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Join Us in House, on Facebook, our Website, our YouTube Channel, KDOM Radio, or Local Cable Channel 22 for Worship!

Wednesday, February 1

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion, Noisy Offering, & Installation of Officers & Board Members

Saturday, February 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & Installation of Officers & Board Members

Wednesday, February 8

No Worship, please plan on attending the Kevin Honeycutt Seminar at the Barc

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Second Sunday Noisy Offering
9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, February 15

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

Saturday, February 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, February 19

Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion, Imposition of Ashes, & 3rd-6th Grade Singing

Saturday, February 25

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion



Our Vision:

People experiencing a life-giving relationship with God.

Mission:

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

Values:

Relationships

God. Each other. Creation.

Belonging

Affirmed. Included. Valued.



Pastor's Message

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands...
-Isaiah 49:15-16a

The biggest fear I have is my kids dying. I've shared before the multiple times both my children have almost died from fluke accidents from lifejacket malfunctions to swallowing a screw found on the ground.

It's a fear that makes me irrational. When Xavier was about five we were walking the dog after it rained. He was by the curb doddling and poking a stick into a huge puddle that went way out into the road. I heard a truck rev up its engine. It wasn't night but everything was dark and gray. We yelled at X to get away from the curb but he was too engrossed and we had moved too far down the sidewalk to get to him in time. This truck sped through the puddle inches away from my son, almost hitting him and I lost it.

Next thing I know I'm running down the street chasing this truck and waving my hands for it to stop. My irrational plan was to grab this person and haul them out through their window. I even had the thought, "This is going to be a two-hundred pound farmer who's going to pulverize me" but I didn't care.

Turns out it was a teenager who, when I caught up with him, had the fear of God in his eyes. I would guess because he thought I was going to murder him and also, I'm fairly certain he didn't see my son, and it was probably just hitting home how he almost killed a six-year-old.

Well, the kids' terrified eyes and his pleading calmed me down enough to not drag him out of his truck, but I had enough words where Beth was worried I might so be unemployed.

I have enough fear of my kids dying by random accidents and it only escalate when others are at fault. Like when they're at school and there's a bomb threat. Or just recently the email that went out about alleged threats at school, serious enough to get the police involved.

It's at those times when I am grateful for God, the faith God has given me, and scripture. Those are the times when I need to make a willful effort to call on God in order to keep my sanity. It's those times when I need to recall the scripture above that reminds me that even though it is impossible for me to be near my kids to protect them all the time, that that is not impossible for God. That in fact God is with my children always.

When the bomb threat occurred at our school and all the sudden the school is showing up at the doors of ALC and kids are flooding in and I didn't know where my children were, and as my overactive and vivid imagination wanted to take off along with my irrationality, I had God, faith, and scripture all chime in to tell me that one way or another my kids would be fine; that God was watching out for them. God, faith, and scripture kept me cool when my body didn't want to be cool.

A caveat here: sometimes the worst does happen. As awful as that would be, I do know, and heavily rely upon, that God, faith, and scripture would be a massive buffer for me, especially knowing that my children would then be safe in God's hands forever and that in time, I would get to see them again for eternity. I would still be upset, but it would be a fraction of what it would be without God, faith, and scripture.

Bottom line: there's a lot to give us anxiety in this world. There's a lot out there that can take our sanity. Lucky for us we have an all-powerful God who neither slumbers nor sleeps. A God who has no problem with overruling death and having people live forever.

May you too know that God, have that faith, and be acquainted with scripture enough to give you peace in a chaotic world.

Pastor Adam



February

2023

Worship & Music Notes

from Jane Cartwright, Worship & Music Coordinator

Week: Theme: Scripture:

Feb. 1-5	The Golden Rule	Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29
Feb. 8-12	Parables of the Kingdom	Matthew 13:24-43
Feb. 15-19	Transfiguration	Matthew 16:24- 17:8
Feb. 25 -26	Forgiveness	Matthew 18:15-35

Lenten Service Notes:

Ash Wednesday will be observed on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd with the Imposition of Ashes. Students Gr. 3-6 will sing at the beginning of this service. All Lenten services will begin at 6:30 pm.

The source for this Lenten series is Rachel Held Evans' final book before her untimely death, Wholehearted Faith. The intent of the series is to create a way in which participants may encounter the One who died and was raised for us again and anew. More information will be coming at the end of the month.

Service Notes:

February Ushers: Kevin Gotto team

Holy Communion: Sunday: Feb. 5th and Feb. 26th; Saturday: Feb. 11th and Feb. 18th, and Wednesday, Feb. 1st

Noisy Offering: VBS Registration on Wed. Feb. 1st, Sat. Feb. 11th and Sun. Feb. 12th.

Transfiguration Sunday: This is observed on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday. Transfigure means to change, and Jesus changes before Peter, James and John. They were gathered high on the mountain. Matthew 17:2 states that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. The Sunday and Seasons resource book states it best. "God is not only brilliant light, but also cloud. Although people tend to think of clouds as relating to weather conditions, in the Bible the cloud is a mysterious sign of the presence of God. It is as if God covers the earth, brings life, yet suddenly vanishes. Christians may add that, from God as cloud, the waters of baptism rain down." (2016, p. 96)

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

SCRIPTURE READERS

FEBRUARY 5: _____
 FEBRUARY 12: _____
 FEBRUARY 19: _____
 FEBRUARY 26: _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

WED. FEBRUARY 1:
 (3) _____
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5:
 (3) _____
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26:
 (3) _____

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

February, 2023



COME JOIN US

MONTHLY

WORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

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



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Christian Education/Youth & Family

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



1st -3rd Grade
After-School

Valentine Party!

Thursday, February 9th
After-School until 4:30pm

Transportation from School Provided!



Please sign up your child with Tera by February 2nd!!



At Wednesday/Sunday School!
Feb. 15th/19th

GRANDPARENTS OR OTHER SPECIAL
ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THEIR
STUDENT IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DURING
HIS/HER REGULAR CLASSTIME!
WE WILL ENJOY A LESSON, A CRAFT,
AND A FUN SNACK TOGETHER!

Our 3rd-6th
Graders
will be
SINGING
on Ash
Wednesday!

Join us for Supper starting at 5pm
and plan to stay for 6:30 Worship!
Childcare for young children
will be provided in the
Nursery/Family Rm during Worship.



Live Music
&
Special Message!



Childcare
available!

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Valentine's Supper

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

5:30-7:30PM

*SERVING PASTA, BREAD,
SALAD, & DESSERT*

Tickets-

\$15/person
\$25/couple

Tickets available between services
or in the church office



Youth & Family

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



Tubing at Mount Kato!

JR HIGH/SR HIGH YOUTH
GRADES 7-12

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
MEET AT ALC @ 2:30PM AND RETURN
BACK APPROXIMATELY 8:30PM AFTER A
SUPPER STOP AT JAKE'S PIZZA ST JAMES
TOTAL COST IS \$25
ACCOUNT MONEY MAY BE USED
CONTACT TERA NO LATER THAN
FEB 5TH TO SIGN UP!



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
BOYS AFTERNOON!
FOR BOYS GRADES 4TH-6TH

**Rescheduled to Monday,
March 6th after school**

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 **March 1st**



CONFIRMATION camp!

TERA'S
7TH GR.
CONFIRMATION
STUDENTS
ONLY!

INSTEAD OF WKLY CLASSES
DURING LENT THIS YEAR,
OUR 7TH GRADERS ARE
HEADING TO SHETEK
FOR 24 HRS!

SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

MARCH 10-11, 2023 / LEAVING ALC AT 5PM ON FRIDAY THE 10TH
AND RETURNING AT 7PM ON SAT THE 11TH

THIS RETREAT IS 24 HOURS, BEGINNING AT 6PM ON FRIDAY AND CONCLUDING
AT 6PM ON SATURDAY WITH SUPPER SERVED BOTH DAYS.
DURING CONFIRMATION RETREATS, YOUTH GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO
PARTICIPATE IN CAMP ACTIVITIES, WHILE CONNECTING WITH OTHER YOUTH.
YOUTH STAY IN A CABIN WITH A SHETEK STAFF MEMBER.
ADULT LEADERS WILL STAY IN OUR RETREAT CENTER.

FEBRUARY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Feb 1st– Eli Muske & Jace Anderson

Sunday, Feb 5th– Jack Elness & Peyton Hilbrands

Wednesday, Feb 8th– No Worship, Kevin
Honeycut Seminar, Barc

Sunday, Feb 12th– Carson Wiens & Jackson Joyce

Wednesday, Feb 15th– Jordan Hacker &
Marr Redman

Sunday, Feb 19th– Max Brodin & Avery Fast

Ash Wednesday, Feb 22nd – Caelen Ralston &
Logan Hanson

Sunday, Feb 26th– Shaun Schunk & Hayden Tietz

***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).***

Mark your Calendars for Camp Wednesday/ Camp Sunday!

Shetek Lutheran Ministries will be joining us for Worship on March 1st and 5th! ALC we will again be giving away two FREE camperships this year – one mini-week and one full-week! If you would like your child(ren) entered into this year's drawing for a free campership, please contact Tera at teraalc@gmail.com or contact the church office. Please include what campership drawing (mini-week or full-week) your child/children would fall into. Our drawing will be held mid-March! If you have any questions don't hesitate to call!



SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALC PROVIDES TOWARDS CAMPERSHIPS FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND CAMP AT SHETEK? That's right! We provide \$100.00 towards Mini-Camp, and \$200 for those wishing to attend Full-Week camp, Family Camp, and/or Grandparent/Grandchild camp!

Also, the ALC Trust Fund provides a scholarship towards college for any student that works at Shetek for the summer! For those high school and college students that are looking for a summer job check out Camp Shetek!

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.



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.

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!



Good to Know

Sewing Days are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of January-April. Join us February 7th and February 21st 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.



Annual Assembly of the Shetek Conference Sunday, February 26th, 2023 at 2PM in-person at Bethlehem Lutheran in Hills, MN (112 N Main Ave)

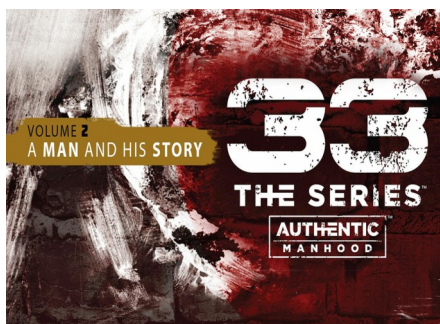
All members of the Shetek Conference of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA are welcome to attend. Each Congregation may have up to six members eligible to vote at this meeting. Important business of the meeting will be electing a Dean and other positions, and reviewing reports from the Southwest MN Synod, the Shetek-Onidini Partnership, Shetek Lutheran Ministries, and meeting the new directors from Shalom Hill Farm.

ALL BOARD RELAUNCH! Tuesday, February 7th beginning at 6:30 pm. All returning and new members of boards are asked to attend. We will gather all together in the Fellowship Hall to join as one in the body of Christ, as we work to share his message. Individual board meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. With Church Council following at 8:00 pm. Note for new members: please check your mailbox by the church office for your board's agenda.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Wednesday, February 1st at the 6:30 pm worship service and Sunday, February 5th at the 9 am worship service. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve ALC on our Boards and Council!

MEN'S GROUP OPPORTUNITY: Calling gentlemen of all ages to participate in an exciting opportunity to cultivate discipleship as we work our way through the 33 Series Volume 2: A man and his story. We will be meeting weekly at BARC library beginning Thursday Feb 2



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. Join us Thursday, February 16th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for cribbage and pizza! All adult men are invited! Bring a friend!

MEN'S GROUPS

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM: Order forms were sent out to everyone in the January Messenger, copies are also available in the Narthex on the back table and in the church office. The deadline to order Easter Flowers is Tuesday February 7th at 12 noon.

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 _____

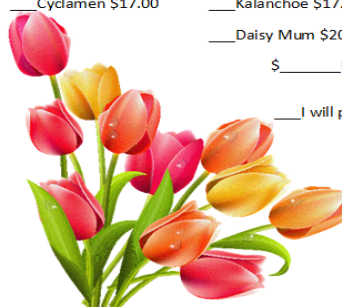
Enter a quantity (number) in front of the plant(s) you would like to order.

___ 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: \$ _____



Good to Know

NO WORSHIP OR CONFIRMATION ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2023

American Lutheran Church partners with Windom Area Schools for a night at the BARC

Why: to inspire an active anti-bullying movement in our community. Kevin Honeycutt, a teacher and nationally known speaker will present his ideas

about defining bullying, the effects of bullying, and most importantly what to do instead of bullying. This is a community event bringing ideas of how to engage students in positive behavior and teach them how to simply be a good person.

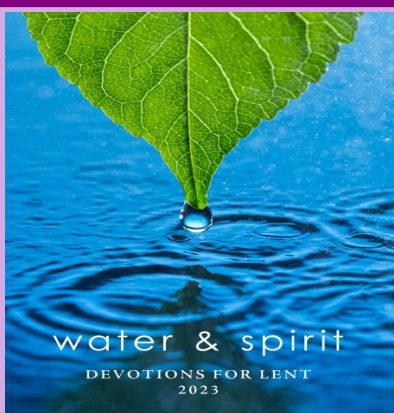
Date and Time: February 8, 2023 at 7:00pm at the BARC Auditorium

Who: All Windom Community Members who want to learn about how to engage their children, promote kindness, and encourage positive online and in-person behavior.

Please note: there will not be worship or confirmation at ALC on 02/08/23. Instead, we are all meeting at the BARC for this important evening together. The Wednesday night meal and Wednesday school will take place as scheduled.

Lenten Devotional:

Mondays through Fridays during the season of Lent, ALC staff members will be providing daily ALC Facebook live devotions taken from Water & Spirit, Devotions for Lent 2023. We hope you will tune in or catch the replays as you are able!



United Community Action is offering FREE tax preparation during February, March, and until April 18th. Schedule an appointment by calling (507)476-9283 or schedule your own appointment at www.unitedcapmn.org.

Every One Eats Ministry

Wednesday Evening Meals at ALC are a wonderful opportunity to get a meal share conversation with others, and just be together. Many food donations have been received and we are so grateful! The average cost of the Wednesday Evening meal is \$225. If each person contributed \$5 when they ate, we'd have it covered! Give what you can, enjoy the food and the good company. All are welcome!



Lutefisk Supper

Thank you everyone who participated in the Lutefisk Supper! We appreciate everyone who made lefse, worked at the event and all who came to enjoy the dinner. The Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board!

Thank you!

Good to Know

Wednesday Suppers in February

February 1st, 5:00 PM - Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, green beans

February 8th, 5:00 PM– Tator tot hotdish, corn, buttered bread

February 15th– Walking tacos, fruit

Ash Wednesday February 22nd– Lenten Meal– Youth & Family Board: Chicken Wild Rice Soup or Chili w/a hotdog for a kids option.

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



The season of Lent starts on

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd

5:00 PM Lenten Supper– Youth & Family Board Fundraiser: Chicken Wild Rice Soup or Chili with a hotdog for a kids option

5:30 PM Choir Practice

5:30 PM Wednesday School

6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion, Imposition of Ashes, and 3rd-6th Grade Singing
No Confirmation



What is Lent? Lent is a church season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. (Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" as we look forward to the Resurrection.) Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. Lent is a time to focus on our relationship with God, as we think of Jesus suffering and death and the coming glory of his resurrection.

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

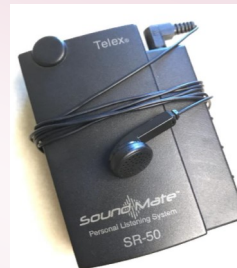
can come and dine in on this or any other day, **just call the day**

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.



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.



Good to Know

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

Would you be interested in helping seat individuals, pass out bulletins, assist in passing the plate for offering and in helping the process with Holy Communion? It's a great way to meet people in the congregation. The schedule normally rotates by months (3 months, not consecutively out of the year). You also don't have to be here EVERY Sunday of the month. You are put into a group and those members also help with your months and the rotation. Please contact the church office if you're interested.

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 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!

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!!



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

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

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

****Altar Guild Meeting February 14h 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.

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.

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 1/24/23:

Income: \$40,016

Expenses: \$34,492

Carryover 2022: \$44,830

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

RECORDS:

Baptisms: Lincoln Michael Patterson, son of Tyler and Victoria Patterson



Deaths: Brian Schoenenberger
Jennifer (Fossing) Davies

*In Loving
Memory*

MEMORIALS:

General Fund – *In memory of Howard Erickson, father of Betty Olson.*

Renovation Fund – *In memory of June Richardson.*

OFFERING OPTIONS:

The ministry of our congregation continues in many ways! The options remain open for ways of contributing your offerings. You may use on-line giving on our website alcofwindom.com, mail in your offering to PO Box 188, Windom, drop it off at the church or simply place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions regarding these options, please contact Wendy Pigman in the church office.



BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

Shetek Lutheran Ministries 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 Skylight Court along with the thermometer showing our progress. **We're at \$22,183 with \$2,817 away from our goal** with opportunities to give through memorials, one-time gifts, or completing a giving intent form found in the Skylight Court. Thank you to those who have given, pledged or intend to give. Questions? Contact Steve or Jean Johnson, Campaign co-chairs for ALC.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE SUMMARY OF CAMPAIGN PROJECT COSTS FOR PHASE I

Adult/Youth Lodge	\$440,000
Two Duplex Cabins – \$270,000/ea	\$540,000
Infrastructure (water, sewer, power)	\$183,000
Campaign Costs (printing, office, staff, consultant)	\$190,000
Contingency	\$147,000
TOTAL	\$1,500,000

CHALLENGE PHASE MAKING A BIGGER DIFFERENCE - PHASE II

Additional Duplex Cabin	\$270,000
Develop New Camp Entrance	\$150,000
Arts and Crafts Center	\$10,000
Contingency	\$70,000
TOTAL	\$500,000

SUMMARY

Shetek Lutheran Ministries was founded on the firm foundation of God's promises and Christ's redemptive love. This ministry has provided more than 70 years of ministry on Keeley Island. Many necessary and important improvements have been made over the last three decades – a major renovation of the dining hall, the construction and then expansion of Lakota Retreat Center and construction of the activity center. These improvements have been wonderful assets that have blessed participants of every age nearly every week of the year.

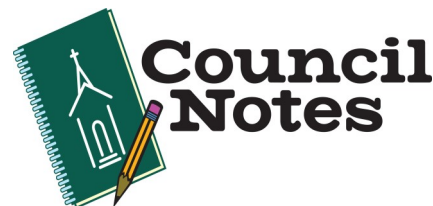
Many groups are turned away throughout the year because of space limitations especially during fall, winter and spring seasons. There is much potential to expand this ministry and reach more people throughout these seasons as well as provide more comfortable and hospitable facilities for the campers and guests during the summer months.

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 camper's (or 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 will not be possible without more winterized facilities.
4. The water treatment/filtration system needs to be upgraded.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM **January 10th, 2023 MEETING**

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



- The tabled 6% “retirement option” was removed from the table MM/S (Mike/Kevin) and received a “no” vote.
- A motion was made to recommend the 2023 budget for the Annual Meeting.
- Two additions were made to the ALC Personnel Policies as follows:
 - 5.4.1. Part time, non-salaried program staff and support staff, who regularly work at least 20 hours per week, shall be eligible for retirement benefits equal to 6% of wages paid, beginning in the tenth year of service. MM/S/C (Mike/Kevin)
 - 8.1.4. To initiate vacation requests, employees eligible for vacation benefits, shall submit the request to the Lead Pastor. The Lead Pastor shall submit vacation requests to the Council President. MM/S/C (Nancy/Kevin)
- Nancy will sign the Bethany Agreement and it will be presented to Gareth Holmen, Bethany Lutheran’s President for his signature. MM/S/C (Nancy/Cory)
- ALC will host the Synod’s Anti-racism Training on October 26 or November 2.
- Approval of the 2023 ballot with the withdrawal of Darcy Hoffman from the Youth and Family Board. MM/S/C (Karen/Kevin)

Board Reports

Worship and Music Board – The board wonders what we would do if Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. They are also considering a survey to see if Wednesday services should be offered in the summer.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board – Discussed the Lutefisk Supper and serving a Lenten supper.

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship Board – Will be relaunching an Authentic Manhood Bible Study.

Properties Board- Four closers are needed on the Sanctuary doors. Blinds for the classrooms should be placed on the memorial list. The parsonage will eventually need a new fence.

Budget and Finance Board – The church ended the year \$44,000 in the black. The Scholarship Fund will eventually be administered by the Trust Fund.

Christian Education Board – The 2nd Semester has begun for Sunday/Wednesday School. Girls’ Night and Boys’ Afternoon are being planned.

Youth and Family Board – Fifty students went to Springfield for bowling and pizza and 38 students participated in Winter Fun Day. Many activities are being planned with a BINGO fundraiser on January 22, Valentines Supper on February 5, Faith Fest in Sioux Falls, Kansas City Trip, Gustavus Leadership Day, Ash Wednesday/Lenten Suppers to mention a few.

Church In Society Board- Will once again sponsor a Lenten Challenge.

GLOW – Sewing days are 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. ALC will host the Shetek Spring Conference on April 22 with Katie from Shetek speaking. The trip to “Church Basement Ladies” is rescheduled for January 18.

GLOW

GAIS LIVING OUR WITNESS

in February

SEWING & MORE !!!

Tuesdays, February 7 & 21

9:00 am - 2-ish

Yes, some simple sewing is involved but also kits are packed for Lutheran World Relief plus we enjoy coffee together and lots of laughter!

Come check us out!

Meet in the Fellowship Hall anytime between 9 and 2. Bring a sack lunch if you come for the day!

Questions?

Call Jackie Turner 822-1633

Mark Your
Calendar

March 5 @ 10 am
GLOW Meeting

April 22
Shetek Conference
Spring Gathering
here at ALC!

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday

February 16 @ 2 pm
ALC Meeting Room

The 10 Commandments

Jan/Feb Gather Magazine

Session 2:

Commandments 3 & 4

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

February 2023



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Mark your Calendar

- March 10-11 Confirmation Retreat
- March 18 Pre-Marriage Retreat
- March 26 Sugar Bush Pancake Breakfast

Register at shetek.org or

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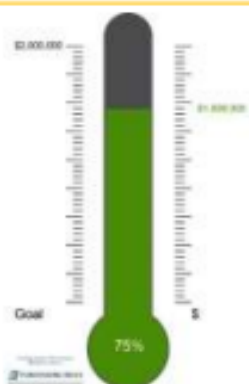
We do rent our cross country skis and snowshoes to use this winter!

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness." Jeremiah 31:3

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

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/>



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!