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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.





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Join us for Worship in Church, on Facebook, on our Website, via our YouTube Channel, on KDOM Radio 103.1 FM, or Local Cable Channel 22!

<u>Saturday, August 5</u> 5:30 PM Chapel Service

<u>Sunday, August 6</u> *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost* 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion,

Saturday, August 12 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion, & Noisy Offering

<u>Sunday, August 13</u> *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost* 9:00 AM Worship & Noisy <u>Saturday, August 19</u> 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

<u>Sunday, August 20</u> *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost* 9:00 AM Worship

<u>Saturday, August 26</u> 5:30 PM Chapel Service

<u>Sunday, August 27</u> *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost* 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy





Pastor's Message

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

-Hebrews 10:24-25

On a good year in the Boundary Waters it is still a hard trip. Your body is not used to carrying heavy packs nor clumsy (and also heavy) canoes. And the bugs, they are smart. They know that when that canoe is on your shoulders that you need both arms to steady it, so your arms, shoulders, and face are easy targets which they attack relentlessly.

By the end of day one and the start of day two your body rebels against you and pushes you to quit. It will tell you you're not in shape, you can't do it, it won't be fun, there's too many days left, let's just cut our

losses.

In a similar way that is how sin and the devil work in our lives. They hit us when we're tired and weak. They know our vulnerable areas better than the mosquitos. They give us excuses to not do the inconvenient work that the Lord puts in front of us whether that's being kind to jerks or making time to talk to and worship God.

The first two trips to the Boundary Waters we had excellent weather and few mosquitos. This year it rained, everything was damp, and the bugs were like a wall. Even I was wanting to find an excuse to call it quits, and, if that was the case, then I knew very well that the kids must also be thinking the same thing.

There were a lot of surprises on the trip this year. The first surprise was that nobody complained. The second was how the two kids who went last year were encouraging the others and voicing the positives. The third was how the others came up with more positives to share.

The second day was slightly worse in terms of hardship. I noticed the experienced kids were calling dibs on carrying the canoes so the newbies didn't have to. They stepped up to do the dishes (the worst job in my opinion) instead of passing it off, all the while encouraging the others to keep going and stay positive.

It's at the end of day two when something magical happens in the Boundary Waters: your body realizes that you have multiple days left and that you aren't going to quit. It is then that survival kicks in. Your body starts burning energy, building muscle quickly, and providing endurance. At this point the veterans were encouraging the new ones to try carrying the canoe and doing the dishes, not to avoid the work, but because in a weird way, there is joy in the labor. It brings with it pride and self-esteem.

This is how the Church is to work. The experienced members carry the burdens of the weaker ones. They encourage, pray for, and help them to build the endurance that faith gives. As their faith becomes stronger they allow them to carry a little bit more. They point out the joys of the labor which is seeing God work through our hard-ships. This helps us realize that with God we can do the hard things in life and that they are life-giving and joy-giving.

Oddly enough, the second hardest part of the trip is the last day after sleeping indoors in a bed. That's when we drop our guard thinking the hard work is done and that is the exact time sin and the devil swoop in and fights happen (literally).

Moral of the story: be prepared every day for sin and the devil to try and break you, especially on days you think will be easy. Surround yourself with good Christians who encourage and support you and follow their example. And most important: do not do life alone. Stay connected to the body of Christ which is your congregation that you may not only be supported, but that you too may know the joy of supporting others.

Pastor Adam Roberts







Worship & Music Notes

from Jane Cartwright, Worship & Music Coordinator

Summer Series III: Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry:

Week:	Theme:	Scripture:		
July 29 / 30	The Gifts of Wisdom	Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36		
August 5 / 6	Reflections / Everything has a Time	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17		
August 12 / 13	Springtime Rhapsody Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7			
Summer Series IV: Sabbath:				
Week:	Theme: Scripture:			
August 19 / 20	Ten Commandments	Deuteronomy 5:12-15		
August 26 / 27	Seventh Day	Genesis 2:1-3		
Sept. 2 / 3	Sabbatical Year Laws Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11			

"This is the Day that the Lord has Made"

"Where have you seen God lately?" Perhaps you have heard that statement several times in the past few months. Take a moment and ponder the question. On Sunday, July 16th, we celebrated worship with Bethany Lutheran out at Bergen Ballfield. God surrounded us with beauty, a gentle breeze that rustled leaves on trees, delicate tassels sprouting out of corn plants that topped the 6 ft. mark, songs of birds, and joy-filled greetings, welcoming members of both congregations. God was with us as music filled the air with songs of praise and thanksgiving. God was there as fellowship was shared through the potluck meal. God was there as games were set up and played. God was there in the smiles, in the handshakes and hugs, and in hearts filled with so many emotions. It was a great day to worship!

Service Notes:

AUGUST USHERS: Jay Mickelson's team

HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, August 6th and 27th; and Saturday, August 12th and 19th.

NOISY OFFERING: ALC will be collecting coins, etc. for Comfort Cupboard on August 12th and 13th.

VBS STUDENTS SHARE AT WORSHIP: On August 6th, the Vacation Bible Students will share musical selection during worship. They will learn some energetic songs during the week. Come share in their excitement.

Summer worship opportunities are provided on Saturday nights in the Chapel at 5:30 PM, with Holy Communion on the second and third weekends. Sunday worship will be in the sanctuary at 9:00 AM with Holy Communion on the first and fourth weekends.

Noisy Offering This Month: Comfort Cupboard

Many of our Middle School and High School students are in need of personal hygiene items during the school hours and at home. The women of American Lutheran, GLOW, is continuing to provide items for students through the Comfort Cupboard. Noisy offering will help GLOW purchase women's & men's deodorant, tampons, sanitary napkins, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash/bar soap, hand lotion, body lotion, and lip balm.

If you would prefer to donate products, please leave donations in the office where they will be picked up periodically and delivered to the school.

THANK YOU for whatever you can give!!!

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC! There are still a few slots available to share your musical talent during worship. Visit the Worship and Music bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

Tune in to ALC's Worship Broadcasts:

Sundays at 10:30 AM on KDOM 103.1 FM

Thursdays at 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM on Windom Cable TV, Channel 22



Worship and Music





Christian Ed/Youth & Family From Tera Elness, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries (822-3377) YOUTH GROUP AUGUST BACK TO SCHOOL GRILLOUT! SUMMER STORYTIME! (includes story, snack, games, & crafts!) *OT DOGS, 1:00-2:30pm Friends Welcome! Monday, August 14th **RSVP** to Tera! for next year's K-2nd Graders and Thursday, August 17th for next year's 3rd-5th Graders Email Tera to sign up your child! teraalc@gmail.com MUSICI YAP *Kent & Tera Elness House* 725 Verona Avenue AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 906 PROSPECT AVE WINDOM Sunday, August 27th 5-7pm or God So Loved the World! FAMILY POTLUCK \$ **BLESSING OF THE** BACKPACKS!!! Wed, Aug 30th at 6pm in Our Sunday School/Wednesday School Theme for Fellowship Hall! 2023-2024! ABLEWARE AND DRINKS Remember to register your Kiddos by August 20th as class lists will need to be formed!



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Christian Education

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





NOTE AUGUST DATE CHANGE

8:00-9:00am SKylight Court RSVP to Tera * Friends Welcome!

RALLY DAY AT THE LAKE!

JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP & KICK OFF A BRAND NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Sunday, September 10th 9am Worship Pancake Breakfast served by the Lions Club to follow! Bring your lawn chairs! It's gonna be FABULOUS!

August

Church Activities

July Softball Schedule :

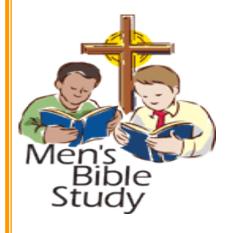
July 2	23 ALC 1	Qwest Field 5:30 PM &
		Eagle Field 6:45 PM
	ALC 2	Eagle Field 5:30 PM &
		Qwest Field 6:45 PM
	ALC 3	Bergen Field 5:30 PM

July 30 ALC 1 Bergen Field 6:45 PM & 8:00 PM ALC 2 Bergen Field 5:30 PM & 6:45 PM ALC 3 Qwest Field 5:30 PM & Eagle Field 6:45 PM

AUG 4-5-6 Church Softball Tournament Bergen Ballfield ALC Block Party! Your entire family is invited to the ALC Block Party on August 20th from 5-7 in the parking lot. There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, and drinks all for the great price of \$0! On top of that there will be a lot of great games to play from cornhole, yard Yahtzee, Jenga, and croquet! Everyone is welcome so invite your neighbors and your friends!

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!!



Coats for Kids

August 22,2023 3pm-5pm BARC Building

This year's Coats for Kids Drive will be n partnership with the UCAP Back to School Drive event. Coat will be provided first come—first serve.

The drop box is located in the Skylight Court. Please donate clean, gently used items by August 16th.

Men, do you like cribbage and pizza? If so, join us in the fellowship hall on Thursday, **August 17th** 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

Good to Know



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Summer Worship Schedule

Join us as we explore these themes.

Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry: July 23 —August 13

Sabbath: August 20 – Sept. 3



Did You Know?

ALC started a **<u>PUZZLE PLACE</u>** 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.





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.





ALC Day at Senior Dining:

The 2nd Thursday of the month.

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.

Good to Know



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

Join us for Coffee Hour at our Skylight Court Café every ****Altar Guild Meeting** Sunday following worship around 10:00 Does not meet during the summer** AM!! If you would like to bring goodies a sign-COFFEE HOUR Are you interested in SPONSORING THE up sheet is located in the skylight court. RADIO BROADCAST on Sundays? The cost is \$57 for a Sunday service sponsorship. OUR CONGREGATION Please contact the ALC office if you are Have you recently cancelled **IN THE NEWS** interested in a sponsorship. **BELL CHOIR** your telephone landline or hoir Watch for changed your cell phone number? Please let the church information as office know, so that we can Did you know that you can see sermons on the ALC we gather in September to stay in touch with you! WEBSITE? Don't miss out. Go to http:// once again practice. www.alcofwindom.com/ and click on the Media tab to hear a sermon that you might have missed. If you or a loved one are **ALC CHOIR** hospitalized, going through will resume any medical treatments or practice in HAVE YOU BEEN receiving weekly emails from us here need pastoral care of any kind at ALC with weekly happenings? If not, and you would September. If you would please call the church office like to, please call the church office to update your email to let us know. be interested in directing address and keep you posted on events! in the fall, please contact Jane Cartwright.

BITS AND PIECES

PRAYER SHAWLS: If you know of someone in our church family who could use a Prayer Shawl, call the church office.

<u>KEEP SAVING</u> 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.

<u>KEEP SAVING</u> your canceled stamps. <u>Correctly cut stamps</u> by leaving 1/4" to 1/3" border around the stamp. You can turn your stamps in at the church office.

<u>CONTINUE</u> 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,

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

<u>REMEMBER</u> 2nd Thursday of every month at Senior Dining. Join your ALC family once a month for lunch at the Windom Community Center.

<u>WANT TO RECEIVE THE MESSENGER ELECTRONICALLY?</u> Save the church paper, ink and postage! Contact the church office to share your email address.

August

GLOW

IN AUGUST GLOW MEETING SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 @ 10:15 AM ALC MEETING ROOM

LADIES: PLEASE COME AND HELP US PLAN FUTURE EVENTS AND OUTINGS!

GALS LIVING OUR WITNESS

IN THE PAST YEAR WE:

SERVICE:

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR DONUTS LWR QUILTS & KITS MAY BASKETS TO SOGGE ICE CREAM SOCIALS @ MIKKELSEN MANOR

OUTINGS & EVENTS: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES CHRISTMAS PARTY CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES SHETEK QUILT AUCTION GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION

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CALENDAR REMINDERS AUG. 1 - TRIP TO GROTTO

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A WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023

<u>CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM</u> July 11, 2023 MEETING

(Written minutes to be approved at the next Council meeting.)

- Council
- Open Board Position on Budget and Finance still needs to be filled.
- Blood Drive was amended and cancelled for July 28th. Looking to set a date later this year. Amended motion: John Shamp, 2nd Sharon Thompson.
- Mid-year Meeting is slated for July 23 immediately following church.
 Added to the agenda will be an update given on Shetek-Ondini Partnership about invitation to a delegation from South Africa to visit our Conference in 2024.
- Land Acknowledgement of the ELCA: Wednesday, July 12th, Pastor Sarah and President John Shamp will be meeting with Theresa Matthews about her insight to Land Acknowledgements. This will provide information and begin to help educate about the purpose and intent of having a Land Acknowledgement here at American Lutheran Church in Windom. Watch for more information.
- Transfer signatures Rights of Account from Gina to the new Administrative Assistant will need to be done, once a new hire is in place.
- The Mutual Ministry Committee has a plan in place for the hiring of a new Administrative Assistant. The goal of the timeline is to have a person to recommend to council by the next board meeting. Reported by Sheryl Hanefeld
- Information was provided regarding Employee Retention Credit Distribution Update: MSC to distribute between Tithing, Fence, Operation/Special Fund, and General Fund.

Board Reports

Worship and Music Board: Karen S. reported the following: Prepping for Bergen Church Service coming this Sunday, Rally Day at the park with a pancake feed; Preparing for changing over to Revised Common Lectionary; Worked on job description for Praise Band Leader.

Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board: Sharon T. reported the following: Everything is ready for the Bergan Church service this Sunday; Planning for Saturday night service and potluck on Sept 30th; Only have 4 baptismal boxes and will order 5 more.

Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship Board: Steve J. reported the following: Looking at a new stewardship campaign, called "Church New"; Men's Group project - making baptismal boxes; Cribbage Tournament monies - \$80 donated to Food Shelf in town.

Properties Board: Linda J. reported the following: Budget and Finance gave the Properties Board \$2000.00 to complete the landscape project to divert water. They will be using Nielsen Landscape to complete the project.

Budget and Finance Board: Chad E. reported the following: Solution to the Bergen Sunday Service offering is to separate by envelope between the two churches and the cash would be added up and split in half; Making sure that Jane Cartwright is compensated for all her time in covering in the office during the time there has been no administrative assistant; Prepared the motion for the Employee Retention Credit Distribution for council meeting.

Christian Education Board: Jamie F. reported the following: Story Time for K-2 with Tera Elness was a success; Family Swim night will have VBS Registration at the pool; Day Play at Shetek for 2nd graders - Tera E. will be taking 4 children; Free movie night at the theater will cost \$100 - no date yet, No Women's Bible Study in August, VBS is July 30 -Aug 2 from 5:30-8:00 pm \circ Called "God's New Creation"; Rally Day Theme is "For God so loved the world"; Blessing backpack is August 30 with a 6:00 Family Potluck.

Youth and Family Board: Cory P. reported the following: 34 kids attended Arnold's Park day - huge success; Kansas City Trip - 18 Kids and 3 chaperones - a huge success; Moondogs Game in Mankato Aug 23; Scrapbooking Retreat with Mary Mohlencamp will be a youth fundraiser on Aug 25-26; Tera and Kent Elness will host a back-to-school grill out at their home for grades 7-12 from 5-7 pm; On August 5th Sr. High Youth (10-12th Graders) will be attending a 4:00 Church service in Okoboji, eat at Pizza Ranch and then do an ax throwing event.

Church in Society Board: Pastor Adam reported the following: Block Party is on August 20, from 5-7pm

GLOW: Kay E. reported the following: Thursday there will be a Women's Bible Study; August 1st there will be a trip to The Grotto.

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 7/20/23:

Income: \$274,753

Expenses: \$333,881

Borrowed to date: \$20,000

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

RECORDS:



Baptisms: Willa Maline Grumm, daughter of David & Anna Grumm.

Asher David Grumm, son of David & Anna Grumm. Cora Elise Hartberg, daughter of Spencer & Brianne Hartberg. Scarlett Evelyn Hartberg, daughter of Spencer & Brianne Hartberg.

Deaths: Beatrice Steen

Ronald Becker

Lee Severson

MEMORIALS:

Video/Media Fund – In memory of Ernie & Gen Carlson.

Renovation Fund – In memory of Ronald Becker.

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.





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.

In Loving Memory





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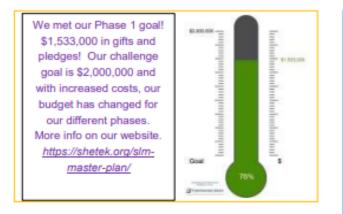


August 2023

Thanks for all those that help out with SOS (Sharing our Services) camp!



Thank you for another great Quilt Auction! We raised \$43,646!!



Mark your Calendar

August 16-20 – Come see us at the Murray County Fair September 30 – Pre-Marriage Retreat Register at <u>shetek.org</u> or Call 507-763-3567 for more information

Wish List

- 17 foot Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- Office supplies reams of paper
- Good Vacuums
- Volunteers

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!