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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, September 3

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, September 10

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

Sunday, September 11

Rally Day!!

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Installation of Sun./Wed. School Teachers/Volunteers & Prayer Partners

Wednesday, September 14

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion and Installation of Confirmation Small Group Guides

Saturday, September 17

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, September 18

Shetek Capital Campaign

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, September 21

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship led by Youth w/3 yr. olds receiving their Bibles

Saturday, September 24

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 25

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship led by Youth w/ Holy Communion and 3 yr. olds receiving their Bibles

Wednesday, September 28

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/3rd Graders receiving their Bibles



Pastor's Message



Embody the Word was the theme for the Churchwide Assembly in Columbus. Thanks for the opportunity to attend, as a voting member from the Southwestern MN Synod!

When the resurrected Jesus showed up to those walking on the road to Emmaus, things happened! When he (Jesus) was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he

vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us, while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scripture to us?" Luke 24. 30 – 31

Who *embodies the Word*? Jesus, of course! It's Jesus in the incarnation, who was God's living Word in the flesh. We understand that the Word is not only God's Son, Jesus, but it is also the living Word of God that acts in our hearts through the words of the Bible. We listen to God's Word through preaching and teaching. To *embody the word* means literally that God's Word through scripture and through our faith in Jesus gets into us, into our bodies! It gets lived out in our lives.

Here are some highlights of the Assembly:

Really great music! Lutherans tend to do music well. I came home with a copy of "All Creation Sings" a supplement to our red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Lots of Lutherans! We were over 800 voting members gathered from the 65 Synods of the ELCA.



500 years since Martin Luther completed his translation of the New Testament into German in 1522. Luther devoted himself to this task based on his belief that it is the Word of God that become the means by which God's grace comes to us. It needs to be in the hands of the people, read, and heard!

The election of Imran Siddiqui as Vice President of the ELCA. The Vice President chairs the Church Council of the ELCA and is the highest office of a lay person in this church. Mr. Siddiqui grew up Muslim and has been a Lutheran 11 years, bringing a fresh voice. He currently serves as Vice President of the Southeastern Synod in Georgia. He brings the experience of consensus-based decision making and commends it to the church as a way of deeply listening to each other and building unity.

An apology to the congregation Santa María Peregrina. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton apologized to representatives from the Latino congregation from Stockton, CA for the removal of their pastor by their synodical bishop on the Feast Day of the Virgen of Guadalupe which for Hispanic Christians is a very important festival. The action had overtones of racism. The synodical bishop has since resigned. The apology was accepted by the representatives who spoke about the hurt caused while offering words of forgiveness. This was a model of how to practice reconciliation.

A move to restructure the Governance of the ELCA The ELCA is now 35 years old, and a very different organization, living in a very different time than when it began from the three predecessor church bodies in 1987. The Assembly directed the ELCA Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to reconsider the principles of the denomination's organizational structure and the statements of purpose for its churches, synods and the churchwide organization, with particular attention to our shared commitment to dismantle racism.

Presentation of the Declaration of the ELCA to American Indian and Alaska Native People. Copies of the document, which refutes the 15th century Doctrine of Discovery, were placed on tables. Voting Members also passed a resolution encouraging ELCA entities to use land acknowledgements at their gatherings and to educate themselves about Indigenous peoples, and to deepen relationships with Indigenous peoples and tribal nations, while considering how, in the spirit of restorative justice, land could be returned to the appropriate Native American nations when selling or transferring property. A beautiful worship service was led by Indigenous leaders, including a drumming group from St. Paul, MN.

Authorization to review "Human Sexuality, Gift and Trust the social statement from 2009, which would "reflect current church understanding, church policy, civil law, and public acceptance of same-gender and gender non-conforming couples." An exploration of reconsideration of the four stated positions of "bound conscience" was also approved.

A lot happens at a churchwide assembly! It is important work, and I was glad to have had the opportunity to participate. The work, ministry and call to follow Jesus continues. Whether we do God's work in our congregation, synod, at the church-wide level or around the world, may we *Embody the Word* while doing it!

Pastor Sarah

Worship & Music Notes

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



Week of:

Sept 3 - 4

Sept 10 - 11

Sept 14 - 18

Sept 21 - 25

Sept 28 - Oct 2

Welcome to God's Family

Flood and Promise

Call of Abraham

Joseph in Prison

Rescue at Sea

Ruth 4

Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Genesis 12:1-9

Genesis 39: 1-23

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

Lately, there has been a hint of Fall in the evening air. The days are noticeably shorter. The crops will be harvested in the weeks ahead. But not all growth has come to a halt. American Lutheran Church's youth have had the opportunity to grow and expand their horizons with support from individuals who nurtured them through Bible stories, personal encouragement, a friendly wave, or a smile. Come, join worship, and nourish your souls.

"And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,

The trees of the field will clap their hands,

The trees of the field will clap their hands,

While you go out with joy."

(Songwriters: Stuart Dauermann / Steffi Rubin Based on Isaiah 55:12)

Service Notes:

September Ushers: Don Boltjes, Rahn Larson, Rick Quade, Greg Hanefeld, Todd Schumann, Juhl Erickson.

Holy Communion: Sunday: Sept. 4th and Sept. 25th Saturday: Sept 10th and Sept 17th

Noisy Offering: Prayer Shawl Ministry on Sept 10th and 11th

Wednesday Worship: Come, join worship with communion on September 14th at 6:30 PM. This worship service is undergoing some changes. Come be a part of the excitement.

Summer Youth Highlights Service: Wednesday, Sept. 21st and Sunday, Sept. 25th

Be on the Lookout! As part of the worshipping community at American Lutheran Church, I encourage everyone to take a moment to complete the **Worship Participation Survey** that will be launched in September. It has been a couple years since the lists were updated. The link will be available on the website, What's Up at ALC emails, or a paper copy is available on page 4 of this September Messenger and paper copies will be put out prior to worship services. You may turn in your hard copy survey to the office or place it in the offering plate during worship. https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSfAHNCMwjWLA7eTNpVS3a1e6yiquvy2nDDq7d_CftZ_luDu3w/viewform?usp=pp_url



Noisy Offering This Month: Prayer Shawls

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was created to help those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Prayer shawls help individuals know that someone has been and continues to pray for them. It also encourages them to know that God is with them every step of the way, every day. Each Prayer Shawl costs about \$15 to make. Please consider 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




Worship Participants

American Lutheran Church's worship experience is enriched by so many individuals who have helped in assisting with Holy Communion, extending a warm greeting to those arriving for worship, giving scripture a voice to share God's word, and enlightening our worship through the use of technology.

As the Worship and Music Coordinator at ALC, I am very grateful for all the individuals who have assisted in worship. It is time to update and expand the contact list of individuals and families. Due to the pandemic, this has not been done for a couple years. Please take a moment and select at least one or more areas in which you / or your family are willing to be involved. I would like to try and set up a rotation schedule, not more than once, every 4-6 months.

Please feel free to contact Jane Cartwright, Worship and Music Coordinator with any questions at (507) 831-5032 (H) or leave a message at the church office (507) 831-1794.

 windomalc@gmail.com (not shared) [Switch account](#) 

* Required

Contact information: First Name *

Your answer

Contact information: Last Name *

Your answer

Contact information: Best way to contact you: phone, email, etc? (please print) *

Your answer

Communion Assistant: distributes either the bread or wine during communion (select 1 or more) *

- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM (first week of month)
- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM (fourth week of month)
- ☐ First Wednesday of month 6:30PM
- ☐ I will support this participant with prayers.

Scripture Reader: Reads selected passage for the day. Reading is sent out earlier * in the week. Which service do you attend most frequently?

- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM
- ☐ Wednesday 6:30PM
- ☐ I will support this participant with prayers.

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- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM
- ☐ Wednesday 6:30PM
- ☐ I will support this participant with prayers.

Altar Guild: This group invites all who are willing to help take care of tasks such * as communion set-up / clean-up, light altar duties, serving communion to those who remain in the pews, etc. Which service do you attend most frequently?

- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM
- ☐ Wednesday 6:30PM
- ☐ I will support this participant with prayers.

Ushering: Individuals or Family groups hand out bulletins, collect offering, count * attendance. Which service do you attend most frequently?

- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM
- ☐ Wednesday 6:30 PM
- ☐ Saturday 5:30 PM
- ☐ Special worship services:
- ☐ I will support this participant with prayers.

Assisting Minister: This is a lay member that helps to lead worship when one of * the pastors is unavailable. There is training available. (select 1 or more)

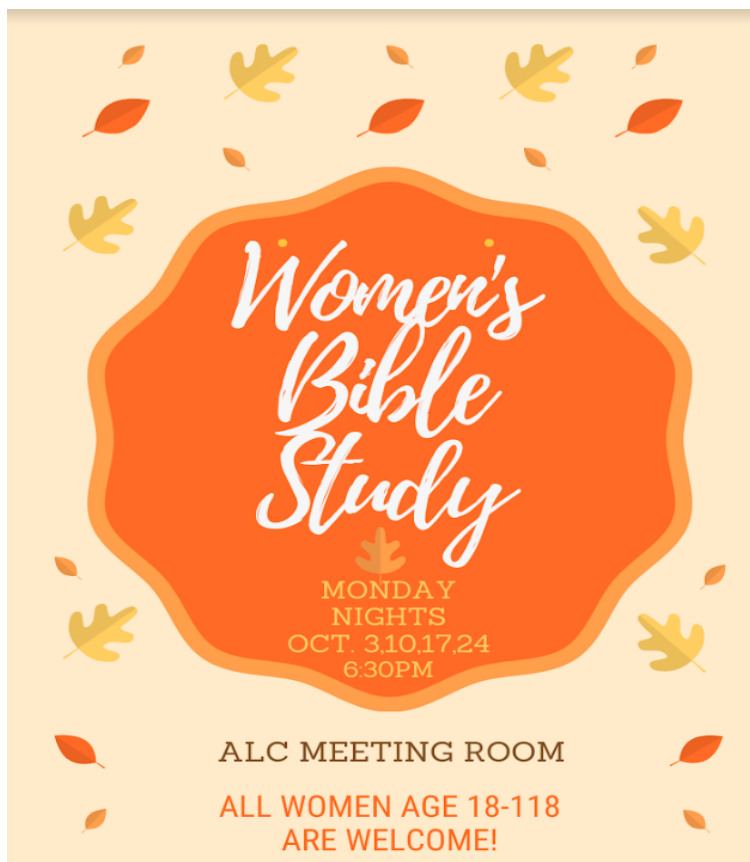
- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM
- ☐ Special worship services:
- ☐ I will support this participant with prayers.

Technology Team: These individuals have a schedule rotation provided several * months in advance. There is training available. What area(s) interests you?

- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM Sound Booth
- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM Camera Operator
- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM Projectionist / Screens
- ☐ Wednesday 6:30 PM Sound Booth
- ☐ Wednesday 6:30 PM Projectionist / Screens
- ☐ Special worship services: funerals, weddings, etc.
- ☐ I will support this participant with prayers.

Christian Education

From Tera Elness, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries (822-3377)



Women's Bible Study

MONDAY NIGHTS
OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24
6:30PM

ALC MEETING ROOM

ALL WOMEN AGE 18-118
ARE WELCOME!



**NEW BIBLES
FOR OUR
NEW 3 & 4 YR OLD
STUDENTS!**

**WELCOME TO
SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL!**

**Our youngest students
will be receiving their new bibles
on Wednesday, Sept. 21st
and Sunday, September 25th
during the services!**



**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!



**WE BEE-LONG
TO JESUS**

**Sunday, September 11th-
RALLY DAY for BOTH
Sunday and Wednesday School
Students**

10:15am-Students to Classrooms
10:15am- Parent Meeting, Fellowship Hall
11:00am- Family Cookout

First Lesson Days-
Wednesday School- Sept 14th
5:30-6:15pm
Sunday School- Sept 18th
10:15-11:00am

Respectful
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Humble
Thankful
Kind
-autiful
Yourself
Inspiration
A Friend
The Change
Creative



WHAT IS RALLY DAY??

RALLY DAY is our **KICK-OFF** to a Brand New Sunday/Wednesday School Year!

Classes are Wednesday Evenings from 5:30-6:15pm

-or- Sunday Mornings from 10:15-11:00am

RALLY DAY is the **CELEBRATORY START DAY** for **BOTH!**

Rally Day is for **ALL** Students and their Amazing Families!

And it all starts with Worship at 9am!

Immediately following Worship, *all* students (regardless of whether registered for Wednesdays or Sundays) will head to their classrooms where they will meet their teacher and enjoy a fun activity!

Parents will join me down in the basement Fellowship Hall for Coffee & a brief Meeting to Discuss the School Year Ahead! (Pssst. I may even have doughnuts!)

After all of THAT fun, even MORE fun will follow with a

FREEWILL OFFERING RALLY DAY GRILLOUT

in the Church Parking Lot starting at 11am!

(and don't worry, the Vikes don't play til 3!)

Whew, it's gonna be an **AWESOME** Day Friends, so **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

And please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

We can't WAIT to have your kiddos back!

XO, Tera

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Sunday School Calendar!

Semester One: Sept. 11, 2022 – Jan. 1, 2023

September 11th Rally Day for All! ♥
 **Kiddos in Classrooms, Parents with
 Tera, FAMILY COOKOUT @11am!**

September 18th Creation

September 25th Noah's Ark
 3 Year Old Bibles!

November 20th
 The Ten Commandments
 5th/6th Grade Craft Day!

November 27th NO CLASS –
 THANKSGIVING

December 4th Xmas Lesson/Program Practice

December 11th Xmas Lesson/Program Practice
 DECEMBER 11TH XMAS PROGRAM AT
 11AM

December 18th Xmas Party/HBD Jesus!

December 25th NO CLASS – Xmas Break

January 1st NO CLASS – Xmas Break

**Sunday School Classes will resume on
 January 8th!**

October 2nd Abram's Call
 3rd Grade Bibles!
 3rd Grade Craft Day!

October 9th BEE DAY WITH SHETEK KATIE!

October 16th Abraham & Sarah's Visitors
 3rd Gr Student/Parent Get to Know Your Bible

October 23rd NO CLASS – MEA BREAK

October 30th Isaac's Blessing

November 6th Free From Slavery

November 13th The Red Sea
 4th Grade Craft Day!



Wednesday School Calendar!

Semester One: Sept. 11 – Dec. 28, 2022

September 11th Rally Day for All! ♥

September 14th Creation

September 21st Noah's Ark
 3 Year Old Bibles!

November 16th The Ten Commandments
 5th/6th Grade Craft Day!

November 23rd NO CLASS –
 THANKSGIVING

November 30th Xmas Lesson/Program Practice

December 7th Xmas Lesson/Program Practice

DECEMBER 11TH XMAS PROGRAM AT
 11AM

December 14th NO CLASS – Living Nativity

December 21st NO CLASS – Xmas Break

December 28th NO CLASS – Xmas Break

**Wednesday School Classes will resume on
 January 4th!**

September 28th Abram's Call
 3rd Grade Bibles!
 3rd Grade Craft Day!

October 5th BEE DAY WITH SHETEK KATIE!

October 12th Abraham & Sarah's Visitors
 3rd Gr Student/Parent Get to Know Your Bible

October 19th NO CLASS – MEA BREAK

October 26th Isaac's Blessing

November 2nd Free From Slavery

November 9th The Red Sea
 4th Grade Craft Day!

Youth & Family News



September Selfies!

**JR HIGH & SR HIGH
YOUTH GROUP AT
MIMI & PAPA'S
SELFIE PARK
IN SOUTH WINDOM!**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH @ 4PM

MEET TERA THERE AND WE'LL HEAD
OVER TO HARDEES FOR SUPPER
AFTERWARDS! PARK IS FREE, BRING
MONEY FOR SUPPER.

Upcoming Special Dates!

September 7th	Mandatory Confirmation Student (7th-9th grade)/Parent Meeting 7pm, Sanctuary
September 11th	RALLY DAY! (FOR BOTH SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY STUDENTS PARENTS) Installation of All Christian Education Volunteers during Worship! Sunday/Wednesday School students to classrooms for first day/Parent Meeting in Fellowship Hall (basement), 10:15am with a family cookout to follow!
September 14th	Wednesday School Lessons Begin, 5:30pm! FIRST Night of Confirmation for our 7th-9th graders, 7:30pm Installation of Confirmation Small Group Guides during Worship!
September 18th	Sunday School Lessons Begin, 10:15am!
September 21st	3 yr. olds receive their Bibles during Wednesday Worship!
September 25th	3 yr. olds receive their Bibles during Sunday Worship!
September 28th	3rd graders receive their Bibles during Wednesday Worship!
October 2nd	3rd graders receive their Bibles during Sunday Worship!
Reminder, our Confirmation Program is a THREE-YEAR Journey beginning in 7 TH GRADE!	

Good to Know

Fall Programming Schedule

September 11th- Rally Day! Kick off to the school year!

10:15AM– Both Wednesday& Sunday School Students to their Classrooms

10:15 AM– Parents Meeting, Fellowship Hall (Basement)

11:00 AM– Family Cookout!!

Sunday Schedule: (Begins September 18th) **Wednesday Schedule: (Begins September 14th)**

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
KDOM 103.1 FM

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

7:30– 8:30 PM - Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th)



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 to all
who helped with, lent
out games, and attended
our ALC Neighborhood
Summer Block Party!
We couldn't have done
it without you, so thank
you again!

\$121.61 was collected through the **COMFORT CUPBOARD** noisy offering! **THANK YOU.** The money was spent according to the biggest needs as identified by Kylie Nielsen, school counselor. Some items were also donated. Donations are always welcome to keep the Comfort Cupboard stocked throughout the school year. We're ready for the start of a new school year and pray we can continue this project to meet the needs of our students. Thank you!



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 September

September 14th, 5:00 PM - walking tacos, fruit

September 21st, 5:00 PM - Sloppy Jo's, baked beans, chips

September 28th, 5:00 PM - Mac and cheese, chicken nuggets, fruit

**** 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. One will be on display in the Skylight Court starting in September. The total cost is \$912.

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".

THANK YOU to ALC members Bill & Vanessa Tjentland, owners of our local Hammer's Furniture store who helped in the process of finding and purchasing these tables!

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



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LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE "American Lutheran Church- Windom" to keep up with the latest news and Fall activities and more!!!

Holiday Hours:

**Monday, September 5th: Labor Day
Church and Office
will be closed.**



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 pay for expenses.

Watch our Worship Thursdays at 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM on Local Cable Channel 3.

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.

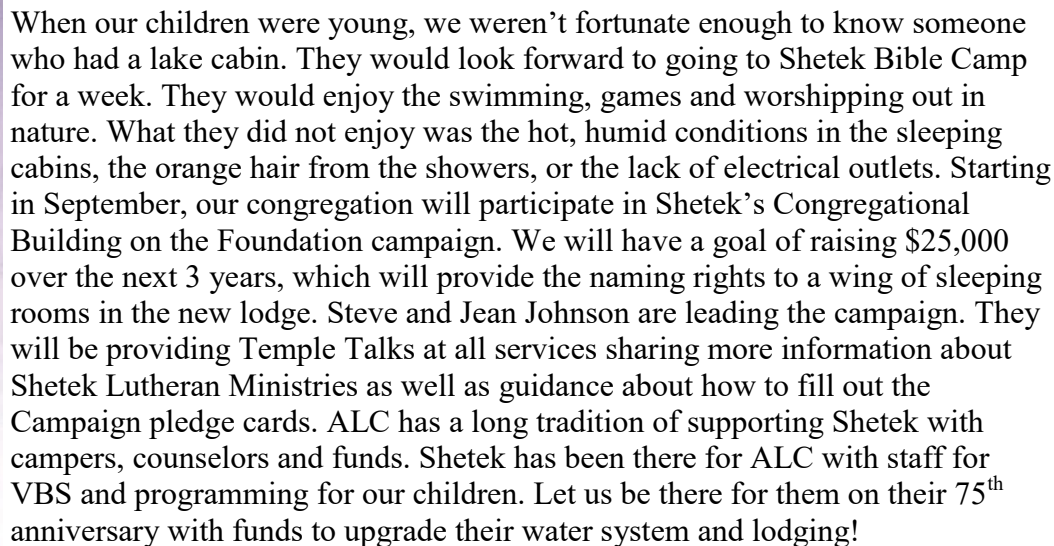
HAVING TROUBLE HEARING IN THE

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.



**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.



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Adult/Youth Lodge

The floor plan of the Duplex Lodge is a rectangular building with a central open area. The layout includes:

- Top Section:** A row of four bedrooms, each with an adjacent bathroom. From left to right, the rooms are labeled: BEDROOM, BATH, BEDROOM, BATH, BEDROOM, BATH, BEDROOM, BATH.
- Central Section:** A large open area containing a central dining space with four circular tables. To the left of this area is a kitchen and a living area. To the right is another bedroom and bathroom.
- Bottom Section:** A large open area, likely a lounge or common area, with a fireplace on the left wall. A staircase labeled "STAIR UP" is located at the bottom center, and another labeled "STAIR DOWN" is at the bottom left.
- Other Features:** A "REAR PORCH" is located on the left side, and a "FRONT PORCH" is at the bottom. The plan also shows various closets, storage areas, and a central hallway.

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.

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).

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



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

Good to Know

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Have lunch at Shalom Hill Farm, hear about their vision for their future, and help be a part of building it! We'll take the bus from church on September 18th from 11 to 3 and participate in helping Shalom Hill Farm complete their vision by painting, cleaning, hauling, and building. Sign up on the sheet outside of the office so we can get a number count.



Rebuilding Together Day

Join the Rebuilding Together organization to help repair, paint, and clean houses of low-income people in Mountain Lake. We'll be meeting at the picnic pavilion at 7:30 am on Saturday, September 24th to have coffee and doughnuts to hear about the great things Rebuilding Together is doing, then we'll work till 4. If you can only work the morning or afternoon, that's fine too! Please sign up outside the church office.

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. We guarantee they are extremely friendly, polite, clean, and thankful and we are sure you'll end up making new friends in the process.



Labor Day

Whatever tools or equipment you use for your job, please bring them to worship on September 4th so that we can bless them during worship.

Vikings Game

A bunch of guys are going to John Shamp's house (1124 Redding Avenue) to watch the Viking's game on September 19th at 7:30. There will be snacks and drinks, feel free to bring whatever you want. All men are invited.



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 meeting Tuesday, September 13th at 2pm****

CHOIR PRACTICE starts Wednesday, September 14th at 5:30pm! All are welcomed!

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 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 starts Monday, September 12h at 6:00pm! 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,

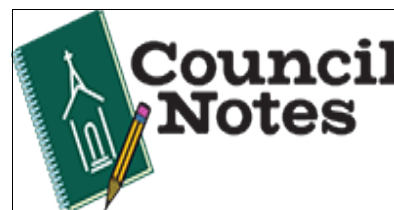
PRAYER CHAIN: To activate ALC's Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 831-1794 or an email may be sent to winalc@windomnet.com.

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

August 9th, 2022 MEETING



- Skylight Court Standing Tables - Sharon updated the council on the tables that have been chosen and will be purchased from Hammer's. Budget and Finance will cover the initial cost and then call for donations. Motion by Sharon to purchase 3 tables from Hammer's for \$379 each; 2nd by Mike W. MM/S/C
- Other - Lindsey and Chris presented information on updating the router, firewall and camera controller. Technology Committee requests the upgrade as the current equipment is outdated, and the cameras will provide needed security. Lindsey has spoken with the Trust Fund and they have a technology fund for such expenses, and will provide up to \$3,000 for this upgrade. Motion by Linda to purchase router, camera controller, firewall and equipment as presented; 2nd by Paul J. MM/S/C
- Hiring Melanie Shamp as Wednesday Night Meal Coordinator - MM/S/C to hire Melanie as agreed in previous meeting (Linda J/Kay E)
- Custodial Hiring Update - MMC continues negotiations
- Changing ALC's Constitutional By-Law concerning groups who request the use of our congregational property - Pastor Adam explained the current wording for C23.01.01 and C23.01.02 and the council's ability to alter the wording since it is a By-Law and not an amendment. Discussion on striking the last 3 words to provide more flexibility to the council in an effort to support future community needs. Motion by Paul J to strike the last 3 words; 2nd by Linda J. MM/S/C
- Other - Mike W presented a motion to complete payment of outstanding bills; 2nd by Sharon. MM/S/C

Board Reports

Worship and Music - Karen S updated the council on dates and plans for Harvest and Home; recommended to Budget and Finance that the Saturday evening organist/pianist pay be equal to that of the Wednesday/Saturday organists/pianists; Jamie Pohlman will coordinate a Wednesday Praise Band; a volunteer bulletin insert will be in the September bulletins; they are planning the volunteer recognition, youth services, and Rally Day.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship - Sharon noted an upcoming baptism, an October Saturday evening pot luck, and discussions on the Lutefisk meal.

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship - Steve explained the discussion on the generic envelopes vs the yellow envelopes for giving and will review in 2 years; the QR code is being used for giving; planning new member orientation and welcome, and will have bulletin inserts with board/committee information on those dates; Shetek Capital Campaign will begin September 18.

Properties - Linda updated the council on the removal of the room pews and the Holt bid for cleaning, which will be given to the custodian; Ron's Electric's bid for removal of the outdated electric boxes; decided to continue to support the bus rather than replace it.

Budget and Finance - Mike noted they did not have a quorum so did not meet.

Christian Education - Amanda provided information on the success of VBS; Wednesday/Sunday School registration is going on; Rally Day will be September 11, 2022; Confirmation classes and Bible studies being organized; behavior expectations will be developed for all classes and shared with parents.

Youth and Family - Cory reviewed the Arnold's Park and Valleyfair events noting they were well received and attended; youth will grill for the Block Party; completing fall event planning.

Church In Society - Jenn provided information on the success of the Banquet event; noted the Block Party; September 18 is God's Work Our Hands at Shalom Hill, and the 24th is a Rebuilding Day in Windom; they are recruiting volunteers to pick up people needing rides to services and events.

GLOW - Kay reported they had an organization meeting and will be doing October/November quilting and packing of school kits; upcoming Ice cream social at Mikkelson Manor; they will be providing some Coffee Hours and planning a Christmas party for women of the church; considering attending the Church Basement Ladies play; \$200 donated to Lutheran Disaster Response.

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 8/22/2022:
 Income: \$288,025
 Expenses: \$323,327
 Borrowed to date: \$17,000

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

RECORDS:

Baptisms: Beau Arthur Mickelson, son of Brady & Kristy Mickelson.
 Maverick Michael Knudson, son of Michael & Jessica Knudson

Deaths: Eugene "Gene" Stene
 Robert "Bob" Byers

*In Loving
 Memory*

MEMORIALS:

Renovation Fund – In memory of Ronald Pabst.

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



Meals on Wheels American Lutheran Church

Meals on Wheels:

A HUGE Thank You to all who are giving their time to deliver Meals on Wheels in September. Those receiving are very grateful.

Steve and Lori Seifert, Alice and Vernon Huebert, KDOM Staff, Kay Evers, Marge Paschke, Rozanne Gronseth, Jane Moldaschel, Page Kern, Jackie Turner, John Berge, Robert Halvorson, Lou Masters, Lori Mickelson, Al Peterson, Pogo Kaiser, Cindy and John Reid, Terry and Vicki Burmeister, Tim and Kathy Hiley, Lisa and Bruce Turner, Deb Minion, and Dorothy Fundahn.



Subs:

Chelsie Carlson, Gordy Skarset, Jean & Steve Johnson, and Nick & Judy Trotter.

Another HUGE Thank You to Jane Silker who retired from coordinating Meals on Wheels volunteers for ALC and a HUGE Thank You to Jane Moldaschel for taking over Jane Silker's position as ALC's Meals on Wheels Volunteer Coordinator!

****** If you are interested in volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels please contact the church office. ALC delivers Meals the months of September and February. Meals on Wheels delivers over 40 meals to members of our community five days a week (Monday-Friday) for the month of September and February. Depending on the number of volunteers you would deliver only 1 week of the month, but could deliver more if you would like to. Meals leave the Community Center at 11:00am. The delivery route takes approximately an hour to deliver. If you have any questions please call the church office at 831-1794. Thank you!

September GLOW

Gals Living Our Witness

**Ice Cream Social at
Mikkelsen Manor
Thursday, September 22
2:30 pm**

Everyone is invited to join us for a time of fellowship at Mikkelsen Manor. Come and enjoy music, a devotion, visiting with residents and ice cream sundaes!

Shetek Conference Fall Gathering

Saturday, Sept. 17 8:30 am to noon
Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Coffee & rolls will be provided when you arrive. The event will end with a brunch around noon.

Cost is \$12.00

**"Faithful & Bold Women"
Worship Service with Holy Communion
Message: Pastor Stephanie Swanson**

There will be a Q & A time for all Unit Officers.

Katie's Cans will be on tables to collect your loose change for KATIE'S FUND, a scholarship program for Women of the ELCA.

Contact Jean Johnson if you wish to attend. 822-2715

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, September 15 @ 2 pm

Meeting Room across from the office.

September Gather Magazine

Bible Study

See Gina in the church office for a copy of the study, if needed, and join us!



**TRIP IN
NOVEMBER!
JOIN US!**

The Church Basement Ladies are at it again! In the 9th installment of the highly successful series, the year is 1975 and all of your favorite characters are back. Come along as the ladies sing, dance and laugh their way thru this hilarious and touching new musical.

Tuesday, November 8, 1:00 pm matinee

Black Box Theater, Burnsville

Cost: to be determined; includes coach bus

**REGISTRATION WILL BE WITH WINDOM
COMMUNITY EDUCATION by calling Caitlyn
Gilbertson at 831-6910 ext.513.**

GLOW is planning this trip with Windom Community Education. More details will be available soon. Watch the bulletin board by the office, worship bulletins and the October Messenger for more information.

Bring a friend!

Sewing & Kit Making Days

Tuesdays - 9 am to 2 pm

October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15

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.





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

September 2022



14 Keeley Island Drive
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507-763-3567
camp@shetek.org
www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Ready for s'more fun at camp!

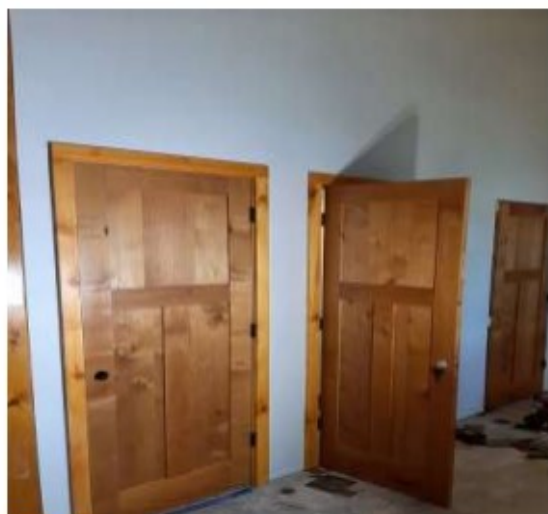


Mark your Calendar

- September 17 – Shetek WELCA Conference at SLM
- September 24 – Pre-Marriage Retreat
- October 21-22 Octoberfest
- Coming soon – Watch for details – 75th Anniversary celebration and Lodge Dedication

Register at shetek.org or

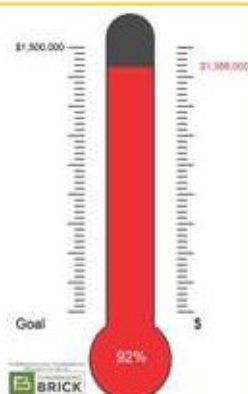
Call 507-763-3567 for more information



Interior of the new lodge!

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and
whoever sow generously will also reap generously.
2 Corinthians 9:6

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!