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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.

Wednesday, March 1

6:30 PM Lenten Worship w/ Noisy Offering

Saturday, March 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 8

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

Saturday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday in Lent
Second Sunday Noisy Offering
9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, March 15

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

Saturday, March 18

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, March 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 PM Lenten Worship w/N-2nd Grade Singing

Saturday, March 25

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 26

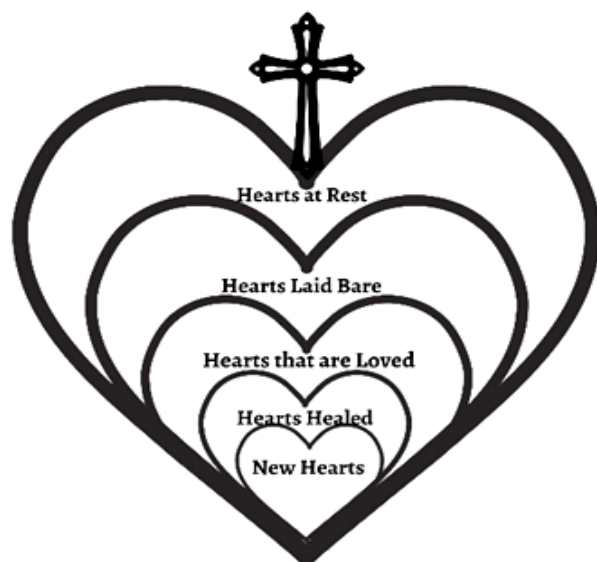
9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 29

6:30 PM Lenten Worship w/N-2nd Grade Singing



Pastor's Message



Wholehearted Faith
 based on writings by Rachel Held Evans
Love the Lord with all your heart.
 Lent 2023

“What is Lent for?” The question came up at the Worship and Music Board meeting as we began planning for Lent 2023. *“It’s a season to remember your baptism, be renewed in your faith, and lean into the story of Jesus’ suffering and death”* I said. We do that last part, concentrating on Jesus suffering and death, especially during Holy Week, and through many of the hymns that we sing during Lent. Sometimes we make personal sacrifices during Lent to draw us closer to God, and to help us remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us: *giving his own life.*

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, Bethany Lutheran and American Lutheran will worship together with the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer*. Each night will include a reading from scripture and a reading from the book *Wholehearted Faith* by renowned author Rachel Held Evans. This was Rachel’s last book before her untimely death at age 37. Rachel encourages us to be real, to ask questions, to be honest and vulnerable, so that we can be changed by the God who loves us so much he gave us Jesus. She invites us to recenter ourselves this season in the ancient words of the *Shema*:

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
 You shall love the Lord your God
 with all your heart,
 and with all your soul,
 and with all your might.
 Deuteronomy 6.4-5*

“Heart and soul and might: in other words, we are to love God with our whole selves, our whole messy and complicated and conflicted selves.” *Wholehearted Faith* p. 56

I look forward to what we will learn, and how we will be reshaped as a people during these forty days!

A final word: when I make pastoral visits, I often find that one of you has been there first, caring for the person that I also came to care for. *I am so grateful for the way that you are community together, loving and serving in the Body of Christ.*

Jesus taught them in parables saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” Matthew 13.31-32

May our congregation and the community that we form inside and outside of the church provide a home, a place of shelter, and safety for the great variety of people who like the birds “make nests in its branches.”

Pastor Sarah

March

2023

Worship & Music Notes

from Jane Cartwright, Worship & Music Coordinator

Week: Theme: Scripture:

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| Mar.. 1-5 | Laborers in the Vineyard | Matthew 20:1-16 |
| Mar. 8-12 | Wedding Banquet | Matthew 22:1-14 |
| Mar. 15-19 | Bridesmaids (or Talents) | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| Mar. 22 -26 | Last Judgment | Matthew 25:31-46 |

Lenten Service Notes:

We'll worship with Holden Evening Prayer, and Wholehearted Faith, thoughts compiled by Rachel Held Evans before her untimely death in 2019. This series is to create a way in which participants may encounter Jesus who died and was raised. May we meet him again, and be drawn deeper into the practices of our faith this Lenten season. May we know more deeply the love of God, and receive that love with a wholehearted faith. Come join this 40 day journey as we join our hearts, minds and lives to the life of Jesus, our Savior.

*The N-Gr 2 students will share a song at the Lenten service on March 15th. All Lenten services will begin at 6:30 pm.

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| Lent 1 | 3/01/23 | Acts 10 | New Hearts |
| Lent 2 | 3/08/23 | Matthew 5:43-48 | Hearts Healed |
| Lent 3 | 3/15/23 | Mark 8:27-33 | Hearts That Are Loved |
| Lent 4 | 3/22/23 | Psalms 102:9-11,17 | Hearts Laid Bare |
| Lent 5 | 3/29/23 | Exodus 20:8-10 | Hearts at Rest |
| | | Nehemiah 13:15,17 | Psalms 46:30 |



Lent

Mid-week Ecumenical Lenten Services at the Presbyterian Church

Where? First United Presbyterian Church, 336 11th St.

What? 30 minute Lenten Worship (in-person and through Facebook live). When? 12:00 noon: March 1st, March 8th (*P. Sarah and ALC hosting*), March 15th, March 22nd and March 29th (*P. Adam*). A noon luncheon follows each service!

The theme for this Lenten Series is Amazing Grace. In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace," this worship series for Lent by theologian Michael Hoy ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ's disciples. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God's mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection.

Service Notes:

March Ushers: Gary Nelson's team

Holy Communion: Sunday: March 5th and March 26th; Saturday: Mar.. 11th and Mar. 18th. Due to Lenten services, there will be no Holy Communion on Wed. March 1st.

Noisy Offering: ALC will be collecting coins, etc. for the **Windom Area Sharing Center** on Wed. Mar. 8th, Sat. Mar. 11th and Sun. Mar.. 12th. Please note that the Wednesday offering will be collected on the tables found in the Narthex, before entering the sanctuary, due to Lenten worship.

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

Noisy Offering This Month: Windom Area Sharing

Center: The Windom Area Sharing Center is a food pantry to help those in need. Please consider donating to this great organization.

SCRIPTURE READERS

MARCH 5: _____

MARCH 12: _____

MARCH 19: _____

MARCH 26: _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 5: _____

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26: _____

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AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

March, 2023

COME JOIN US

MONTHLY | WORSHIP | OPPORTUNITIES

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 22

March

2023

Christian Education

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



MARCH MADNESS

**SPECIAL TREATS FOR STUDENTS
IN THEIR CLASSROOMS!**

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY SCHOOL
MARCH 8TH & 12TH!



**SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES
CAMP DAYS
AT ALC!**

MARCH 1ST & 5TH

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALC
PAYS \$100 TOWARDS MINI-
CAMP AND \$200 TOWARDS
FULL-WEEK & FAMILY CAMP?

**FROM NOW UNTIL MARCH 10TH -
ENTER YOUR CHILD'S NAME INTO A DRAWING
FOR A FREE WEEK/MINI-WEEK AT
SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES!**

TO REGISTER - EMAIL TERA WITH YOUR CHILD'S
NAME/GRADE AND INDICATE WHICH DRAWING (FULL
WEEK OR MINI) YOU'D LIKE HIM/HER ENTERED.
DRAWING WILL BE HELD VIA FB LIVE AT NOON ON
MARCH 15TH!



**WED/SUN SCHOOL
PRAYER
2023
PARTNER PARTY!**

Wednesday School
March 15th
Sunday School
March 19th
during regular classtimes!



**PALM SUNDAY
NURSERY - 6TH GRADE
EASTER EGG HUNT!**

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND - 10:00AM
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP AND
IN PLACE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSROOM TIME!

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF CANDY
THE RIGHT SIZE TO FILL OUR EGGS!
THANK YOU!

March

2023

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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



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

MONDAY, MARCH 6TH
AFTER SCHOOL - 4:30PM
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 March 3rd!



4TH-6TH GRADE

GIRLS NIGHT!

Sunday, March 26th
 5:00-7:00pm

Please sign up your daughter with Tera no later than March 15th!



Jr High/Sr High Youth Group

Winter FUN DAY
TAKE TWO!
Sunday, March 19th

Open Skating and/or Learn How to Play Racquetball/Racquetball Games

1:00 - 3:00pm
Windom Arena
Cost: FREE!
FRIENDS WELCOME!



Fifth Grade
First Communion Classes
-Thursdays-
After School until 4:30pm
March 16, 23, & 30

Pastor Adam will pick up kids with the Church mini-bus after school!

Snack & Drink will be Provided!

Youth & Family/Good to Know

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!

MARCH ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Mar 1st– Jocelyn Frank & Katie Purrington

Sunday, Mar 5th– Lilly Derickson & Charlotte Nauman

Wednesday, Mar 8th– Addison Evans & Lizzie Bramstadt

Sunday, Mar 12th– Sadie Tjentland & Brita Tjentland

Wednesday, Mar 15th– Theora Ahnupkana & Zadie -Anne Johnson

Sunday, Mar 19th– Addison Spielman & Fiona Robillard

Wednesday, Mar 22nd – Miranda Peterson & Grace Scheitel

Sunday, Mar 26th– Jocelyn Frank & Lizzie Bramstadt

Wednesday, Mar 29th– Jemisyn Flute & Anja Nielsen

*****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).*****



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

McPrayer

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.



KID'S CLOSET

Kid's Closet at the Presbyterian Church hosted for the Sharing Center is always in need of donations. The Kid's closet has clothes for kids through the age of 18 and

coats for both adults and kids. These donations can be dropped off at the Sharing Center Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 10AM to 1PM. The Sharing Center receives donations of adult clothing. The Sharing Center and Kids Closet are open every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. In order for people to use the Kids' Closet, they have to go to the Sharing Center first and then they are referred over to the Kids' Closet.

The Presbyterian Church is always looking for volunteers for the Kid's Closet; if you're interested, please let Gina in the office know. There is always two volunteers, one of them being Presbyterian in the Kid's Closet.

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!



SCRAPBOOK/CRAFTING

RETREAT! Bring your favorite crafting past time, rent a table and hangout with others that love to craft and enjoy some good snacks/food. **Friday, March 24th 9am - Midnight & Saturday, March 25th 9am - 7pm.** All Proceeds will go to the ALC Youth! Contact Mary Mohlencamp for more information marymohl@rconnect.com or 507-822-1179. See page 7 for the Registration forms. **Please register by Friday, March 17th!**

2023 ANNUAL SPRING ALC YOUTH FUNDAISER

SCRAPBOOK & CRAFTING RETREAT

Friday, March 24th, 2023
9AM to Midnight

Saturday, March 25th, 2023
9AM to 7PM

\$35 per Day or \$50 for BOTH Days

Mary Mohlencamp & ALC Youth are hosting a 2 day Retreat for ALL Crafters and Stampers/Scrappers

****ALL Proceeds go to The American Lutheran Church Youth Program!****

Retreat Itinerary:

- Friday Night: Supper at 6PM & Brownies and Ice Cream for a late night snack!
- Saturday Morning: Brunch at 10am, water and coffee provided
- Please bring snacks to share
- There will be door prizes!
- Electrical outlets will be available.

For more information contact Mary Mohlencamp at marymohl@rconnect.com
507-822-1179

Please fill out the registration below and make checks payable to ALC Youth. Then mail it to PO Box 188- Attn: Wendy Pigman

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

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Good to Know

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



SAVE THE DATE: GLOW Meeting Sunday, March 5th at 10AM (after worship) in the Meeting Room. ALL women belong to GLOW and are welcome to attend the meeting to find out what's happening and how you can be a part of the fun!



MEN'S GROUP

Men, do you like cribbage and pizza? If so, join us in the fellowship hall on Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm for cribbage, pizza, fellowship, and a devotion. Feel free to bring a friend whether they're members or not! All are welcome! If you have ideas about more activities that you would like to do, please contact Pastor Adam.



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.

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.

ALC will be **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** at our 6:30 PM Wednesday, April 12th worship service and at our 9:00 AM Sunday, April 16th worship service. A letter will be sent out to those who have indicated interest in becoming members of ALC. If you are interested in becoming a member please fill out the "How can we serve you" questionnaire in the Saturday/Sunday bulletins and drop it in the offering plate, call or email the church office at (507)831- 1794/winalc@windomnet.com or talk to one of our staff.

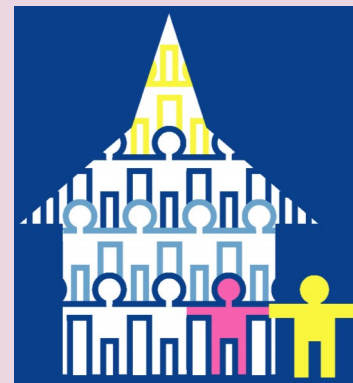
NEW MEMBER INFORMATION:

Did You Know?

If you're interested in becoming a member at ALC, you are welcome to join all year round! We have a "New Member Recognition" in both the Spring and the Fall.

If you are interested in becoming a member, or learning more about membership here at ALC, we ask that you fill out the "How Can We Serve You" questionnaire in the Saturday/Sunday bulletin, call the church office, or speak to any one of the church staff. We will provide you a New Member Information sheet to complete/return and add you to our monthly Messenger/Newsletter mailing/email lists (at your request). At that point, one of our pastors will contact you to share more about ALC and our Lutheran faith background.

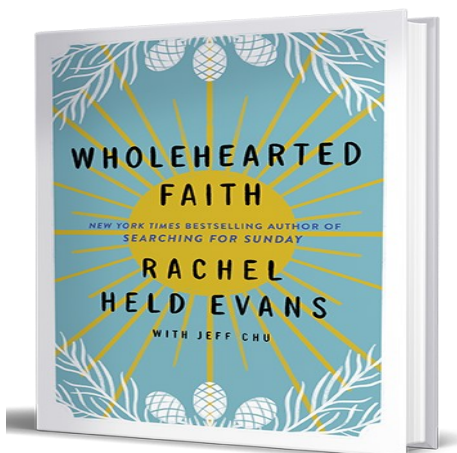
If you have questions at any time, you are always welcome to call the church office. Being a member means having a voice (a vote) at our mid-year/annual meetings on topics that pertain to everything that involves our church, the ability to serve on our various boards and committees should you choose to do so, and simply having a place to call your church home. Please note however, that membership is not a requirement to attend any of our services, activities, or events! Our goal here at ALC is to be a place where everyone feels welcomed, safe, valued, and a sense of belonging.



Lent 2023

American Lutheran Church & Bethany Lutheran Church

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart
Deuteronomy 6. 5*



Lenten Worship Theme

Holden Evening Prayer/ Wholehearted Faith

-Rachel Held Evans' final book which encourages us to be real, to ask questions, to be honest and vulnerable, so that we can be changed by the God who loves us so much he gave us Jesus.

Weekly Lenten Worship

March 1st– Lent 1:

New Hearts “*The Steady Work of Living Water*”

March 8th– Lent 2:

Hearts Healed “*Loving Our Enemies*”

March 15th–Lent 3:

Hearts that are Loved “*From Death to Life*”

March 22nd– Lent 4:

Hearts Laid Bare “*God has made a Home with us*”

March 29th– Lent 5:

Hearts at Rest “*Dwelling in Sabbath*”

Wednesday Lenten Schedule

March 1,8,15,22,29

5:00 PM Lenten Supper

5:30 PM Wednesday School

5:30 PM Choir

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

7:30 PM 8th, & 9th Grade Confirmation
(No 7th Grade Confirmation during Lent)

Palm Sunday, April 2

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & N-6th Grade Wednesday & Sunday School Students Sing

Maundy Thursday, April 6

6:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion / 1st Communion

Good Friday, April 7

6:30 PM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 9

The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion led by Youth

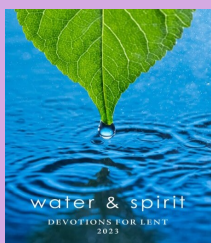
8:00 AM Easter Breakfast by Youth

9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion

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!

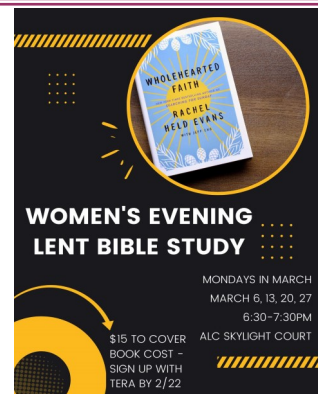


Women's Evening Lent Bible Study

“Wholehearted Faith”

Mondays in March at 6:30pm-7:30pm led by Tera Elness March 6, 13, 20, 27, ALC Skylight Court. \$15 to cover book cost sign up with Tera by 2/22

OR join Pastor Sarah for her Adult Learning on “Wholehearted Faith” Sunday, March 19 at 10:00am in the Meeting Room. The book is not needed, but may be purchased on your own.



Mid-week Ecumenical Lenten Services at the Presbyterian Church

Theme: “Amazing Grace”

Where? First United Presbyterian Church, 336 11th St.

What? 30 minute Lenten Worship followed by a meal in the basement

When? Wednesdays at 12:00 noon March 1st, 8th (ALC Serves w/Pastor Sarah Preaching), 15th, 22nd, and the 29th (Pastor Adam Preaching).



You are invited to join your sisters and brothers in Christ at the First Presbyterian Church at noon during Lent for worship and lunch. This year the theme revolves around the 250th anniversary of the hymn “Amazing Grace.” The worship service will start at noon followed by lunch. The schedule is as follows: March 1 – Pam Prouty from the First Presbyterian Church will lead worship and FPC will serve lunch; March 8 – Sarah Tade from American Lutheran Church will lead worship and ALC will serve lunch; March 15 – Mike McInnis from the United Methodist Church will lead worship and UMC will serve lunch; March 22 – Mary Theesvold from the Catholic Church will lead worship and the Catholic Church will serve lunch; March 29 – Adam Roberts from the American Lutheran Church will lead worship and the First Presbyterian Church will serve lunch. Come join us.

Good to Know

Lenten Suppers at ALC

Lenten Suppers Began on Ash Wednesday. As in the past, various groups will be serving dinner on Wednesdays during Lent to familiarize the congregation about their ministry and to raise funds for this ministry.

~~Ash Wednesday, February 22nd~~— Hosted by the Youth & Family Board

~~Chicken Wild Rice Soup or Chili w/a hotdog for a kids option.~~

Canceled due to weather

Wednesday, March 1st— Hosted by Boundary Waters Youth Fundraiser

Pizza

Wednesday, March 8th— Hosted by Spiritual Life & Fellowship

Potato soup, chili, bread, and bars

Wednesday, March 15th— Hosted by Shetek Ondini Circuit Partnership

Beef stew over rice with mac and cheese for a kids option.

Wednesday, March 22nd— Hosted by Kansas City Youth Fundraiser

Spaghetti and garlic bread

Wednesday, March 29th— Hosted by Bethany Lutheran

Pulled pork sandwiches, chips, and bars



All donations will go towards each group that is hosting/serving the meals.

Thank you for supporting these ministries/groups!

All are welcome! Whether you're a member or not! Bring a friend!

Come share in the great food and fellowship during this Lenten season.

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.

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

February 2023 American Lutheran Church Meals on Wheels



A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the members who helped with Meals on Wheels in February. Especially all those who battle the winter weather. Thank you for giving your time to a great cause! Those who received the meals are especially grateful for all the people that prepare the meals and the many volunteers that deliver them!

VOLUNTEERS:

Jane Moldaschel, Lou Masters, Lori Mickelson, DAC Employees, Su Jeffries, Dawn Aamot, Bob Aamot, Vicki Burmeister, Terry Burmeister, Lori Seifert, Steve Seifert, Judy Lindvall, Rory Lindvall, Jackie Turner, Paul Turner, Al Peterson, Pogo Kaiser, Robert Halvorsen, John Berge, Page Kern, Kay Evers, Dorothy Fundahn, Deb Minion, Nick Trotter, Judy Trotter, Vernon Huebert, Alice Huebert, Leann Johnson, Brenda Koch, and Laura White KDOM.

SUBS:

Chelsie Carlson, Gordy Skarset, and Jane Moldaschel

THANK YOU!!

These church Board and Committee members and Executive Officers terms have expired. They have been dedicated to the work of our church and we are grateful for their time. Thank you Nancy Michalski, Paul Johnson, Page Kern, Michael Wojahn, Lavonne Minion, Alyssa Derickson, Vanessa Tjentland, Amanda Wilson, Mandie Borer, Darcy Hoffman, Michele Johnson, Dale Evers, and Janice Pohlman.

On that note, the following Boards are in need and each have 1 opening. Budget & Finance, and Youth & Family. There are also 3 openings for the Nominating Committee (calling and finding people to serve on boards/council when positions are open). If you have questions about these boards or positions. Please call the church office for more information and please consider volunteering!

40 DAYS \$40 LENTEN CHALLENGE! This year Church in Society's Lenten Challenge donations will be raising money to help those in Turkey and Syria struggling from the earthquake and also to help Ukrainian refugees as they seek to rebuild their lives throughout Europe. The donations that come in will be split between the two. We're asking you to keep these catastrophes in mind while also asking you to participate in the Lenten Challenge by giving a dollar a day for forty days to help those who are struggling from these disasters. Please make checks to American Lutheran Church with Lutheran Disaster Response in the memo line. . Thank you! Please note, a 40 Days \$40 Lenten envelope will be sent out in the March messenger and some will be placed on the tables in the narthex.



If you missed the **Easter Flower Deadline** please stop in or call Gina in the church office 507-831-1794. Thank you!



March is Food Share Month! Church and Society will be collecting items through March for the local food shelf.

- * First week - Cleaning and Paper items (Pledge, Detergent, paper towels,...)
- * Second week - Personal Items (Toiletries, diapers, soap...)
- * Third week - Breakfast Items (Juice, cereal, oatmeal...)
- * Fourth week - Canned Goods (Fruits, veggies, soup,...)

We will take any items anytime - this is suggestions only!! Monetary donations are also great!!!



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 March 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,

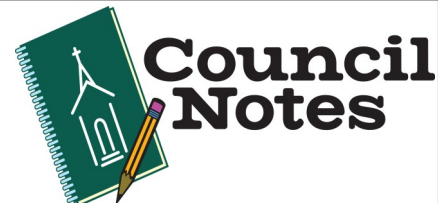
PRAYER CHAIN: To activate ALC's Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 831-1794 or an email may be sent to winalc@windomnet.com.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM February 7th, 2023 MEETING

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



- Review of Chapter 12 of the Constitution - members read through Chapter 12
- Signing of the Ethics Policy/Update Roster and Contact Information - members of the council completed the forms
- Review Constitutional Changes - will table this until the next Church Council meeting
- Review open board/Synod Assembly positions - it was determined that the Council would post/advertise open positions for the congregation to volunteer to serve
- Delegates needed for the Shetek Conference Assembly held in Hills, MN on February 26th at 2:00 pm

Board Reports

Worship & Music - Karen reported, elected the same officers as the past, mentoring some confirmation students during Lent, Rachel Held Evans book Wholehearted Faith will be used during Lent, Holy Week schedules were presented, Shetek Rep here in March, Gideons on 2/12/23, dates for graduation activities were presented, a survey for summer Wednesday service will go out

Spiritual Life & Fellowship - No report

Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship - Steve Johnson will continue as Board Chair, Brandon reported

Properties - No report

Budget & Finance - Chad was elected as the Board Chair

Christian Education - Melissa was elected as the Board Chair, Jamie was elected secretary, successful events of Donuts with family, Girls night for grades 4-6, Upcoming events were presented, a request to increase to a 7 member board, VBS dates set 7/30-8/3, Women's Bible Study using Wholehearted Faith, just over 100 students that attend Wednesday & Sunday school

Youth & Family - Cory is the Board Chair, BINGO fundraiser and Valentine's Supper were successes, FaithFest has 30 students attending this coming weekend, Mt. Kato Tubing for MS/HS students, Lenten suppers, fundraisers upcoming for youth, 18 students signed up for the KC mission trip

Church in Society - Jennifer elected as Board Chair, money raised for the Lenten Challenge will be used for Ukraine, Turkey and Syria, food shelf collections for March, spring clean up ahead

GLOW - No report

LIVESTREAMING UPDATE:

Due to technical/equipment issues, we are unable to livestream until further notice.

Recordings of Sunday services will be available to watch on our YouTube channel (alcwindom), our Facebook Page, and our church website (alcofwindom.com) by 1:00 PM on Sundays.

You can also listen to the day's service on KDOM radio (103.1 FM) at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings.

Sunday services are also played on Windom Cable Channel 22 on Thursdays at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to be live-streaming again soon!

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 2/21/23:

Income: \$73,179

Expenses: \$88,379

Carryover 2022: \$44,830

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

RECORDS:

Baptisms: No baptisms this month



Deaths: Monica Amundson

*In Loving
Memory*

MEMORIALS:

Organ Fund – *In memory of June Richardson.*

Parking Lot Fund – *In memory of Jennifer "Fossing" Davies.*

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, 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

\$22,647 given and pledged to date. We're so close to our goal of \$25,000. THANK YOU!

On March 1 and 5, Marv Nysetvold, Executive Director at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, will be here to give us highlights of the new lodge and information about what's next. We will also be asking you to help us reach our goal. If you can't give now, a promise to give in the future would be greatly appreciated. *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. Thank you for supporting Shetek Lutheran Ministries with your prayers and donations.

SITE PLAN



Gals Living Our Witness

All women of American Lutheran Church
are members of GLOW!

Our Purpose Statement: "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in our church, our society, and our world."



March Bible Study

Thursday, March 16
2 p.m.

ALC Meeting Room
March "Gather" Magazine
Bible Study

The 10 Commandments
Session 3: Commandments 5 & 6

The sanctity of life and love
See Gina in the office for a copy of
the Bible Study!

Sewing Days

March 7&21
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
@ 9:00 a.m.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make
quilts, baby care kits, fabric kits,
personal care kits and school kits
for missions.

Come for part of the day
or bring a sack lunch and
spend the day
(until about 2:00p.m.).

No experience
necessary!



Questions? Contact
Jackie Turner 822-1633

GLOW Team Meeting

Sunday, March 5
10:00 a.m.

ALC meeting room
Let's get together
and plan future events!
All are Welcome!

World Day Of Prayer

Friday, March 3

Is an international
ecumenical Christian
laywomen's initiative. World
day of prayer may be
observed at your own desire,
but there is no in person
gathering in Windom.

March 2023



14 Keeley Island Drive
Slayton, MN 56172
507-763-3567
camp@shetek.org
www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Mark your Calendar



Work at camp this summer! -
shetek.org/work-at-shetek



*Sugar Bush Pancake Breakfast
March 26 9:00a-1:00p*

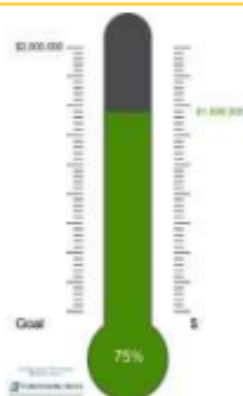
- March 10-11 Confirmation Retreat
- March 18 Pre-Marriage Retreat
- March 25 Square Dance 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- March 26 Sugar Bush Pancake Breakfast
- April 22 Pre-Marriage Retreat
- April 28-29 Confirmation Retreat

Register at shetek.org or
Call 507-763-3567 for more information

Wish List

- 17 ft Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- Office supplies – reams of paper
- Flat screen computer monitor
- Volunteers

We met our Phase 1 goal!
\$1,530,000 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/](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!**