* If you have any questions please call the church office at 507-831-1794



# Good to Know

## Fall Programming Schedule

### Sunday Schedule:

**9:00– 10:00 AM** - Worship

**10:00 AM** - Skylight Court Café - Coffee Hour

**10:15-11:00 AM** - Sunday School

**10:30 AM** - Broadcast of Worship Service on

### Wednesday Schedule: (Begins September 14th)

**5:00– 6:15PM** - Wednesday Night Supper

**5:30– 6:15 PM** - ALC Choir Practice

**5:30– 6:15 PM** - Wednesday School

**6:30– 7:15 PM** - Wednesday Worship



Join us for a celebration of Doug (Jake) Jacobson's 80th birthday! Saturday, October 8, from 2-4 p.m. Skylight Court, American Lutheran Church

If you can't be there, greetings can be sent to Doug at 2230 River Road, Windom.



### THANK YOU!

For all those who have donated money and food for Wednesday nights, we can't thank you enough! Last Wednesday showed how powerful this ministry is when the fellowship hall was filled with the body of Christ eating together. Thank you for making this ministry possible and please join us in eating a meal together even if you worship on Sunday or Saturday. Please join us Wednesday for our Wednesday Night Supper Ministry! ALL are welcome!

thank you

### DO YOU HAVE A THRIVENT POLICY?

If you have an insurance policy through Thrivent please give them a call to let them know that you'd like your choice dollars to go to your congregation. Thrivent is very generous and every bit helps.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS** will be back up and running September 14th! New this year, the program has a wish list! If any congregation members would like to help out by donating food items we would SO GREATLY appreciate it! This is an ongoing wish list but will be reposted frequently.

### Anytime donations include:

Hamburger

Chicken breasts

Ham (preferably without bone)

Tator tots

Garlic bread

Chicken nuggets

Egg noodles

Elbow macaroni

Spaghetti noodles

Spaghetti sauce

Cream of celery soup

Cream of chicken soup

Cheddar cheese soup

Scalloped potatoes

Taco seasoning

Shredded cheddar cheese

Salsa

### Weekly donations include:

Milk

Bread

Any Meat, garlic bread, chicken nuggets and tator tots can be put in the large freezer in the storage room. Dry goods can be put on the counter in the kitchen labeled "Wednesday night suppers". Cheese and milk can be put in the fridge in the kitchen. Thank you for your support of this wonderful program!





# Good to Know

## Wednesday Suppers in October

**October 5th, 5:00 PM** - scalloped potatoes and ham, green beans, bread

**October 12th, 5:00 PM** - spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic bread, and dessert

**\*\* TREAT A TEACHER NIGHT-All Teachers eat for free!\*\***

**October 19th, 5:00 PM** - creamy chicken and mashed potatoes, carrots, bread

**October 26th, 5:00 PM** - beef stroganoff, egg noodles, green beans, milk

**\*\* If you would like to volunteers to help serve Wednesday night suppers please call the office at (507) 831-1794\*\***



The Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board is looking for donations for 3 new round counter height tables for Skylight Court. The new tables are a way to build community as we gather, sharing food and conversation. Check out the one already on display in the Skylight Court. The total cost is \$912.

**We're currently at \$362!** Every donation is extremely appreciated!

All donations can be put into the offering plate, brought or mailed to the church office at P.O. Box 188, or dropped into the donation box in the Skylight Court. Please make your checks out to ALC and in the memo put "New Standing Tables, Skylight Court".

Height: 36.25" Width: 40.25" Depth: 40.25" Weight: 65lb



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**ALC Day at Senior Dining is the 2nd Thursday of the month.** This is a day to show your ALC pride and have a great meal with others at the Community Center! Anyone can come and dine in on this or any other day, **just call the day before at 831-6161 to make a reservation.** If you are 60 years old or older, the cost is \$4 or what you can pay. For others, the cost is \$8.75. Come, eat and enjoy!



The Senior Dining program is a program of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. By the way, there are 3 ways to benefit from this program: Dine In, Meals on Wheels, and curbside pickup. Call to sign up for which ever you are interested in.

### Skylight Court Café:

A way to gather around with great food, conversations, and really good coffee. Come check it out this month!

A sign-up sheet is located in the Skylight Court for anyone that would like to host and bring goodies. Free will donations will be accepted to help

### 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.



**All Kids Grades  
7th-12th**

Join us at the Windom McDonalds every Friday beginning **September 23rd at 6:30 AM** for fellowship, free breakfast, devotion, and prayer. We generally finish around 7:20 AM if you have any questions call Jody Derickson at 831-3284.

### 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.





## Good to Know



**Harvest & Home Sunday, October 9th** at our 9:00 AM worship service. What is Harvest and Home? Harvest and Home is a time where we welcome a former pastor or current

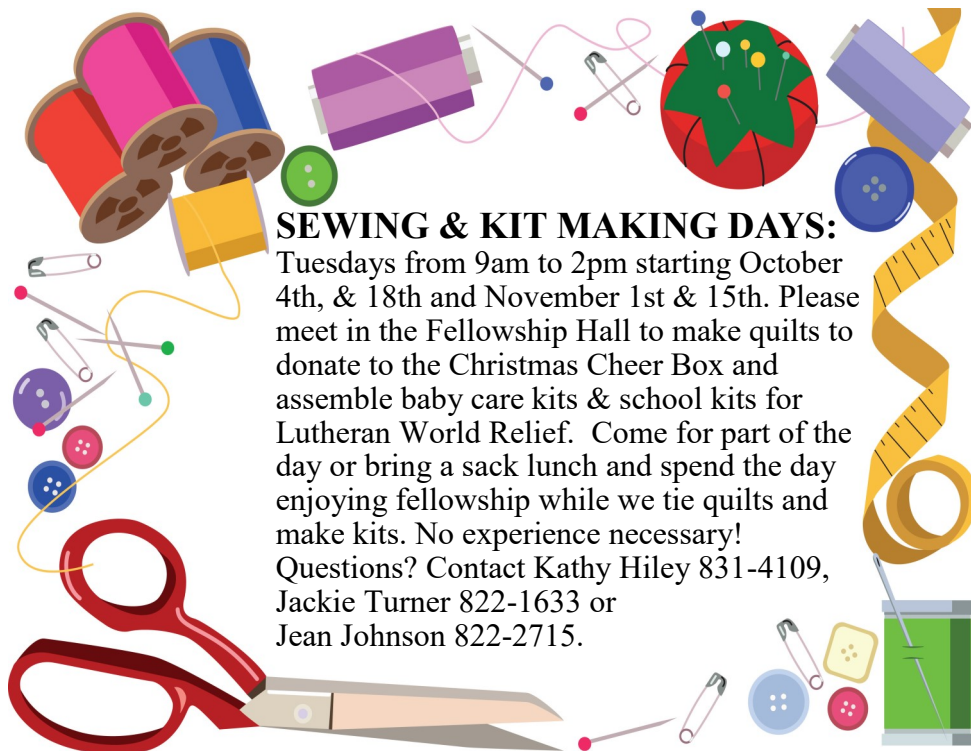
church leader into our congregation to renew or deepen relationships, guide our congregation forward, and to give thanks to God for what we have. This year's guest preacher is Bishop Dee Pederson of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. You should have received a letter with more information. Please save Sunday, October 9th on your calendar for Harvest and Home! All are welcome and all are invited for coffee and fellowship with Bishop Dee Pederson following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall (basement).

### ALC IS PLANNING ON RETURNING TO ST. DYSMAS!

What is St. Dysmas? St. Dysmas is a congregation of the ELCA located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. They also support Sunday evening worship at the Yankton Minimum Unit in Yankton. St. Dysmas is a hospitable, welcome, and a dynamic worship experience. Worship is the only place the men are called by their Christian names. Everywhere else they are known by their surname or number. Members (inmates) serve as ushers, lectors, musicians, and communion assistants. The men take pride in their congregation. ALC will be attending St. Dysmas at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls on Thursday, November 3rd, 2022. **Sign-up Deadline Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Maximum participants is 23. Don't miss out on this great experience!



**Drivers Needed:** If you have a little extra space in your vehicle and wouldn't mind picking up a couple people on your way to worship, please let the office know. We have a few people who worship here who could use a lift. You wouldn't be needed every week, just maybe once or twice a month. You'll probably end up making new friends in the process. Please consider helping an individual get to worship!



### SEWING & KIT MAKING DAYS:

Tuesdays from 9am to 2pm starting October 4th, & 18th and November 1st & 15th. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall to make quilts to donate to the Christmas Cheer Box and assemble baby care kits & school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Come for part of the day or bring a sack lunch and spend the day enjoying fellowship while we tie quilts and make kits. No experience necessary! Questions? Contact Kathy Hiley 831-4109, Jackie Turner 822-1633 or Jean Johnson 822-2715.

### NEW MEMBERS:

If you've been worshipping at ALC and are not yet a member, but would like to be, good

news! We will welcome New Members in November! Please fill out the "How can we serve you" box at the beginning of your bulletin and drop it in the offering plate, call or email the church office at (507)831-1794/ [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) or talk to our Pastors.



## 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.

### Ushers Needed



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.



**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.



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 meeting Tuesday, October 11th 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!

### BELL CHOIR

Mondays at 6:30PM (Second Monday of the month at 7PM)



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!

### ALC CHOIR

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. **\*\*No experience necessary!**



### 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,

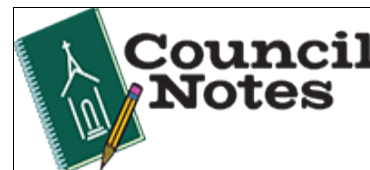
**PRAYER CHAIN:** To activate ALC's Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 831-1794 or an email may be sent to [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com).

**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**

### **September 13th, 2022 MEETING**



- MMC Custodial Hiring Update - Paul shared that MMC had provided an offer, but it was declined. With interim custodian, Judy Lindvall resigning as the 15 of September, and MMC will be exploring options for the indoor position. The outdoor position will be offered to Steve Anderson with MMC providing the following motion: To hire Steve Anderson for 5 to 10 hours per week for the outdoor position, pending background check. He may also assist with indoor needs as called upon. MM/S/C (MMC/Mike)
- Other - Paul informed the council that Lindsey Cartwright will be stepping down as MMC chair and Bill Tjentland will be filling that position.
- Council verified that Pastor Sarah will have discretionary hiring ability, at \$13.50 an hour, for custodial assistance, part time.
- Mike provided a motion from MMC and Budget/Finance - MMC recommends for overtime, with Budget and Finance passing the motion (Tim Heron/Brady Mickelson), for any non-salary employee who works over 40 hours, in a 7 day work week, is entitled to over time, which must be approved by the lead pastor in advance. The overtime rate is one and one half times the employee's regular rate of pay. Effective as of September 16, 2022. MM/S/C (MMC with Budget and Finance/Linda) This motion overrides the previous motion of overtime at 48 hours.
- Harvest and Home Update - Karen provided the current information on Harvest and Home; Bishop Dee Pederson will be preaching, gratuity being discussed, decorations, social hour and Bethany will worship with ALC.
- Approval of Volunteers for Sun/Wed Teachers, Confirmation Small Group Guides - Pastor Sarah explained the document of Keeping Our Ministry Safe, and the request by Christian Education to approve the provided volunteer list, with background checks being completed; specific instructions are provided to volunteers, and our current policy call for council approval. MM/S/C to approve all listed volunteers. (Kevin/Karen)
- Other - N/A

### **Board Reports**

**GLOW** - Kay reviewed the activities: Bible Study, fall conference, upcoming Michelson Manor Ice Cream Social, coffee hours, packing school and baby kits, quilting and attending the "Church Basement Ladies".

**Church In Society** - Jen reviewed the Block Party, noted Shalom Hill work day was cancelled, the Rebuilding event Pastor Adam noted, and the food shelf collection success.

**Youth and Family** - Cory shared that the youth grill out at Elness's was well attended, September Youth Group activities, the Junior High Youth Gathering upcoming, success of Family Potluck and Backpack Blessing, fundraising is being discussed, upcoming Living Nativity, February 2023's FaithFest, and the staffing of the nursery again.

**Christian Education** - Jamie updated the council on the Blessing of the Backpacks, Rally Day, the cookout, Girl's Night Out with Tera, the Women's Bible Study, and the; upcoming Bee expert coming to Wed/Sun Schools.

**Budget and Finance** - Mike shared that bills are paid, the need to begin looking at budgets for 2023 as December will come quickly.

**Properties** - Linda discussed the Pollinator Plot that will planted, removing pews from the resource room and donating them, the old copier will be removed, Andy Spielman addressed the drainage issue and there is a possible grant to apply for, Holt will be cleaning carpets, the old electrical box will be removed this winter, the parsonage fence will be attended to, and a need to consider a drop down curb at the front entry of the church.

**Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship** - Steve discussed the number of people streaming services and noted that it increases constantly; Stewardship Sunday will be November 13; encourage the thinking of generosity; will have an adult class on charitable gifting and qualified plans; discussing ideas on how to include families in gifting; have families ring the bell; the gifting forms for the Shetek Campaign will be coming.

**Spiritual Life and Fellowship** - Sharon said they will be doing a Saturday evening service supper again; 2 baptisms this month and one in October; the Standing Tables fundraising has brought in \$326 to date; For all 3 chairs the total needed is \$912; The Lutefisk Supper will return January 7, 2023.

**Worship and Music** - Karen shared that MMC will have a motion to update the Saturday evening service keyboardists pay to equal that of the Sunday/Wednesday keyboardists.



## ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

**As of 9/22/2022:**

**Income: \$325,187**

**Expenses: \$373,371**

**Borrowed to date: \$27,000**



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

### RECORDS:

**Baptisms:** Maverick Michael Knudson, son of Michael Knudson and Jessica Grave.  
Laina Lyn Haglund, daughter of Kyle Haglund and Courtney Engler.  
Evelyn Anne Marie Huff, daughter of Jeremiah Huff and Carly Wehmeyer.



**Deaths:** Bernard "Bernie" Armstrong *In Loving Memory*

### MEMORIALS:

**General Fund** – *In memory of Bernie Armstrong.*

**Video/Media Fund** – *In memory of Bernie Armstrong.*

**Renovation Fund** – *In memory of Bob Byers and Bernie Armstrong.*

### 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.

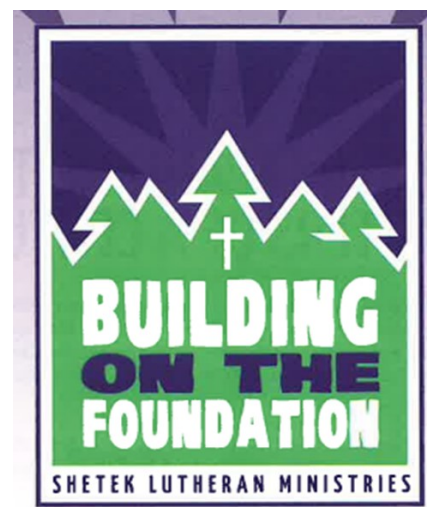


## ***SHETEK BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN***

After several Temple Talks at all worship services and written information shared with the congregation, participation in Shetek's Congregational *Building on the Foundation* Campaign has begun. We have set a goal of raising \$25,000 over the next 3 years, which will support the construction of the lodge and provide naming rights to a wing of sleeping rooms in the new lodge. The new lodge is nearing completion proving to be a beautiful and functional year-round space for camping, retreats, meetings and ministry opportunities. The generous response of \$1.4 million in gifts and pledges so far has made it possible to build the lodge and "pay as we go" so no interest has been paid. The overall goal is \$2 million.

**Your family's partnership and generosity are needed.** Each family is urged to participate in this effort through a one-time gift or a three-year statement of intent. A donation box, one-time gift forms and "Statement of Intent" forms are located in the Skylight Court if you would like to donate to this project. A thermometer will be displayed soon to follow the giving as we reach our \$25,000 goal. No gift is too small!

ALC has a long tradition of supporting Shetek with campers, counselors and funds. Shetek has been there for ALC with staff for VBS and programming for our children. Our children have designated their Sunday/Wednesday School offering for the next 3 years to the Shetek Capital Campaign so let us be there for Shetek, too, with donations to Shetek's Congregational Building on the Foundation Campaign. Questions? Contact Steve or Jean Johnson, Campaign co-chairs for ALC.



# Shetek Capital Campaign

There are currently challenges and limitations that stand in the way of more ministry opportunities for congregations, families and individuals:

1. The cabins are more than 80 years old and do not meet the campers' (nor their parents') expectations.
2. Campers are uncomfortable using the current bathhouse.
3. Our strategic planning process identified the need for expanding the year-round programming opportunities. That is not possible without more winterized facilities.
4. The water treatment system needs to be upgraded.

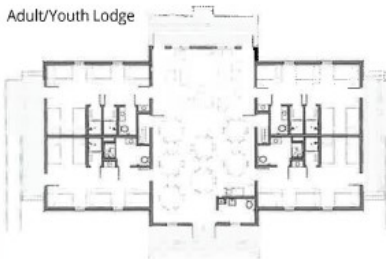
## SOLUTION ONE - A New Adult/Youth Lodge

This new year-round facility will host retreats and conferences throughout the year. It will include four separate sleeping rooms with bathrooms and showers in each and the lodge will also have a large meeting and gathering space. Capacity will be 24 adults or up to 40 youth participants.

It's just a foundation in the summer of 2021 but what a great facility the new Youth/Adult Lodge will be.



Adult/Youth Lodge



"Groundbreaking for the new Adult/Youth Lodge!" May 23, 2021



## SOLUTION TWO - Duplex Lodges

Two new year-round duplex cabins will be constructed. Each will have indoor plumbing, heating and air conditioning and an indoor gathering area. Each will accommodate 20 campers.

## CHALLENGE GOAL - \$2 Million

A third duplex cabin will be constructed when the campaign challenge goal of \$2 million is reached. The Building on the Foundation campaign exceeded \$1.25 million in gifts and pledges in early 2021.

This generous response made it possible to begin construction of the Adult/Youth facility in the summer of 2021. Another \$750,000 in gifts and pledges will be needed in order to construct another new cabin and infrastructure to serve all facilities. This phase will also fund development of a new camp entrance and renovation of a current cabin into a year-round arts and crafts center

Your family's partnership and generosity is needed. Each family is urged to participate in this effort through a one-time gift or a three-year "statement of intent" (pledge).



Duplex Lodge



Sandy and Peg Ludeman, Co-chairs of the Building on the Foundation Campaign

As illustrated below, even relatively modest monthly or quarterly contributions will result in a generous and most helpful gift.

## CONTRIBUTION EXAMPLES

Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Total 3-year
\$150	\$450	\$1,800	\$5,400
\$100	\$300	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$50	\$150	\$600	\$1,800
\$25	\$75	\$300	\$900
\$20	\$60	\$240	\$720
\$15	\$45	\$180	\$540
\$10	\$30	\$120	\$360
\$5	\$15	\$60	\$180





# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear friends and partners in ministry,

September 2022

I don't usually give a title to my newsletters, but this one has a title: Connections. That was the theme of the summer for me, and many of the connections that happened this summer were with you! It was a joy to be with you, whether online or in the flesh.

I am often not as thankful for computer and internet technology as I should be, but I was very thankful to be able to use it to connect with those of who are members of American Lutheran Church in Windom, Minnesota, so that I could share with you a little of the work that we do here at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica (UTCWI). I had to be thankful for such technology when, just after arriving in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to be with those of you who are members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, I tested positive for COVID and had to rely on the computer screen and the livestreaming technology to be able to connect, even though I was right there in the city. Nevertheless, the connection was truly live, as the community of St. Luke's stretched out to touch the churches of the Caribbean in several ways. During worship, the choir sang the Lord's Prayer in an arrangement by Father Richard Ho Lung, founder of the Missionaries of the Poor here in Jamaica. This arrangement is sung every week in many local congregations in Kingston. After worship, St. Luke's hosted a Jamaica-themed potluck and ate it surrounded by Jamaica-themed decorations.



At Triumphant Lutheran Church in Garden Ridge, Texas, there is a children's time during the service, and I had the pleasure of sharing with the children some photos of people here at UTCWI. I invited the kids to draw a picture or write a message for me to take back to the community here at the College so that I could post it on one of our bulletin boards for all to see. Now that I am back on the campus as the new semester begins, I walk past the bulletin board and sometimes catch people like Ms. Sydonie Ledwidge, one of our security guards, enjoying the drawings and messages.

I was able to be in person with those of you from my home congregation, too, Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisconsin. It was my last stop before attending a large week-long gathering called the "Becoming Conference" in Chicago, which brought together all the people who work in the Service and Justice area of the ELCA, including all the missionaries. It was the first chance that we have had to connect in person since the pandemic began three years ago.

I returned to Jamaica inspired and so grateful to God for all these connections. If your congregation would like to connect with me by inviting me to make a presentation through the internet, we can set that up at any time. Just contact me at this email address: [Carolyn.schneider@elca.org](mailto:Carolyn.schneider@elca.org). As we have learned to say during COVID times, "We are in this together!" I thank you heartily for your company.

Carolyn Schneider  
Lutheran Warden-Tutor  
UTCWI  
7 Golding Avenue  
Kingston 7, Jamaica

*Carolyn*



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](https://www.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](https://www.ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving) or calling 800-638-3522.





# **Bethany Bazaar**

**Bethany Lutheran Church near Bergen, MN**

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**

**10:00a.m to 1:30 p.m.**

**Coffee**

**Noon Luncheon**

**Norwegian Goodies!**

Baked Goods

Crafts

Farm Produce

Plants





THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES ARE AT IT AGAIN. IN THE 9TH INSTALLMENT OF THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL SERIES, THE YEAR IS 1975 AND ALL YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS ARE BACK! WHETHER THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO THE BASEMENT OR YOU'VE SEEN 'EM ALL, YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS BRAND NEW SHOW. COME ALONG AS THE LADIES DON THEIR POLYESTER PANTSUITS AND SING, DANCE AND LAUGH THEIR WAY THRU THIS HILARIOUS AND TOUCHING NEW MUSICAL, PLOWIN' THRU.

# DAY TRIP!

11.8.2022

\$55 + LUNCH



## TRIP DETAILS:

- \$55 FEE INCLUDES MATINEE TICKET AND TRANSPORTATION COST
- DEPART FROM AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH AT 8:30 AM
- BRING MONEY FOR A LUNCH STOP AT BURNSVILLE CENTER MALL PRIOR TO THE SHOW
- MATINEE OF "PLOWIN' THRU" AT 1 PM
- ESTIMATED RETURN TIME 6 PM

**REGISTER BY CALLING WINDOM COMMUNITY  
EDUCATION 507-831-6910 EXT. 513**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH**

**\*SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AND REFUND IF TRIP DOES NOT FILL UP\***



# October

GALS LIVING  
OUR WITNESS

The Church Basement Ladies

## Plowin' Thru

Everyone  
Welcome

Join  
Us!!!

### \$55 + LUNCH

*\$55 Fee includes ticket  
and Transportation*

# GLOW!



## Tuesday, Nov. 8 Trip! ALL NEW SHOW!

THE 9TH INSTALLMENT IN THE SERIES.  
THE YEAR IS 1975 AND ALL YOUR  
FAVORITE CHARACTERS ARE BACK!

- \*Depart ALC Parking Lot @ 8:30AM
- \*Bring Money for Lunch Stop @  
Burnsville Mall Prior to the Show
- \*Matinee @ 1:00 PM
- \*Estimated Return 6:00 PM

Register by calling Windom Community Ed 831-6910 Ext. 513

**Registration DEADLINE - Friday, October 14**

## SEWING & KIT MAKING DAYS

Tuesdays - 9 am to 2 pm

Oct. 4 & 18, Nov. 1 & 15

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make  
quilts to donate to the Cheer Box and  
assemble baby care kits and school kits  
for Lutheran World Relief.

Come for part of the day or bring a  
sack lunch and spend the day  
enjoying fellowship while we tie  
quilts and make kits.!

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHY HILEY  
831-4109, JACKIE TURNER, 822-1633 OR  
JEAN JOHNSON 822-2715

## BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, October 20 @ 2 PM

Meeting Room across from office.

Sept/Oct Gather Magazine, page 36

Session 2: Soil

**CHECK  
US OUT!**

See Gina in the church  
office for a copy of  
the study.

Questions?

Contact Carolyn Torkelson

@ 822-0229





**October 2022**



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## Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

*Continue the fun by checking out  
our fall retreats!*



## Mark your Calendar

- October 21-22 Octoberfest
- October 24-27 Quilt and Craft Retreat
- November 4-5 Confirmation Retreat
- Coming soon – Watch for details – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and Lodge Dedication

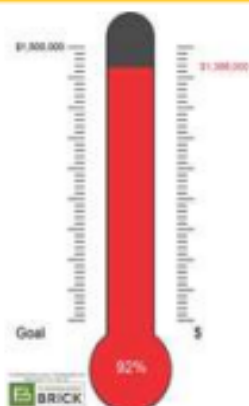
Register at [shetek.org](https://shetek.org) or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

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/sim-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!