



# January 2023

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



## 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.

## Sunday, January 1

### New Year's Day

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

## Wednesday, January 4

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

## Saturday, January 7

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Noisy Offering

## Sunday, January 8

### Baptism of Our Lord

### Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship

## Wednesday, January 11

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

## Saturday, January 14

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

## Sunday, January 15

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Budget Presentation

## Wednesday, January 18

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

## Saturday, January 21

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

## Sunday, January 22

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM Annual Meeting w/Childcare

## Wednesday, January 25

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

## Saturday, January 28

5:30 PM Chapel Service

## Sunday, January 29

9:00 AM Worship



# Pastor's Message

New Year's Greetings, one and all!

At this time of year, my thoughts turn to the astrologers, or *wise men* from the east who observed a new star in the sky, meaning there must be a new king! They followed it, first to King Herod who wasn't happy to hear about the birth of a rival, and then to the true king, Jesus!

*"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road." Matthew 1: 11 - 12*

We who walk by faith are guided, but there may be turns in the road! It takes courage to set out where your "star" appears to be guiding you. It takes humility to change direction.

The new year is a time of reflection. How did things go last year? What can I tweak so that things will go better this year? We do this as individuals, families, in our businesses and in the church. It's a good process, though if you're like me, you find that old habits die hard!

I love the story of the magi because they were guided by the star. But what if they hadn't even noticed? The star could only guide them because they had their eyes on the night sky. They were attentive and observant. *God, make us like them!!*

I also love this story because God is at work within the crazy human dramas of politics, rivalries, and the rise and fall of power. God speaks through a dream to the wise men (they really were wise!!) and redirects them not to return to Herod. They go home by another way.

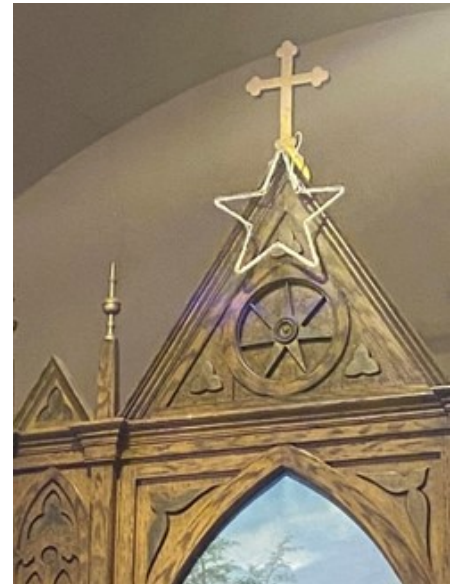
O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem,  
Shining afar through shadows dim,  
Giving a light for those who long have gone.  
And guiding the wise men on their way unto the place where Jesus lay,  
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.  
*Words and Music by Adger M. Pace & Fischer Boyce*

I don't know what your aspirations for the New Year are. If we take a cue from these wise ones, we will be attentive and observant. We will be skeptical of the powerful and their ambitions (while keeping our own ambitions in check). Finally, we will trust that God is the mix, working out his will, knowing that we have a part in it!

In the midst of it all, may you find yourself, like the wise men, overwhelmed with joy at the gift of Jesus. God saves! It is true.

Good things to you in 2023!

Pastor Sarah



*Altar star at Bethany Lutheran,  
Bergen*

# Worship & Music Notes

from Jane Cartwright, Worship & Music Coordinator

Week:	Theme:	Scripture:
Jan. 1	The Genealogy of Jesus	Matthew 1:1-17
Jan. 4-8	Jesus' Baptism	Matthew 3:1-17
Jan. 11-15	Tempted in the Wilderness	Matthew 4:1-17
Jan. 18-22	The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-20
Jan. 25-29	Treasure in Heaven	Matthew 6:7-21, [25-34]



## Blessings in 2023!

We wrap up the season of Christmas and focus now on the light of Epiphany. How will the light of Christ shine in these next weeks? In the early chapters of the Gospel of Matthew, several events are noted. The shepherds noticed the stars shown brightly at Jesus' birth. The wisemen followed the star to the place of his birth. The heavens open up at Jesus' baptism, and a proclamation of "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." In Matthew 16, "the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." We will journey with Jesus, as he begins his ministry, calls disciples, and ministers to people. We continue this journey up until mid-February, Transfiguration Sunday, when once again, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son.

## Service Notes:

### January Ushers:

**Holy Communion:** Sunday: Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday: Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, and Wednesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Healing Prayers:** Sat. and Sunday - Jan. 21 / 22

**Noisy Offering:** GLOW Quilting fund on Wed. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, Sat. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, and Sun. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Meeting:** ALC will hold the Annual Meeting following worship on January 22nd.

**Check out the Worship Volunteer Sheet located on Worship and Music Bulletin Board in the main hallway.**

## SCRIPTURE READERS

JANUARY 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANUARY 8: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANUARY 15: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANUARY 22: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANUARY 29: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JANUARY 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
JANUARY 4: \_\_\_\_\_  
(WED)-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
JANUARY 22: \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 2023

COME JOIN US

MONTHLY

WORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES



## NOISY OFFERING THIS MONTH: GLOW QUILTS

GLOW makes quilts during the months of January through April for the Sharing Center, Christmas Cheer Box, Lutheran World Relief and anyone in need. This is one mission in action activity that the women of ALC do year after year.

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)

WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL

## DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH

**\*DURING REGULAR CLASS TIMES\***  
WS 5:30-6:15PM/SS 10:15-11:00AM

PLEASE JOIN YOUR  
STUDENT(S) IN  
FELLOWSHIP HALL!



## PAJAMA DAY AT WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL!

WED/SUN  
January  
11th  
& 15th



## Princess Poppy

4th-6th Grade

## GIRLS NIGHT!



Sunday, January 29th  
4:00-7:00pm  
(note extended time)  
ALC Youth Room

Supper and Snacks  
will be Served  
and  
FRIENDS ARE  
WELCOME!

*Sign-up your girl with Tera no later  
than January 12th please!*



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## BOYS AFTERNOON!

FOR BOYS GRADES 4TH-6TH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH  
1:00-3:00PM  
WINDOM ELEMENTARY GYM

Join Tera and Windom PE Teacher  
Travis Janssen for a fun afternoon of  
games and snacks and incredible  
lessons from God's awesome Word!  
Bring your Bible!

• Friends Welcome!

This is a FREE event!  
Please sign up your son  
with Tera by January 10th.

## Wednesday School Calendar

**Semester Two: January 4th, 2022 – May 10th, 2023!**

January 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 11<sup>th</sup>

January 18<sup>th</sup>

January 25<sup>th</sup>  
February 1<sup>st</sup>

February 8<sup>th</sup>  
February 15<sup>th</sup>  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup>

March 15<sup>th</sup>  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>

March 29<sup>th</sup>  
April 5<sup>th</sup>  
April 12<sup>th</sup>  
April 19<sup>th</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup>

The Battle of Jericho  
Naomi & Ruth

**\*\*Jammie Day!!\*\***

David & Goliath

**\*KINDERGARTEN CRAFT DAY!\***

**\*DONUTS w/GROWN-UPS!\***

Jonah & The Big Fish

**\*NURSERY/PREK CRAFT DAY!\***

The Wedding Banquet

**\*GRANDPARENTS DAY!\***

Jesus Feeds 5000

The Transfiguration/SHETEK DAY

The Greatest Commandment

**\*MARCH MADNESS!\***

**\*PRAYER PARTNER PARTY!\***

Holy Week

**\*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE CRAFT DAY!\***

The Empty Tomb

**NO WEDNESDAY SCHOOL**

The Great Commission

Doubting Thomas

**\*NURSERY HANDPRINTS W/PARENTS\***

The Ascension

The Holy Spirit

**\*6<sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents with Tera\***

**\*LAST DAY OF CLASS FUN!\***

## Sunday School Calendar

**Semester Two: January 8th, 2022 – May 14th, 2023**

January 8<sup>th</sup>  
January 15<sup>th</sup>

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

January 29<sup>th</sup>  
February 5<sup>th</sup>

February 12<sup>th</sup>  
February 19<sup>th</sup>  
February 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 5<sup>th</sup>  
March 12<sup>th</sup>

March 19<sup>th</sup>  
March 26<sup>th</sup>

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 9<sup>th</sup>  
April 16<sup>th</sup>  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>

April 30<sup>th</sup>  
May 7<sup>th</sup>

May 14<sup>th</sup>

The Battle of Jericho  
Naomi & Ruth

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David & Goliath

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**\*GRANDPARENTS DAY!\***

Jesus Feeds 5000

The Transfiguration/SHETEK DAY

The Greatest Commandment

**\*MARCH MADNESS!\***

**\*PRAYER PARTNER PARTY!\***

Holy Week

**\*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE CRAFT DAY!\***

The Empty Tomb

**\*PALM SUNDAY – KIDS SING\***

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Great Commission

Doubting Thomas

**\*NURSERY HANDPRINTS W/PARENTS\***

The Ascension

The Holy Spirit

**\*6<sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents with Tera\***

**\*LAST DAY OF CLASS FUN!\***

# Youth & Family

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



Jr High/Sr High Youth Group  
**Winter**  
*FUN DAY!*  
**Monday, January 2nd**  
 Open Skating and/or Learn How to  
 Play Racquetball/Racquetball Games  
**1:00 - 3:00pm**  
 Windom Arena  
**Cost: FREE!**  
 Funded by the American Lutheran Church  
 Youth Fund



**ATTENTION**  
**6TH-8TH GRADERS!**  
**LOST & FOUND** LUKE 15  
**AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY**  
**FAITH FEST 2023**  
**OVERNIGHT TRIP!**  
**FEBRUARY 11TH-12TH, 2023**  
**LEAVE SAT@8AM, RETURN SUN@5PM**  
**COST IS \$75**  
 -INCLUDES THE EVENT, THREE MEALS,  
 HOTEL, & TRANSPORTATION-  
 ACCOUNT MONEY MAY BE USED!  
**STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED UP WITH TERA**  
**NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH.**

JOIN US FOR A  
 YOUTH FUNDRAISER  
**BINGO NIGHT!**



**SUNDAY, JAN. 22ND 4:00-7:00PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**\$1/CARD OR UNLIMITED PLAY FOR \$20!**

**CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR JUST \$1 EACH**  
**AND A SLOPPY JOE SUPPER AVAILABLE FOR JUST \$5!**

## JANUARY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, Jan 1st**– Addison Spielman & Anja Nielsen

**Wednesday, Jan 4th**– Addison Evans &  
 Katie Purrington

**Sunday, Jan 8th**– Lilly Derickson &  
 Charlotte Nauman

**Wednesday, Jan 11th**– Miranda Peterson &  
 Grace Scheitel

**Sunday, Jan 15th**– Sadie Tjentland & Brita Tjentland

**Wednesday, Jan 18th**– Jocelyn Frank &  
 Zadi-Anne Johnson

**Sunday, Jan 22nd**– Addison Spielman &  
 Fiona Robillard

**Wednesday, Jan 25th**– Jemisyn Flute &  
 Lizzie Bramstedt

**Sunday, Jan 29th**– Theora Ahnupkana &  
 Katie Purrington

**\*\*\*If you're not able to acolyte on your day.**  
**Please try find a replacement/switch with another**  
**student and CONTACT Tera (text or call) at 822-**  
**3377 to let her know ASAP (if able, at least the**  
**week before your scheduled time and even if you**  
**didn't find a replacement).\*\*\***

# YOUTHWORKS TRIP – KANSAS CITY!!

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*NEXT YEAR'S 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders (2023-2024)*

July 5 – 8, 2023

Cost: TBD (est. \$350-\$400)

*\*fundraising opportunities will be available and all food, lodging, and transportation will be included!*

*Here's what this shortened fourth-of-July-week-trip will look like...*

Our week will start on Wednesday, July 5th when we leave Windom and arrive in KC with our group. We will check into the housing site, set up our sleeping areas for the next few nights, eat dinner, and enjoy evening programming.

During the day on Thursday and Friday, we'll serve in the community with Youthworks partners. The Youthworks staff will help us serve respectfully and engage in impactful service experiences.

During the evenings, we will spend our time engaging with Youthworks programming and enjoying the community while we explore new places!

Then on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, we will say goodbye to their amazing summer staff and head back home!

***SOUND LIKE SOMETHING YOU'RE INTERESTED IN?***

***Talk to Tera and get added to the  
"HEY! I'M INTERESTED" list!***

**\*\*INITIAL DEPOSIT OF \$100 DUE BY JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>\*\***

## **2023 Boundary Waters Trip**

Anyone interested in going to the Boundary Waters let Pastor Adam know. We'll try and have two groups this year. If that happens we'll need another chaperone. No dates have been chosen yet. It'll probably be early June or mid to late August.



**SAVE THE DATE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th** following Worship in the Skylight Court. All are welcome!



**SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND** following the Worship Service. There will be childcare provided during the Annual Meeting. Come and learn about the ministry we had in the past year and learn about the year to come. Hope to see you there!



**HEADS-UP:** Sewing Days will be starting up again on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of January-April. Join us January 3rd and January 17th at 9:00 am-2:00 ish. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits, and pack school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Come for an hour or two or bring a sack lunch and spend the day. No experience necessary! Questions? Call Kathy Hiley: 831-4109 or Jackie Turner: 822-1633.



## CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION UPDATES:

- **Council has voted to take the last three words off of the by-law C23.01.01 which reads:** While the buildings of the congregation shall be open to all people to share in its worship, instruction, pastoral care, and fellowship, the congregation rejects all fellowship with organizations, secret or open, which are avowedly and religiously racist or violent or which practice forms of religion contrary to the Word of God and Lutheran Confessions. The change would make it possible for congregations of other Christian denominations to use our congregation for worship. This will be voted on at our annual meeting in January and needs a majority to pass it.
- **Council has approved updating the constitution to the ELCA Churchwide standards.** This will need a majority vote at our next annual meeting. The specific changes are in a document in the narthex. We can also email you that document if you wish, simply let the office know.

**UPDATED WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS** 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. The items in blue are still greatly needed.

### **Anytime donations include:**

Hamburger	Chicken breasts	Ham (preferably without bone)	Tator tots
Garlic bread	Chicken nuggets	<del>Egg noodles</del>	<del>Elbow macaroni</del>
<del>Spaghetti noodles</del>	Spaghetti sauce	Cream of celery soup	Cream of chicken soup
Cheddar cheese soup	<del>Scalloped potatoes</del>	Taco seasoning	Shredded cheddar cheese
<del>Salsa</del>	Cookies and bars		

### **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!

**Hamburger, chicken breast, cookies, and bars are always needed!**



## ESTATE PLANNING

If at any time you are making out your will please consider your congregation. ALC has many great places for you to leave a legacy behind. You can designate it to Youth Ministry, ELCA College Scholarship Fund, Growth of Church Ministries, Camp Scholarships, Video and Media (technology), or you can simply let the Trust Fund find a way to make sure your legacy can be as effective as possible. If you have any questions please contact Gary Olson at 507-831-4684.

## MEN'S GROUP

ALC has just started a men's group. We have met to watch the Vikings and to play cribbage and eat pizza. At some point during each event we have someone talk about issues men may face and have a little discussion and then we get back to our activity. Because we had so much fun playing cribbage we will be playing it again at ALC at 6:30 on January 19th and all adult men are invited.



# EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

A variety of flowers will be used as a part of our Festival Easter Worship.

The choices of flowers available are listed below. Please fill out and return the order form to the church office by

**12 Noon, Tuesday, February 7th, 2023**

THANK YOU!

(Make checks payable to the American Lutheran Church)

## THE WORDING OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In MEMORY of \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR of \_\_\_\_\_

Enter a quantity (number) in front of the plant(s) you would like to order.

\_\_\_ Begonia \$17.00

\_\_\_ Hydrangea \$35.00

\_\_\_ Tulip \$14.00

\_\_\_ Cyclamen \$17.00

\_\_\_ Kalanchoe \$17.00

\_\_\_ Calla Lily \$30.00

\_\_\_ Daisy Mum \$20.00

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation towards whatever  
flowers may be needed.

\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant(s) after the service.

Total Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_



# Lutefisk Supper

Saturday, January 7, 2023

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Serving 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

906 Prospect Avenue

Windom, MN

(parking lot on the corner of Miller Ave. & 10th Street)

MENU INCLUDES: LUTEFISK, MEATBALLS, LEFSE AND MORE

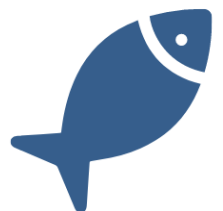
SECONDS TABLE WILL BE OFFERED

RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED BY JANUARY 2ND

Limited tickets available at the door

**Adults \$15.00 --- Ages 12 and under \$5.00**

Tickets available following church services on  
Sunday's or by calling the church office at 831-1794



## Wednesday Suppers in January

**January 4th, 5:00 PM** - Chili/Turkey noodle Soup

**January 11th, 5:00 PM**- Mac and cheese, hotdogs, fruit

**January 18th**– Scalloped potatoes and ham, green beans, buttered bread

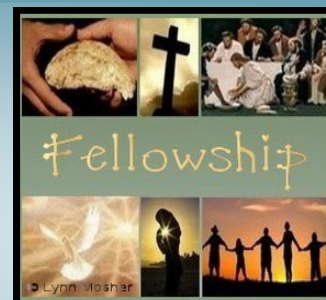
**January 25th**– Spaghetti, garlic bread, fruit

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



### **SOUP & BREAD: January 15th 3:00pm-5:00pm**

Soup and bread is for ANY adults that wish to come and share fellowship over snacks and games! Come have a fun RELAXING time with other adults! We all bring a snack to share. (It started out as Soup and Bread and that's how this group got it's name) We would LOVE to have you join us! Have young kids? NOT A PROBLEM! We have child care available! Your child(ren) can eat with us and then go with the youth watching over them or you can feed them before you come, then they can go play in the Youth Room. It's up to you! We hope you join us!



### **Holiday Hours**

**Monday,  
January 2nd—**  
Building and Office  
Closed.



### **ITEMS NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE KITS:**

Ivory Bars of soap (mild bath size)  
Baby blankets  
Hand towels  
Flannel sheets

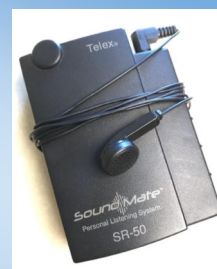
All items may be brought into the church office. Questions? Please contact Jackie Turner 822-1633.

**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.

**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.



Did you know...that your donation of **used inkjet cartridges** benefits the Christian Education Department in GREAT BIG WAYS? Thank you and keep 'em coming!



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

Join us at the Windom McDonalds every Friday when there's school 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.

### **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.



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

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



**Men's Bible Study:** We meet every Tuesday at 8:00 AM in the Skylight Court at ALC. Bring your own coffee if you like, and your own Bible. This is a very friendly group, and a great way to dig into God's word and hang out with a great group of guys. Men, if you're free, try it out!!

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



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



Join us for Coffee Hour at our Skylight Court Café every Sunday following worship around 10:00 AM!!



If you would like to bring goodies a sign-up sheet is located in the skylight court!

**\*\*Altar Guild Meeting  
January 10th at 2pm\*\***

Have you recently cancelled your telephone landline or changed your cell phone number? Please let the church office know, so that we can stay in touch with you!

If you or a loved one are hospitalized, going through any medical treatments or need pastoral care of any kind please call the church office to let us know.

## BELL CHOIR

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



## 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.



Are you interested in **SPONSORING THE RADIO BROADCAST** on Sundays? The cost is \$57 for a Sunday service sponsorship. Please contact the ALC office if you are interested in a sponsorship.

Did you know that you can see sermons on the **ALC WEBSITE**? Don't miss out. Go to <http://www.alcofwindom.com/> and click on the Media tab to hear a sermon that you might have missed.

**HAVE YOU BEEN** receiving weekly emails from us here at ALC with weekly happenings? If not, and you would like to, please call the church office to update your email address and keep you posted on events!

ALC is in need of approximately \$8,000 to meet our 2022 commitments. Let's work together as a congregation to achieve this goal. No gift is ever too small.

The American Lutheran Church books for 2022 will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 30, 2022. The office will be closed in the afternoon. Please be sure to get all 2022 contributions in by this time.

## RECORDS:

**Baptisms:** *No baptisms this month.*

**Deaths:** *Ronald "Ronnie" Vought  
June Richardson*

## MEMORIALS:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles** – *In memory of Carol Brand.*

**General Fund** – *In memory of Ronnie Vought.*

**Renovation Fund** – *In memory of Ronnie Vought.*

**Skylight Tables** – *In memory of Howard & Phyllis Jensen given by Jim & Carol Pahl.*

**Video Media Fund** – *In memory of Ronnie Vought.  
In memory of LaVonne and Wilfred Metz.*

**Bell Choir Fund** – *In memory of Ronnie Vought.*

## 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.



## BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

### Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign

A new adult/youth lodge and year-round cabins – that's what this Campaign is all about! There comes a time when buildings don't function anymore and people's expectations change. Water, sewer and power infrastructures have been updated. The lodge is completed and will host retreats and conferences throughout the year. It includes four separate sleeping rooms with bathrooms and showers in each along with a large meeting and gathering space. Heat and air conditioning makes this a very functional year-round facility for years to come. The next step of Phase 1 will be two new year-round duplex cabins. Each will have indoor plumbing, heating and air conditioning and an indoor gathering area. Each will house two summer camp cabin groups. A third duplex cabin will be constructed if the campaign challenge goal is reached.

Have you been a camper at Shetek? Have you been a camper at another Bible Camp? Do you remember the joy of learning more about Jesus and making new friends? Have your children gone to Shetek camp or will they someday? With all of the new buildings and improvements, it will be the place to be this summer and years to come. Remember, ALC gives scholarships to kids to attend camp. Won't you support Shetek Lutheran Ministries by giving or promising to give to the Capital Campaign?

ALC is committed to raising \$25,000 in gift and pledges. No gift is too small. A donation box, envelopes, and gift forms are located in the Skyline Court along with the thermometer showing our progress. **We're approximately \$6800 away from our goal** with opportunities to give through memorials, one-time gifts, or completing a giving intent form found in the Skyline Court. Thank you to those who have given, pledged or intend to give. Questions? Contact Steve or Jean Johnson, Campaign co-chairs for ALC.

## BUILDING

ON THE FOUNDATION

GOAL \$1.5 MILLION  
CHALLENGE GOAL \$2 MILLION

The Building On the Foundation campaign was authorized by a unanimous vote at the 2018 annual meeting of Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

Gifts to the campaign will be sought in the form of cash, appreciated marketable securities, land or other assets that can be readily utilized by Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

Individuals, families, businesses will be invited to participate in this campaign effort through a three to five year pledge or one time gift. Charitable foundations and other granting sources will also be solicited.

Lead gifts will be sought from among current and past board members, year round staff members and other stakeholders of Shetek Lutheran Ministries. A broader campaign effort will be extended to staff alumni, women of the church organizations and congregations of the Shetek Lutheran Ministries constituency.

### STANDARD OF GIFTS

In order to fully subscribe the two million campaign challenge goal for Shetek Lutheran Ministries, the following gifts and in the quantities listed, will need to be received from individuals, families, charitable foundations and as results of individual congregation campaign efforts:

Number of Gifts	Amount	Cumulative Total
1 gift	\$200,000 or more	\$200,000
2 gifts	\$125,000	\$450,000
3 gifts	\$100,000	\$750,000
5 gifts	\$50,000	\$1,000,000
12 gifts	\$25,000	\$1,300,000
30 gifts	\$10,000	\$1,600,000
50 gifts	\$5,000	\$1,850,000
Many additional gifts of other amounts		\$2,000,000



"Much ministry has happened here over the last 70 years. Much more ministry can happen and we want to grow it."  
- Mary Nystevold, Executive Director

### NAMING, MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFTS

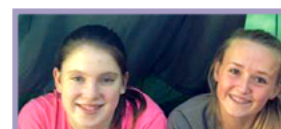
Naming and/or memorial gift opportunities are available to individuals, families, businesses, and foundations contributing \$25,000 or more to the campaign. Recognition of all naming, memorial and tribute gifts will be tastefully presented at a visible location at Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

#### ADULT/YOUTH LODGE

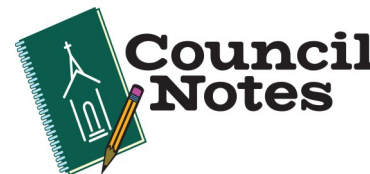
Name The Building	\$150,000
Gathering Space	\$75,000
Lakeside Deck	\$25,000
4 Sleeping Rooms	\$25,000
Kitchenette	\$25,000

#### CABINS

2 Duplex Cabins	\$100,000
2 Gathering Spaces	\$50,000
4 Sleeping Rooms	\$25,000
2 Patio Porches	\$25,000



## **CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM December 13th, 2022 MEETING via Zoom (due to Weather)**



(written minutes to be approved at the next Council meeting)

- Budget and Finance - Mike W reported that the church's personnel policy does not provide for the 6% retirement option to non-salaried employees so they will meet with MMC to discuss and obtain a recommendation which will be brought to the council. The motion remains tabled until this is completed. Kevin noted any changes do need to consider future employee status and Pastor Sarah added this is an effort to align with the compensation recommendations of the Synod.
- Living Nativity - Discussion on the weather situation's possible effect on Living Nativity with decision to wait until the afternoon to make any decisions. It was agreed that the Executive Officers will make the final decision.
- Housing Expense Designation - Pastor Sarah explained the tax purpose of this designation and requested \$1,500 of her salary be designated, for 2023, as Housing Expense. MM/S/C (Steve/Mike)
- Clergy Vacation Request - Pastor Sarah has 2 unused 2022 vacation days which she requested to be carried over to 2023. MM/S/C (Mike/Linda)
- 2023 Budget - Yet to be finalized and will be presented at the January council meeting.
- Removed “‘Unapproved’ Minutes in Messenger” item from agenda. This item was resolved by staff.
- Nominating Committee Update - President Michalski updated the council on the status of filling the boards/ballot. Continuing to search for a president and secretary.

### **Board Reports**

**Worship and Music** - Nancy provided the report via Karen's information; reviewed Living Nativity and the holiday service schedule.

**Spiritual Life and Fellowship** – Did not meet due to weather, No report

**Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship** - No meeting; Steve updated the council on the Shetek Campaign which has received approximately \$18,000 thus far.

**Properties** - Linda reported they will be working on the cross over the south door and the church outdoor sign.

**Budget and Finance** - Mike shared a request from Tera Elness to take the confirmation students to a Shetek Retreat which will be brought to Trust Fund to see if they would help cover costs through the Shetek Campership Fund. There is a federal program for an Employee Retention Credit (COVID related) which they will be researching with an accounting firm.

**Christian Education** - Bri reviewed their activities including the Thanksgiving and Christmas singing, monthly Girl's Night (26 attendees) with discussion for a Boy's Night, Ash Wednesday singing and Winter Women's Ministry. The board recommends removing the "Superintendent" from their board and adding another board member to which Pastor Adam noted the staff has discussed the current constitution and by February council hope to have wording corrections; meanwhile Tera is seeking a temporary superintendent. The motion was tabled to February by motion from Kevin and second by Bri. MM/S/C

**Youth and Family** - Cory discussed the many activities they have had and are planning, including 44 youth attending the Junior/Senior High Christmas Party, Living Nativity, the success of the November youth gathering, upcoming FaithFest at Augustana University in February and Youth Ministry Work in Kansas City in July 2023.

**Church In Society** - No report

**GLOW** - No Report

# GLOW *in January*

GALS LIVING OUR WITNESS

Church Basement Ladies  
Rescheduled to January 18  
Call 831-6910 Ext. 513  
for Tickets

GLOW Christmas  
Dinner Party



## Let Us Sew!

The 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
of January - April  
January 3 & 17  
9:00 am - 2-ish

Come and sew or pack kits for  
Lutheran World Relief.

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

Come check us out!

We serve the world and  
have FUN too!

Questions? Call

Kathy Hiley 831-4109

Jackie Turner 822-1633



On Dec. 1,  
50+ women  
enjoyed an  
evening of  
food, music  
& fellowship.

## Bible Study

Thursday, January 19

@ 2:00 Pm

ALC Meeting Room

Jan/Feb Gather Magazine

"The 10 Commandments"

Session One:

Dancing the Decalogue

Commandments 1&2

See Gina in the office for  
a copy of the Bible Study

## 2022 Donations to Lutheran World Relief

75 - Quilts

123 - Baby Care Kits

189 - School Kits

16 - Personal Care Kits

## Windom Cheer Box

25 Quilts

Thanks  
to all who  
helped!

**January 2023**



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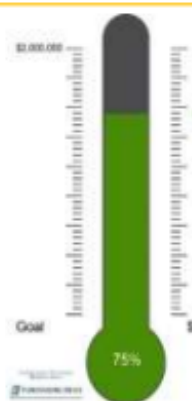
**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers**

*Join the fun at our next quilt and craft retreat!*



*Gathering room in the new lodge is all set up!*

We met our Phase 1 goal! \$1,508,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website. <https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/>



## **Mark your Calendar**

- January 19-22 Quilt & Craft Retreat

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

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

"You crown the year with Your goodness, and  
Your paths drip with abundance."

Psalms 65:11

**Happy New Year!**

## **Wish List**

- 17 ft Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- Office supplies – reams of paper
- Pick-up truck
- Volunteers
- Summer staff - [shetek.org/work-at-shetek](https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek)

**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!**