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WINDOM, MN

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

Saturday, April 1

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion, & N-6th Grade (Sun. & Wed. Students) Sing

Wednesday, April 5

No Supper, Wednesday School, Worship, or Confirmation

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/ First Communion & 3rd-6th Grade Sing

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

6:30 PM Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 8

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

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

9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship w/Holy Communion

11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, April 12

New Member Recognition Wednesday

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & New Member Recognition

Saturday, April 15

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

Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

New Member Recognition Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/New Member Recognition w/Noisy Offering

Wednesday, April 19

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

Saturday, April 22

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, April 23

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship

Saturday, April 29

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, April 30

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship

April

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.



Pastor's Message

[Jesus says,] "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

-John 15:26-27

Every year the Gideons throw a banquet for local pastors. One of the highlights of this event is when they have someone share their testimony.

This time the guy who spoke must have been about late fifties, balding, yet with a kind of mohawk, and a long goatee down to his chest; totally looked like a hardcore biker. He tells his story of his abusive dad calling him worthless ever since he was a kid. He talked about hanging out with the older rebel kids who accepted him. From there it was a downhill ride from smoking, to drinking to drugs, and, of all things, becoming a pastor in Satan's Church (yes, there are Satanic congregations in the United States, but that's a story for another time).

He told a particular story about getting so jacked on meth that his friend didn't even wake up when his mattress, being next to the radiator, caught on fire. His friend ended up burning alive.

The speaker said then that he became suicidal but found himself in prison, again, and found himself in some program that made him do Bible homework where he found a passage similar to something in the Satanic Bible. This piqued his curiosity, which caused him to read the Bible more, and, long story short, he's now a Christian pastor in Wisconsin.

We Lutherans have so many awesome things going for us but one thing that we are severely lacking is sharing our faith out loud. Personally, I'm lucky, because as a pastor I get to talk to many of you. I'm blessed that people share their faith stories with me simply because I have a fancy title. I know for a fact that many of you have incredible stories of experiencing God in your life. Those stories you have are spiritual gold and I'm going to ask you to not hoard them.

Do as Jesus says in the passage above and share your faith; your testimony is desperately needed. Sermons are helpful but let's be honest, people don't remember sermons. They're like lunch. You know you ate it, you know it's helping you now, but who knows what we actually ate.

Testimonies are like cake. You don't forget when you had cake. You remember what kind it was, who made it, and, if you're like me, you get happy later in the afternoon when you find some leftovers in your mouth that break loose and you get to remember it all over again.

Testimonies are powerful. They not only strengthen the faith of believers but they also are seeds planted in the hearts of those who don't yet have a great relationship with Jesus. There are some who worship with us who aren't that vested in Jesus. Thank God they're worshipping with us anyway, but it just might be your story that puts words and examples to something they have already experienced; you just might help get their bridge to Jesus built.

Tell your story during worship. It doesn't have to be an extreme story like the one above, every-day stories are also awesome. Talk to me and I'll set it up. I won't lie to you, you will need courage. I know right now some of you are thinking your stories will sound stupid, or crazy, or you're thinking people might think you're a weirdo, but you're wrong. People need your experiences so that they can feel comfortable sharing their own.

God needs more publicity. We don't talk enough about specific, everyday things that God actually does. Help the Church make that normal.

Pastor Adam Roberts

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Worship & Music Notes

from Jane Cartwright, Worship & Music Coordinator

Week:	Theme:	Scripture:
Apr. 1-2	Palm Sunday: Triumphal Entry	Matthew 21:1-17
Apr. 6	Maundy Thurs: Words of Institution	Matthew 26:17-30
Apr. 7	Good Friday: Crucifixion	Matthew 27:27-61
Apr. 9	Easter	Matthew 28: 1-10
Apr. 16	Great Commission	Matthew 28:16-20
Apr. 23	Peter's Vision	Acts 10:1-17, 34-48
Apr. 30	Paul's Mission	Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18



No matter how the month of March ended, exiting like a lamb or a lion, with the beginning of April, our spirits are lightened, just knowing that sprouts, new life, will soon be breaking through the moisture filled earth. So, too, are joyous shouts of "Christ is Risen, Hallelujah!", soon to be heard coming from the community of believers. The stories we have heard, the past several weeks from Matthew, have helped to shape our faith.

*"Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ Is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!" ELW #388*

Service Notes:

April Ushers: Jay Mickelson team

New Members will be received on Wed. April 12th and Sunday, April 16th.

Holy Communion: Palm Sunday - April 2nd, All Festival Easter Sunday Worship services, and April 23rd;

Saturday: April 8th and April 15th;
Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 pm.

Noisy Offering: ALC will be collecting coins, etc. for **The Banquet** on Wed. April 12th, Sat. April 15th, and Sun. April 16th.

It's a busy month! Come check out the Worship Volunteer Sheet located on the Worship and Music Bulletin Board in the main hallway.

SCRIPTURE READERS

APRIL 2 - PALM SUNDAY 9:00 AM: _____

APRIL 9 - EASTER 9:00 AM: _____

APRIL 9 - EASTER 11:00 AM: _____

APRIL 16 - 9:00 AM: _____

APRIL 23 - 9:00 AM: _____

APRIL 30 - 9:00 AM: _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

(3) _____ SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - 9:00 AM

(3) _____ SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - 11:00 AM

(3) _____ SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - 9:00 AM

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
April, 2023

COME JOIN US

MONTHLY

WORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES



Noisy Offering This Month: The Banquet



THE BANQUET

The Banquet meal ministry is a volunteer-based ministry, meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. Their mission is to provide a welcoming place where people can gather, receive nourishment and experience love in action, and to assist volunteers in providing food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of The Banquet. They will be vigilant in identifying and fulfilling the needs of the hungry in the diverse community and in encouraging the health and wellness of their guests. Please consider donating to this important ministry. ALC serves at the Banquet in July.

**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**



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Christian Education

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



On **Maundy Thursday, April 6th**, our 3rd-6th graders will be singing along with our 5th grade students participating in their **First Communion** as part of the 6:30pm service. 5th grade students are asked to meet in Skylight Court at 6:00pm for flower pinning and group picture. A reception sponsored by the Christian Education Board will be held immediately following the service in their honor.



Hey Hey 6th Graders!
 You're graduating
 Sunday/Wednesday School!
 Let's CELEBRATE!

6th Graders & their Parents
 are asked to join me on
Wednesday, May 3rd (Skylight Ct)
or Sunday, May 7th (Fellowship Hall)
 during their regular class time
 for a special celebration and **"Look Ahead"**
 at what the next leg of their
 faith formation journey
 will look like here at ALC!
 Can't wait to see you!

Tera

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Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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

TGI Good Friday

APRIL 7TH, 2023

8th-12th Graders

are invited to join Tera in the Youth Room following the 6:30pm Good Friday service to watch "The Passion of the Christ" and discuss just why Good Friday...is GOOD. We will end at 10pm.

Due to the intense nature of this film, parental permission is required.

GET TO KNOW OUR KANSAS CITY YOUTH ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT TACO NIGHT!

SUNDAY,
APRIL 23RD
5:00-7:00PM
AMERICAN LUTHERAN
CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

\$10
SUGGESTED
DONATION

COME AND HEAR FROM OUR YOUTH HEADING TO KC THIS SUMMER WHILE ALSO HELPING TO FINANCE THEIR TRIP!

Save the Date

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(VBS)

WHEN:

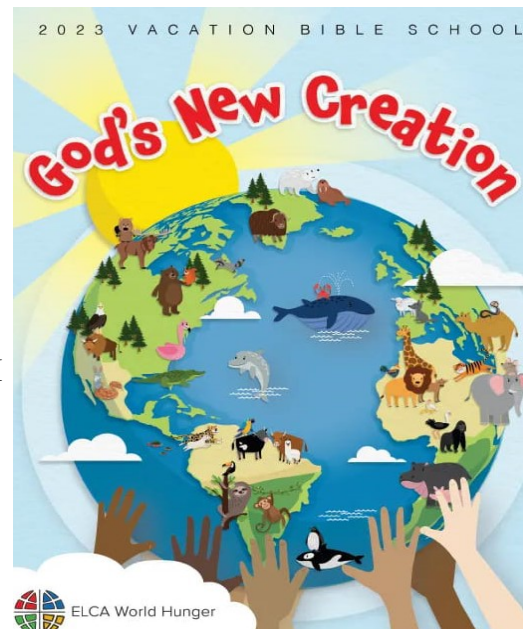
Sunday, July 30th– Thursday, August 3rd

TIME:

5:30PM-8:00 PM

THEME:

ELCA World Hunger: "God's New Creation!"



****Be on the lookout for early registration in MAY! ****

Women's Bible Study

THREE SESSIONS
MONDAY EVENINGS
APRIL 3, 10, & 17
6:30-8:00pm
Skylight Court

- Body
- Mind
- Soul

Join us as we discuss body, mind, and soul, and the ways we feed each one. This study will provide hands-on tools as well as inspiration with a focus on overall wellness. There is no fee to attend and you need not be an ALC member to join.

Contact
Tera Elness
to sign up!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WINDOM

Youth & Family/Good to Know

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Easter Sunday Breakfast April 9th at 8:00AM will be put on by Youth! Menu items include egg bake, rolls, coffee, orange juice, milk, and water. This will be a free will offering in support of our ALC Youth!



APRIL ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 2nd– Eli Muske & Hayden Tietz

Wednesday, April 5th– NO Service

Maundy Thursday, April 6th– Jack Elness & Jackson Joyce

Good Friday, April 7th– Braxton Pohlman & Logan Hanson

Easter Sunday, April 9th–

7:00 AM– TBD

9:00 AM– TBD

11:00 AM– TBD

Wednesday, April 12th– Carson Wiens & Avery Fast

Sunday, April 16th– Jordan Hacker & Peyton Hilbrands

Wednesday, April 19th– Caelen Ralston & Hayden Tietz

Sunday, April 23rd– Shaun Schunk & Matthew Redman

Wednesday, April 26th– Henry Visker & Jackson Joyce

Sunday, April 30th– Max Brodin & Michael Marcy

*****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

cPrayer

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.

Youth Trip Updates, Summer 2023

Two trips are planned for this summer:

Boundary Waters Canoe Trip –

Following the success of last year's trip, Pastor Adam is again heading north with 7 youth the last week in June. Their trip is outfitted and directed by Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry.



Kansas City Youthworks Trip-

Tera is taking 18 kids to Kansas City July 5th-8th. They'll serve Kansas City with organizations who provide basic needs for community members through their local food shelf, clothing distribution center, soup kitchen and through maintaining community gardens and more!

****Look for opportunities to support our youth through upcoming fundraisers. Thanks for your support!!**



SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALC PROVIDES TOWARDS CAMPSHIPS 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!



ATTENDING COLLEGE THIS FALL?

DID YOU KNOW???

**ALC SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS
AT SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**



**You could earn
\$1,000 Scholarship
to any college**

funded by the TRUST FUND!

Contact the church office for more information

Good to Know

PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday, April 2

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & N-6th Grade Wednesday &
Sunday School Students Sing
10:15 AM Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday, April 6

6:30 PM Worship with Holy
Communion / 1st Communion and 3rd-6th Graders Sing

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

Holiday Hours

Friday, April 7th– Office
closes at 12noon.

Monday, April 10th- Church
& Office will be closed in
observance of Easter.

LIVESTREAMING UPDATE:

GREAT NEWS! Our Livestream is back up and running! Join us for worship
on Sundays at 9AM in person or via YouTube (alcwindom) or Facebook!

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

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. **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.



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.



Dear friends and companions in ministry,

March 2023

It has been a while since I have written! That is because I am teaching several courses that are new to me this semester, and I am running all the time just to keep up. I am learning at least as much as the students are, especially about the history of the church in the Caribbean. I will share with you the most astonishing thing I have learned so far this semester.

As Christians of the twenty-first century, we pay attention to Jesus' parting words to his disciples in Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'." I was shocked to learn this semester that European settlers in the Caribbean from Protestant countries, like the Netherlands, Great Britain, and even Lutheran Denmark, not only failed to heed these words of Jesus but actually opposed them.

Protestants moved to the Caribbean in the seventeenth century to run plantations, mostly of sugar, which aimed to make as much money as possible as quickly as possible. Thus, the work on the plantations was done not by paid employees but by enslaved Africans. Since the plantation owners and managers considered themselves Christian, we might expect that they would teach the enslaved Africans about Christ and have them baptized. That was, after all, what the Catholic Spanish did in their colonies. But it was not so.

Although Catholics taught that enslaved people should be catechized and baptized, Protestants held that a Christian could not hold another Christian in slavery. By this logic, if the slaves became Christian, the masters would have to liberate them. The planters refused to evangelize the Africans who worked for them if it meant that they would have to set them free. They did not want them to be equals as members of the church. So, in the Protestant colonies, slaves did not receive Christian instruction and were not baptized.

That changed in the middle of the eighteenth century, but for a century and a half Africans had lived in Protestant colonies in the Caribbean without being invited to Christian faith. During that long time, it was the Africans themselves who took the first steps toward conversion to Christianity. Church historians Dale Irvin and Scott Sunquist describe that process like this:

Africans observed the religious world of their captors, and some began to adapt their own indigenous religious worldview to that of their new social context. ... Traditional African beliefs and practices, including those revolving around spirits, spirit possession, healing practices, and ancestor veneration, were merged with Christian symbols and practices in a variety of ways (Irvin and Sunquist, *History of the World Christian Movement*, vol. 2 [Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 2012], 229).

One of the many Caribbean churches that formed out of this merger of African traditional religion and Christianity was the Spiritual Baptist Church (also known as Shouters), the subject of a novel of historical fiction that the students and I are reading in one of my courses, *The Wine of Astonishment*, by Trinidadian author Earl Lovelace. I highly recommend it to you! The students are loving it because they can relate to the songs, spirit-possession, and struggles of the Spiritual Baptists, whose church was outlawed in Trinidad between 1917 and 1951 because it was considered too loud.

Sometimes I wonder how history might have turned out differently if the European Christians of the seventeenth century had considered Africa as a continent full of potential Christians instead of potential slaves, or if they at least had considered the enslaved Africans who worked for them as persons, not as property, and had heeded the voice of Jesus to teach and baptize more than they heeded the call of money. I imagine that emancipation would have come much sooner and that, likewise, the ongoing process of healing the scars of slavery would have started much sooner. How good it would have been if those wounds of slavery had never been suffered in the first place; they have left very deep scars that still sting. Please keep me, my students, and all the churches of the Caribbean in your prayers as we work together with you on healing those wounds.

In peace, Carolyn Schneider

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

P.S. In addition to prayer, here are ways to support me financially.

1. To become a covenant congregation, download the form at ELCA.org/covenantform or call 800-638-3522, ext.2820.
2. Make an individual gift by check payable to "ELCA Missionaries" with "Carolyn Schneider (GCS2016)" in the memo line and mail your check to:

ELCA Gift Processing Center

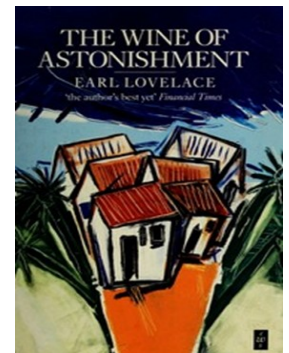
P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

3. Make an individual gift by credit or debit card by visiting ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving or calling 800-638-3522.



Some stands of sugarcane still grow on the campus of the United Theological College of the West Indies, where I teach.



If you would like to read this book online, you can find it at <https://archive.org>, where you will need to create a free account.

Good to Know

Wednesday Suppers in April

April 12th, 5:00 PM - Walking tacos, fruit

April 19th, 5:00 PM– Sloppy Jo's, baked beans, chips

April 26th– Mac and cheese, hotdogs, and fruit



Sewing Days are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of January-April. Join us April 4th and April 18th 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.



MEN'S GROUP

Men, do you like cribbage and pizza? If so, join us in the fellowship hall on Thursday, April 27th 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.



Did You Know?

ALC started a **PUZZLE PLACE** in our Church Library!?



Feel free to come in and take a puzzle or two, or three, or bring some in, or both! Please only bring in complete puzzles in good condition.



You don't need to check in or out. Just take, drop some off and repeat!

We hope you all enjoy!

THE SW MN SYNODICAL CONVENTION OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA will be Friday, May 5, at Shetek Lutheran Ministries near Slayton, Minnesota. Make plans now to attend and join your sisters in Christ as we gather to "Renew, Redo, and Rejoice!" Come to the one-day convention for worship, speakers, displays, and fellowship!



OPEN POSITIONS

The following Boards are still 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 or are interested in these boards or positions. Please call the church office for more information and please consider volunteering!

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



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.



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.



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!!

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
April 11th at 2pm****

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

BELL CHOIR

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



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!

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.

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.

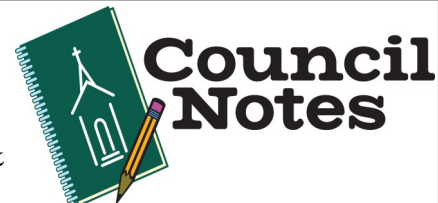
CONTINUE to remember the Windom Area Sharing Center in the coming months. Monetary gifts may be sent to 1156 4th Ave, Windom. Contributions may be left here at the church or at the Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Call 822-7210,

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 **March 14th, 2023 MEETING**



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

- Still need to fill boards: 1 position Board & Finance, 1 position Youth & Family
- Review constitutional changes. The Council voted to accept the changes presented by Pastor Adam. MM/S/C (Linda/Karen)
- Synod Assembly: 1 spot to fill
- Approve Marlene Johnson for Discipleship, Marketing & Stewardship Board. The Council voted to approve Marlene Johnson for Discipleship, Marketing & Stewardship Board. MM/S/C (Steve, Kevin)
- New Member Meet & Greet Thursday, March 30th. New Member Recognition Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 pm service and Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 am service. The Council will receive the names of new members on April 11.
- Other: John Shamp shared about the Shetek Conference Assembly noting that our conference has many pulpit vacancies. Pastor Sarah shared about the South African Ondini Circuit and that they hope to send visitors within the next year.

Board Reports

Worship & Music - Karen shared that the new cajon drum arrived. Testimonial sharing in a format approved by Pastor Adam and Pastor Sarah was introduced.

Spiritual Life & Fellowship - Sharon presented the upcoming meals for Wednesday Lenten Services.

Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship - Steve spoke about the ALC contribution comparison information. The weekly attendance is up. Men's ministry is still trying to be developed and the cribbage group may have a heavier religious base in the future.

Properties - Linda shared that the insurance fixes went beyond the original electrical items. The bus recently had to have maintenance.

Budget & Finance - Brady reported that there will be \$40,000 coming in due to the employment retention fund.

Christian Education - Melissa spoke about the next few weeks of Lent/Easter activities for the Sunday and Wednesday church children. There are about 30 women attending the Monday night women's bible study with Tera.

Youth & Family - Recent activities were recapped by Cory including Faithfest, Mt. Kato Tubing, and Gustavus Leadership.

Church in Society - The Lenten challenge \$40 for 40 days was shared by Pastor Adam.

GLOW - Kathy gave a shout out to the Altar Guild for the excellent luncheon. Upcoming conferences and conventions were presented.

SHETEK CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING GATHERING Saturday, April 22, 2023 here at American Lutheran Church of Windom. Registration/Coffee begins at 9:30am. Business includes election of officers, featured speaker is Katie Chapman, Environmentalist at Shetek Lutheran Ministries with a catered luncheon in the fellowship hall (basement) to follow. Offering donations are designated for 50% going to Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women of the ELCA and the other 50% going to Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign. Please RSVP for the luncheon by APRIL 15th; contact Karen Skarphol at 507-822-0785 or jkskarp@windomnet.com. Also, thank you to GLOW for paying for half of all ALC registration fees making the cost only \$6 for ALC members to attend! ALL Women are welcome and we hope you join us!

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 3/21/23:

Income: \$109,005

Expenses: \$139,459

Carryover 2022: \$44,830

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

RECORDS:

Baptisms: Scarlet Elizabeth Rakotz, daughter of Timothy and Samantha Rakotz.



Deaths: Elaine Lesch *In Loving Memory*

MEMORIALS:

Video/Media Fund – *In memory of Monica Amundson.*

Christian Education Fund – *In memory of Monica Amundson.*

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

Youth Fund – *In memory of Elaine Lesch.*

OFFERING OPTIONS:

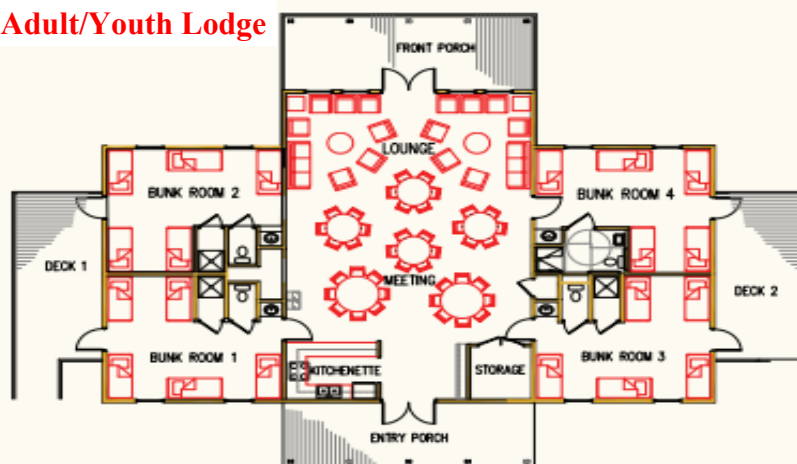
The ministry of our congregation continues in many ways! The options remain open for ways of contributing your offerings. You may use on-line giving on our website alcofwindom.com, mail in your offering to PO Box 188, Windom, drop it off at the church or simply place it in the offering plate. If you 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 \$23,394 with \$1,606 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.

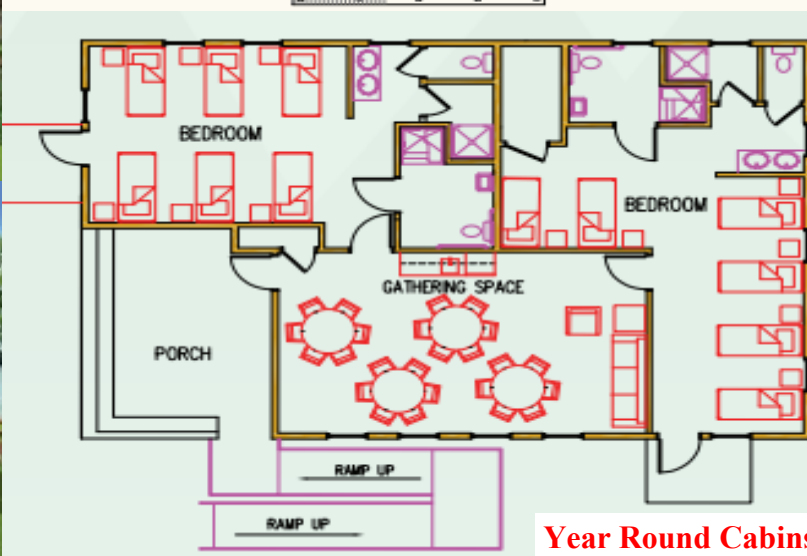
Adult/Youth Lodge



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Year Round Cabins



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Gals Living Our Witness

GLOW



Shetek Conference Spring Gathering

Here at American Lutheran Church !!!

Saturday, April 22 -
9:30am - 1:00pm

Join Lutheran women from our area
for a great morning of fellowship!

\$12 Registration Fee (GLOW will pay half of
registration for ALC members.)

RSVP to Karen Skarphol - 822-0785 or
jksharp@windomnet.com by April 15.

All Women
Welcome



More
information
located on
Bulletin Board
across
from Office

2023 SW MN Synodical Women's Convention

Friday, May 5, 2023

9am - 3:30pm

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Worship, lunch and
key speaker, Katie Chapman,
Shetek Environmental
Learning Center

Registration due by April 22
Contact Jean Johnson
if interested 822-2715

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 20 @ 2pm
ALC Meeting Room

March/April Gather Magazine
Session 4 of
The Ten Commandments
7,8,9 & 10

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

May Day

May 1st @
Sogge Campus!

Watch Facebook
and Bulletins for
more details!



SEWING & MORE!

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

April 4 and 18 9:00 am - 2:ish

ALC Fellowship Hall

Assemble Quilts & Kits.

Enjoy Coffee and Laughter!

Come check us out for an hour or
bring a lunch and stay until 2ish!



GLOW
Meeting
May 7 @
10am

A Women's Ministry of American Lutheran Church 2023

April 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



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



Have A Blessed Easter!

Mark your Calendar

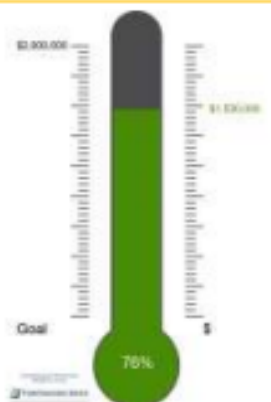
- April 1 Final Early Bird Registration!
- April 22 Pre-Marriage Retreat
- April 24-27 Quilt & Craft Retreat
- April 28-29 Confirmation Retreat

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

Wish List

- 17 foot 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!