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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, May 3

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/Holy  
Communion & Healing Prayers

### Saturday, May 6

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Healing  
Prayers

### Sunday, May 7

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion,  
Blessing of the Quilts, & Healing Prayers

### Wednesday, May 10

6:30 PM Last day of Wednesday Worship  
w/S&W School Teacher & Small Group  
Guides Appreciation, & Noisy Offering

### Saturday, May 13

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

### Sunday, April 14

#### Mother's Day

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/S&W  
School Teacher & Small Group  
Guides Appreciation

### Saturday, May 20

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy  
Communion

### Sunday, May 21

#### Senior Recognition Sunday

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship w/Senior  
Recognition

### Wednesday, May 24

7:00 PM Baccalaureate, WAHS

### Saturday, May 27

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### Sunday, May 28

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy  
Communion



## Pastor's Message

The Sudan\*  
Mission  
Celebrates  
100 years! \*  
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*"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." Matthew 28.18*

It was exactly 100 years ago this March, in the year 1923 that four Lutherans from Wisconsin, Iowa and Brooklyn boarded a ship in Bordeaux, France, bound for West Africa. Their goal was to share the Gospel in an area that had never heard it before: northern Cameroon and the Central African Republic, on the western side of Africa, a little bit north of the equator. The trip took eighteen days. There were no roads into the

interieur of the country, so they had to walk another 26 days on bush foot paths to reach their destination. In 1924 they received a warm welcome in the village of Mboula, and there they settled down. They learned the languages, shared about Jesus, baptized new believers, started some schools, ministered to the sick, and explored new territory in which to expand their work. Over the years, dozens of other missionaries from the United States, Norway and other countries followed in this endeavor which came to be known as the **Sudan Mission** (historically the word "Sudan" referred simply to "The Land of the Blacks"). Much more importantly, hundreds of African believers joined them from different people groups in the area. These people became pastors, teachers, and women's leaders of a lively and growing African church. This is how, over the course of the last one hundred years, two church bodies have formed: the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic, both members of the Lutheran World Federation, the joint membership of these two church bodies being approximately 500,000 Christians!

This is where this story, and your story, people of American Lutheran and Bethany Lutheran, cross paths. Some to those Christians you know! It was in the 1950s that a young man from southern Chad named Bernard DOUMBAYE left his country to seek his fortune to the south in the Central African Republic. He married a woman, Therese NGOUZAMI along the way, and they continued together, settling in the western part of the country near the border of Cameroon in a town called Baboua. There they farmed, did business, and raised their growing family. There were missionaries who had come to Baboua from Cameroon and who were telling the story of Jesus the Son of God who was killed, but who God had raised from the dead. They learned about forgiveness of sin, and new life through Him. They learned about the love of God for all people and God's grace which comes to whoever will receive it as a free gift, apart from human merit. The Holy Spirit was at work. They came to believe in God who sent Jesus and were baptized. Their children, all nine of them, were also baptized, and raised in the active community of faith that had formed in their town.

Meanwhile, back in the United States, I was in my senior year at the Lutheran School of the Theology in Chicago in 1992 when a group of us visited the headquarters of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). We were on the Global Missions floor when the man overseeing mission work in French speaking Africa spoke to our class about the search for a woman to work in leadership development among the women of the church in the Central African Republic (CAR). My teacher said, "That's your position, Sarah." I came to understand that that is exactly where God was calling me to be. After a year of language learning in France, I arrived in the Central African Republic to begin ministry there. How much I would learn: how to live in a culture that was not my own, the language, how to dress, the food, and how to live among the people. Much more, I was a witness to the deep Christian faith of the people that sustained them through good times and bad. I would learn about the strength of the women, their love for laughter, song and dance, and their service to the Lord Jesus and each other.

One of the women I came to know was Rachel, the daughter of Bernard and Therese. She was studying to be a pastor at the Lutheran Seminary in Baboua. Rachel had met my family when she traveled to the North Dakota by invitation of Lutheran Women. Rachel later introduced me to her younger brother, Noel TADE. The rest is history! Noel and I were married in February of 1998. We brought our young family to the United States in 2003. God has blessed us richly all along the way. We are in awe of how God works to accomplish God's purposes!

Noel and I will join hundreds of others from the United States, Cameroon and the Central African Republic in a weekend celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sudan Mission July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Minneapolis. Join us in giving thanks for what God has done!

Pastor Sarah Larsen Tade

May

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# Worship & Music Notes

from Jane Cartwright, Worship & Music Coordinator

Week:	Theme:	Scripture:
May 3-7	Gospel as Salvation	Romans 1:1-17
May 10 - 14	God's Love Poured Out	Romans [3:28-30], 5:1-11
May 20 / 21	Hope of Resurrection	Romans 6:1-14
May 27 / 28	Nothing Can Separate Us	Acts 2:1-4, Romans 8:18-39



May is a time of new starts and a time of endings. One sees new life in the surrounding landscape. New life in the animal kingdom. New life in plants and trees. There is excitement in new adventures. However, many will experience endings; completion of academic course work, relocating to a new community, or possibly, experiencing the sunset of a long career. One thing is constant. Jesus Christ is always with you, every step of the way.

## Worship and Music Board Information

At the April Worship and Music Board meeting, the results of the Wednesday Summer Worship survey were reviewed. It was recommended to NOT continue Wednesday Worship during the summer weeks. Thank you to all the individuals who turned in a survey.

The Worship and Music Board voted to support holding Sunday Worship, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at ALC.

Summer Special Music! Have a favorite song you like to sing? Would you share a vocal or instrumental musical selection? Watch the Worship and Music bulletin board for the sign up sheet.

## Service Notes:

**May Ushers:** Greg Hanefeld team

**Holy Communion:** Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday / Sunday May 6 / 7; and Saturday / Sunday May 27 / 28.

**Noisy Offering:** ALC will be collecting coins, etc. for VBS Registrations on Wed. May 10<sup>th</sup>, Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup> and Sun. May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Healing Prayers** will be offered during Holy Communion on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and after worship on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>,

**HS Senior Recognition** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Come support our seniors as they explore new opportunities in academic settings or begin new careers.

**Pentecost**, often referred to as the birthday of the church, will be celebrated Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Red is the color of the day.

<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b>			<b>COME JOIN US</b>
MAY 7 9:00 AM: _____			
MAY 14 9:00 AM: _____			
MAY 21 9:00 AM: _____			
MAY 28- 9:00 AM: _____			
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>			<b>COME JOIN US</b>
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3- 6:30 PM			
(3) _____			
SUNDAY, MAY 7			
(3) _____			
SUNDAY, MAY 28- 9:00 AM			<b>COME JOIN US</b>
(3) _____			
<b>AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> ✕			
May, 2023			
MONTHLY	WORSHIP	OPPORTUNITIES	

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

**Noisy Offering This Month: Vacation Bible School (VBS) Program**  
Vacation Bible School is our one week specialized Christian education summer program with the focus of children as our demographic. VBS helps strengthen and deepen the relationship and understanding of God in each participants life. Our theme for 2022 is not yet chosen, but stay tuned for more information. Please consider donating to this important 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 22**





# Christian Education

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

Wednesday School  
Sunday School  
LAST DAY  
**FUN!**  
MAY 10TH/14TH  
DURING REGULAR  
CLASS TIMES  
Join your child(ren) for  
last day of class fun  
including flower pot  
planting,  
cookie decorating,  
games, craft, &  
VBS registration!

MAY 10 & 14!  
DURING SERVICES

WS/SS Teacher &  
Confirmation  
Small Group Guide  
Appreciation Days!

THANK  
YOU!

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

God's New Creation

SAVE THE DATES!  
JULY 30 - AUGUST 3!

ELCA World Hunger

6th Graders!

*It's time to CELEBRATE!*

Due to the 6th Grade Field Trip on  
Wednesday, May 3rd -  
ALL 6th Graders & their Parents  
are asked to join Tera on  
**Sunday, May 7th**  
during the Sunday School class time  
(10:15-11:00am) in Fellowship Hall  
for a Special Celebration and  
"Look Ahead"  
at what the NEXT leg of their  
Faith Formation journey  
will look like here at ALC!



# Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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

4TH-6TH GRADE  
**BOYS AFTERNOON**  
FEATURING

## Ashes to Art!

MONDAY, MAY 15TH  
AFTER-SCHOOL UNTIL 5:00PM  
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED  
FROM WINDOM SCHOOLS  
\$10

GOD IS THE POTTER,  
WE ARE THE CLAY!

## HEALTHY EATING TIPS & TRICKS FOR THE FAMILY!

PARENTS & THEIR KIDS ARE INVITED TO  
JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH  
FROM 5:30-6:15PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

AS WE WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER  
CAITLYN GILBERTSON FOR SOME  
LEARNING AND HANDS-ON FUN!

PLEASE LET TERA KNOW IF YOU'LL  
BE ATTENDING ALONG WITH ANY  
FOOD ALLERGIES/SENSITIVITIES.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE  
THIS NIGHT WITH YOU!  
THERE IS NO FEE TO ATTEND!

## American Lutheran Church Rally Around the Youth RUMMAGE SALE!

Located in Church Basement  
906 Prospect Avenue  
Windom



MAY  
**18-19**

Thur 4pm-7pm  
Fri 9am-4pm

Donations accepted May 15th-17th  
during office hrs. or by appointment.  
\*\*NO clothing/electronics accepted\*\*



THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING  
OUR YOUTH!

4th-6th Grade

## Girls Night!

Sunday, May 21st

5-7pm ~ ALC Fellowship Hall ~ Supper Served

Country Road Greenhouse will be joining us  
and sharing the how-to's of container gardening.  
Each girl will be able to take home her very own  
potted creation. ♥

We are asking each girl to bring \$10 to help  
offset the cost of this event.

Please register your girl with Tera no later than  
Sunday, May 14th!

THANK  
YOU!





May

2023

# Youth & Family

The **LAST DAY OF CONFIRMATION** for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade will be **Wednesday, May 17th at 6:30 PM.**



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.

### END OF THE YEAR ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

**Wednesday, May 3rd**– Jocelyn Frank & Katie Purrington

**Sunday, May 7th**– Lilly Derickson & Charlotte Nauman

**Wednesday, May 10th**– Addison Evans & Fiona Robillard

**Sunday, May 14th**– Sadie Tjentland & Brita Tjentland

\*\*\*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).\*\*\*

### 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!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)!

VBS will be held Sunday, July 30th- Thursday, August 3rd! It will be held in the evening from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM! This year's theme will be God's New Creation! There will be a chance to register early at our last Sunday/Wednesday School classes on Wednesday, May 10th and Sunday, May 14th!

Many volunteers are needed to make Vacation Bible School successful! If you are interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School in any way, please contact the church office or Tera Elness at [teraalc@gmail.com](mailto:teraalc@gmail.com) or 507-822-3377.

### ATTENDING COLLEGE THIS FALL?

DID YOU KNOW???

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

EARN  
**\$1,000**

You could earn  
**\$1,000 Scholarship**  
to any college  
funded by the **TRUST FUND!**  
Contact the church office for more information

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## God's New Creation



**JULY 30TH- AUGUST 3RD**

**5:30pm- 8pm**

All children completing Nursery-5th grade are welcome to attend!

# SENIOR RECOGNITION SERVICE

9:00 AM Sunday, May 21st, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2023 Senior Class!

*Ryan Boltjes  
Ethan Brockman  
Owen Dahna  
Henry Erickson  
Anna Holtz  
Rebekah Johnson  
Allison Negen  
Damion Pohlman  
Naomi Purrington  
Chloe Shamp  
Ethan Zafft*

*Riley Borer  
Miranda Cory  
Mackenzie Doorenbos  
Abbigail Grunewald  
Kaden Holtz  
Kylee Johnson  
Jaydan Petersen  
Cragen Porath  
Wyatt Scrivens  
Peyton Winters  
Abbigale Zieske*

As graduation is fast approaching the American Lutheran Church wants to honor all ALC graduating seniors at our Sunday, May 21st, 9:00 AM Worship service. All high school seniors should be receiving a letter with more information regarding this service.

**\*\*REMINDER:** Please email your senior photo for our screens and June Messenger to the Church Office at [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) by Friday, May 15th or sooner. \*\*

If you want to share your gifts and talents on this important day. Please call the church office at 831-1794, or e-mail the church office at [winalc@windomnet.com](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com) by **May 15th** to share in the following ways:

- Sharing special music with piano, voice, guitar, or instrument
- Read scripture
- Part of procession—cross bearer, Bible carrier, Christ candle bearer

**\*\*All ALC high school seniors, their family, and the congregation are invited for homemade cinnamon rolls to help celebrate Senior Sunday, May 21st following the service in Skylight Court!\*\***

**Proverbs 16:3** “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”





# Welcome New Members!



## Welcome to our American Lutheran Community!

1. Tyler & Victoria Patterson  
Son, Lincoln
2. Keith & Wendy Newman  
Daughter, Marissa
3. Ron & Sue Visker
4. Blaine & Sally Larson
5. Joshua & Miranda Schunk  
Son, Shaun  
Daughters, Melinda and Mabel



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**Our Mission:** Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.

### Our Values:

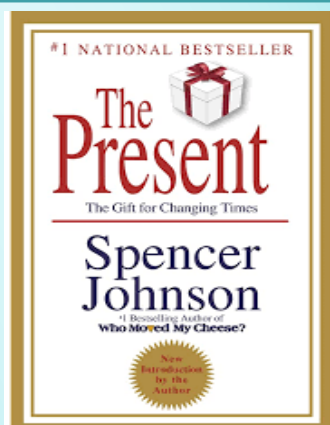
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## Good to Know

**A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR NEIGHBORS... CARE** (Catholic Accompaniment and Reflection Experience) is an opportunity to walk with our brothers and sisters who are working through the US Immigration system. CARE volunteers provide accompaniment to court, transportation to ICE appointments, as well as being present to those who might feel they are standing alone. People of all faiths are welcome to be CARE volunteers. Training is provided, and we have set the dates for the next training sessions, Wednesday, April 26th and Wednesday, May 3rd. If you would be interested in attending these trainings, please contact Lisa Kremer at 507-360-3423.



**A NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY** One day after church, Pastor Sarah found a book on her desk: The Present by bestselling author Spencer Johnson. She didn't know where the book

had come from, but evidently someone thought she should read it. The subtitle seemed promising *"The Secret to Enjoying Your Work and Life, Now!"* She was intrigued. Then Rick Quade who was ushering asked "Did you find the book I left on your desk?" *Yes, thank you! I'll read it!* "When you're done, put it in the library so others can read it too."

The Monday following Easter she sat down with the book. It reads like a simple story, but with deep truths that speak plainly to any life. She wrote down the main points to remember them, and handed the book to her husband. He read it too and liked it! Now it's your turn! Stop by the library and pick up this good read. You can read it in one evening, but what the book shows through the simple story will bring joy and greater satisfaction to your work and life and relationships for years to come. Thanks, Rick and Bev Quade!

**BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND BABY CARE KITS** will be on May 7th, 2023 at our 9:00 AM Worship Service.

**GLOW SEWING DAYS TOTAL:** The American Lutheran quilters/GLOW members have completed 75 quilts, 117 School Kits, 166 Baby Care Kits, and 23 Personal Care Kits. Donations: 2 quilts will be donated to Shetek

Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction, 23 quilts will be donated to the Women of Today Christmas Cheer Box, and the last 50 quilts and all the other items will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items and their time to help make this happen!

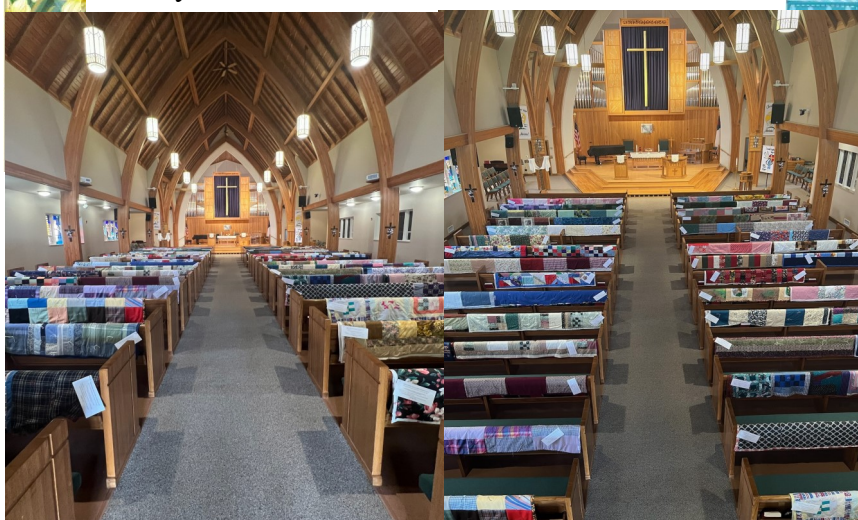
Each year, women of ALC meet twice a month from January through April to make quilts and care kits. Records kept over the last 32 years show that the ALC women (and a few men along the way) made 3,320 quilts, 2,450 baby care kits, 1,429 school kits, and 568 personal care kits. Over the years, some kits and quilts were donated locally to the hospital, Sharing Center, Christmas Cheer Box and Shetek quilt auction, but most were donated to Lutheran World Relief. **THANK YOU** to the congregation for your support through noisy offerings and donations of materials. Another way to support our Quilt and Kit ministry is to donate to the shipping fund.

LWR approximate cost to deliver quilts and kits overseas:

One school kit - \$1.40      One baby care kit - \$1.30

One personal care kit - \$2.65\*      One quilt - \$2.25

\*includes cost of toothpaste to be added. Donations to the quilt and kit shipping fund can be made directly to GLOW via Jean Johnson.





## Good to Know

### FIRST COMMUNION

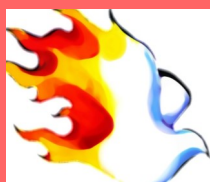
This year the First Communion kids had three classes here at ALC to learn about First Communion. They also baked bread with their families and Dr. Mary Olson for their First Communion on Maundy Thursday. We had such a wonderful group of kids! We would like to thank Dr. Mary Olson, everyone who helped with First Communion, and all the children and families involved. We Pray that Jesus, the Bread of Life and Cup of Eternal Salvation will always nourish your faith. Remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you!



God's Blessings on our students who are partaking in Holy Communion for the first time this evening: Maci Ambrose, Graycee Baloun, Aubrey Bussa, Joseph Elston, Hudson Glidden, Marshall Glidden, Maci Jurgens, Draetyn Markus, Karter Meyeraan, Brynn Mickelson, Ruby Nelson, Mason Peterson, Makenzie Whiting, Hannah Wilson, and Amelia Winters.



**We invite you to wear red on Sunday, May 28h to celebrate Pentecost Sunday.**



**Sunday, May 14th, 2023**

### SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS

To register go to [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org) or pick up a Shetek Lutheran Ministries 2023 Summer Camps brochure that has a mail in registration form in the church office. If you have any questions please contact Shetek Lutheran Ministries at 507-763-3567 or contact Tera at [teralalc@gmail.com](mailto:teralalc@gmail.com) or 822-3377.



**Have you signed up for camp yet?**

Also, **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!



## Good to Know

### A MESSAGE FROM ALC PRESIDENT JOHN SHAMP:

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved : Romans 10:13

News of the Shetek Conference Assembly;

I was given a chance to join the assembly in late February along with the several others from our congregation. This was very educational for me as I got to see some of the inner workings of our represented conference ahead of the Synod Assembly that takes place in June. We got to vote on new leaders to take over for the next season of our Shetek Conference in which all positions were filled by those present. This adds some much needed strength as we move into a new year. Our own Pastor Sarah who was the Interim Dean has done a great job filling a very important roll to the assembly and now has been able to step out of that role. She reported that Shalom Hill Farm has found a new director. Shetek bible camp has gotten back into full strength coming out of the COVID era, WELCA remains strong in our area and that our friends of the Odini partnership have 2 South Africans serving at the Shetek Bible camps this past year and hopes of them coming back for the 2023 camp season. In 2023 we hope to do some fundraising to be able to invite some of the delegates of South Africa to come in 2024 for a visit. We have not seen our friends here since 2017. We also learned that there remains a large shortage of Pastors within the ELCA as several congregations struggle to find stability and pastoral care. Keep these congregations in your hearts. Remain grateful of the Pastors and thank them as you see them. They bring strength and stability to us.

If you happen to have seen the amount of youth involved in the Lenten/Easter season you would know that it was AMAZING to see all of the buzzing around. It has been so heartwarming to see these kids back and being active as they are. If you see Tera give her some praise as she brings strength to these programs and activities. Youth ministry can be very taxing and have an unforgiving schedule and I can't stress enough at how awesome it is to see these kids thriving here at ALC. **Tera thank you for what you do!**



**OPEN POSITIONS:** There is 1 spot open for Synod Assembly June 9th & 10th! There is also 1 open spot for the Budget & Finance Board and 3 openings for the Nominating Committee (calling and finding people in the months of October, November, and December to serve on boards/council when positions are open). If you would like to go to Synod Assembly, be on a board or committee, or have questions. Please call the church office for more information and please consider volunteering!

**A MORNING TO SHARE FAITH, CULTURE, MUSIC AND FOOD:** The Kenyan Community Choir from the Kenyan Community Church in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, will be presenting a concert at the Evangelical Free Church, at 11:00 AM, on May, 20, 2023, hosted by the Windom Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Many in Windom were blessed when the KCC Choir sang at the funeral service of Henry Ngisa, the husband of Sarah Muthio. A fellowship meal will follow in the E Free Fellowship Hall (the old church building) across from the new church. (416 Tenth Street, Windom, MN)

### MEN'S GROUP

Men, do you like cribbage and pizza? If so, join us in the fellowship hall on Thursday, May 25th 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.

MEN'S  
GROUPS

### KID'S CLOSET

**SPRING CLEANING?** 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.



## Good to Know

### Last Wednesday Suppers of the Season

**May 3rd, 5:00 PM** - Creamy chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, and bread

**May 10th, 5:00 PM**— Smorgasbord



Wednesday May 10th will be the last Wednesday Supper before summer break! A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Melanie Shamp and all those who helped prepare and serve the meals. Another **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who donated food items, monetary donations, and those who came and supported our Wednesday Night Everybody Eats Ministry! It takes a church and we are blessed with a great community! We can't wait to see you again in the Fall!



**All SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SURVEYS** were compiled at the April Worship and Music meeting, it was decided that **Wednesday Worship would not continue during the summer season.** Thank you to all who completed the survey. Therefore, the last Wednesday Worship for this academic year will be held on May 10th at 6:30 pm.

**HEALING PRAYERS** Wednesday, May 3rd during communion, Saturday, May 6th following worship, and Sunday, May 7th during communion.



#### 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 any in or out. Just take, drop some off and repeat!

We hope you all enjoy!

All women are invited to come to the **SW MN SYNODICAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION ON FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, AT SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES** near Slayton, Minnesota. Although the registration deadline was April 22nd, walk-ins are welcome. Please consider joining many other Lutheran women for a day of renewal, reflection, and celebration as we "Renew, Redo, and Rejoice!" Please contact Jean Johnson 822-2715 for all the details.



**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

### EASTER FLOWERS

**THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased the beautiful Easter Flowers in memory, honor, or celebration of loved ones!

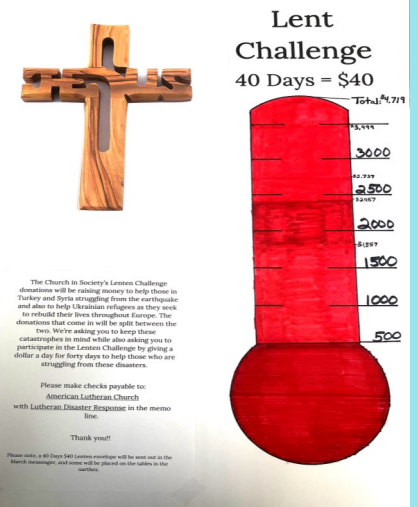
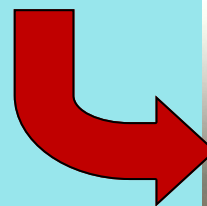


### GLOW MEETING SUNDAY, May 7th, 10:15 A.M.

ALL ALC 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!



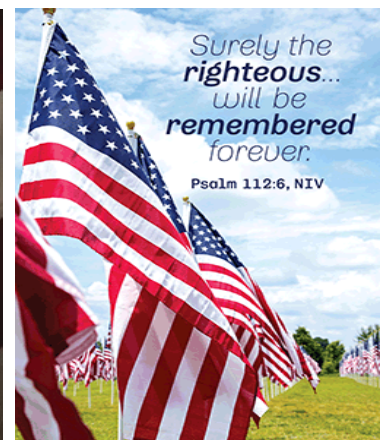
The Church in Society Board would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who contributed to the **40 DAYS \$40 LENTEN CHALLENGE**. There was a total of **\$4,719** raised to help those in Turkey and Syria struggling from the earthquake and also to help Ukrainian refugees as they seek to rebuild their lives throughout Europe. Church in Society is very grateful for everyone that donated.



### Holiday Hours

Monday,  
May 29th

**Memorial Day—**  
Church & Office will  
be closed.





## 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  
May 9th 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,

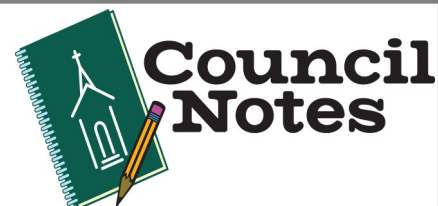
**PRAYER CHAIN:** To activate ALC's Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 831-1794 or an email may be sent to winalc@windomnet.com.

**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 April 11th, 2023 MEETING



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

- Ethics Policy, has everyone filled this out?
- Open Board Positions still in need to be filled. (1 open position for both Budget & Finance and Youth & Family)
- Riverfest Community Worship Service: Shall ALC provide a service during Riverfest? - The Worship and Music Committee moved to hold a 9:00 am worship service at ALC on the Riverfest Sunday in addition to the Ecumenical Service and the council approved the motion. MM/S/C (Karen/Kevin)
- Synod Assembly Friday 6/9 and Saturday 6/10- still have 1 open seat to fill, please ask your boards.
- Other: A potential worship service will be held on July 16 at the Bergen ballfield with Bethany Lutheran Church which will potentially begin at 10:15 am. A potluck lunch to follow as well as games, etc.
- New Member Wednesday (April 12th) /Sunday (April 16th)- Approve New Members:
  - Keith & Wendy Newman, daughter, Marissa
  - Josh & Miranda Schunk, son, Shaun, daughters, Melinda and Mabel
  - Tyler & Victoria Patterson
  - Ron & Sue Visker
  - Blaine & Sally Larson
- A motion to approve the new members was made and approved. MM/S/C (Kevin/Cory) Red Cross Blood Drive- Bring back to the Church? A motion was made to host a blood drive and it was approved. MM/S/C (Jen/Karen)
  - John Shamp will be the main contact for the blood drive and Jen Anderson volunteered to assist.
- How to Welcome New Neighbors (Building Community outside the church)

### **Board Reports**

**Worship & Music** - The Board voted to not hold Wednesday worship for the summer months. Summer special music is starting to be looked for. Dates have been set for upcoming May special events as well as Christmas 2023 as the holiday falls on Saturday and Sunday. The ALC funeral booklet will be looked at for possible revision as well as the wedding booklet.

**Spiritual Life & Fellowship** - Mother's Day gifts have been determined. A 2024 photo book was discussed as a potential.

**Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship** - The Board discussed offering envelopes may be given to confirmands during their final year of confirmation and to learn the joy behind tithing. The cribbage tournament for Riverfest was discussed. The new member breakfast was brought up for a summer outdoor service with Lions Pancake Feed.

**Properties** - The Board listened to a presentation by Josh Peterson about the new insurance policy. The insurance renews April 17th. A motion was made to accept the \$20,003 policy/\$5000 deductible and the motion carried. MM/S/C (Sheryl/Kevin)

**Budget & Finance** - The Board discussed the bills on hold and the retention money.

**Christian Education** - Upcoming events were discussed by the Board through the month of May.

**Youth & Family** - The Board discussed the senior gifts for graduation for the 18 graduates, the scrapbooking retreat which had an excellent turn-out, a successful senior high Bible study during Lent, another great youth outing at the ice rink/racquetball courts, the upcoming Rally Around the Youth rummage sale will be held May 18-19, the upcoming April 23rd Taco Night for the KC Retreat as well as some summer planning.

**Church in Society** - The Board delivered 69 lbs. of food to the food shelf in March and \$3999 raised for the Lenten Challenge and more money coming in. The block party is August 20th.

**GLOW** - The Board reported that April 22nd will be the Shetek Conference of Women ELCA Spring Gathering at ALC. The holiday fair will be 11/11/23.

## ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

**As of 4/20/23:**

**Income: \$147,852**

**Expenses: \$187,574**

**Carryover 2022: \$44,830**

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

### RECORDS:

**Baptisms:** No Baptisms this month.



**Deaths:** Wendell "Pat" Woodcock

*In Loving  
Memory*

### MEMORIALS:

**Renovation Fund** – *In memory of Wendell "Pat" Woodcock.*

### OFFERING OPTIONS:

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



## **BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

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 \$23,460 with \$1,540 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.

### **SOME PHOTOS OF ALC AT SHETEK:**





# May GLOW

## Bible Study

Thursday, May 18 @ 2pm

ALC Meeting Room

May/June Gather Magazine pg. 20

Devotional: "Serving with Zeal"

See Gina in the office for a copy  
of this devotional study!

## 2023 SW MN Synodical Women's Convention

Friday, May 5

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Karen Skarphol and

Jackie Turner will  
represent ALC Women

## GLOW Meeting

Sunday, May 7 @ 10:15

ALC Meeting Room

Let's plan some fun events and outings!

Bring your ideas!

We would LOVE to see you there!!!

Thank you to all who worked or  
donated to Sewing Days !!!

This spring we completed:

**75 Quilts**

**166 Baby Care Kits**

**30 Personal Care Kits**

A Women's Ministry of American Lutheran Church 2023

May 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](http://shetek.org/work-at-shetek)



Join us for our Pelican Fun  
Run/Walk

## Mark your Calendar

- May 6 Spring Clean Up Day
- May 13 Spring Clean Up Day
- June 11 First Day of Camp
- June 19 Golf Tournament
- June 23 Quilt Auction Preview
- June 24 Quilt Auction
- June 24 Pelican 5K Walk/Run

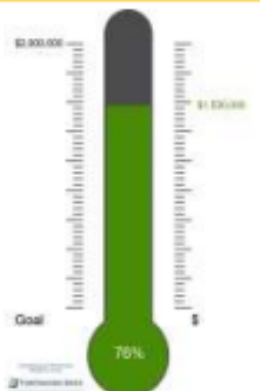
Register at [shetek.org](http://shetek.org) or

Call [507-763-3567](tel: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!