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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!

Saturday, September 2 5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 3 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion,

Saturday, September 9 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion, & Noisy Offering

Sunday, September 10 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Rally Day Worship at the Lake & Noisy Offering, Sun./Wed. School Installation of Teachers/ Vounteers & Prayer Partners.

Wednesday, September 13

6:30pm Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion and Installation of Confirmation Small Group Guides

Saturday, September 16

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion Sunday, September 17 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, September 20 6:30pm Wednesday Worship 3yr olds receiving their Bibles.

Saturday, September 23 5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion with 3yr olds receiving their Bibles.

Wednesday, September 27

6:30pm Wednesday Worship 3rd Graders receiving their Bibles.

Saturday, September 30

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Pastor's Message

My father had an Indian arrowhead sitting around his home office when I was growing up. He had found it in a field somewhere, maybe near Council Bluffs, IA where he was raised, or in North Dakota where he raised his family. That arrowhead served as a reminder that there were people here before our ancestors, the European settlers, came. The names of the places you pass driving in any direction remind us of this too: Manka-

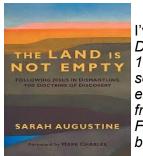
to, Shetek, Sioux Falls, Sleepy Eye (named after the Sisseton Dakota Chief, Ish Tak Ha), or the name of our state and prominent river, Minnesota - *sky-tinted water.*

For all the years of my life that I've spent living in the upper Midwest, I know relatively little about the first inhabitants of this part of the North American continent/Turtle Island. Reminders of our history, and that we're many peoples on the land, help me feel more rooted. An example of this is the day I was cheering for my brother-in-law running the Fargo marathon, when at one intersection there was a group of native drummers singing, and drumming. I understood that they were bringing their good energy to the race. In the same way, I felt blessed by the voices and pulse of the drums offered by the native drumming group present at our son's Augsburg University commencement ceremony. Many native students make up the student body. What a celebration!

A few years back at the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly I noticed that the Assembly began not just in prayer, and in the name of the Triune God, but also by acknowledging that we were meeting on the ancestral homelands of the Dakota people, the first to live, love, work, play and worship on this land. It seemed fitting to remember them and know that their descendants are still among us today. Perhaps you too have been at a gathering where a land acknowledgement of this nature was used.

The ELCA has begun a **Truth and Healing Movement** with the intent that we learn more, and become more intentional in our life together. The web page provides "opportunities to learn the true history and current realities of Indigenous people. It is these truths, truths that have been ignored by most for hundreds of years, that will bring healing for both Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people."

One of the suggested activities is to read a book by a Native author. Check out https://bookshop.org/shop/ nativereads for an amazing selection! Our local library can probably get most any book on the list that interests you.



I've started reading <u>The Land is not Empty</u> Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery by Sarah Augustine. The Doctrine of Discovery originates in a papal bull in the 15th century that established a religious, political, and legal justification for colonization and seizure of land not inhabited by Christians. It codified both colonialism and religious intolerance into international law. This is a whole new learning for me, especially how this law from over 500 years ago has ongoing ramifications even today. Come join me for an Adult Forum on this book September 24th at 10:15 in the Meeting Room. Or share what you've been reading by a native author.

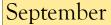
When we did Strategic Planning some years ago we identified the following as our Values here at The American Lutheran Church of Windom:

VALUES

Relationships - God. Each other. Creation. Belonging - Affirmed. Included. Valued. Faith - Active. Inquiring. Hopeful.

Thanks for living into these values as we grow together in our life in Christ.

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Worship & Music Notes

from Jane Cartwright, Worship & Music Coordinator

Week:	Theme:	Scripture:
Sept.3 / 4	Seventh Day	Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11
Sept 9 / 10	Garden of Eden	Genesis 2:4b-25
Sept. 13 –17	Isaac Born to Sarah	Genesis 18:1-5; 21:1-7
Sept. 20—24	Jacob Wrestles God	Genesis 32;[9-13] 22-30
Sept. 27—Oct 1	Moses and God's Name	Exodus 1:8-14 [1:15-2:10]; 3:1-15
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A Time for New Beginnings

September brings visions of cool, crisp, Autumn evenings with colorful leaves floating from tree limbs only to end up in piles, where young ones run through and crunch them beneath their feet. First day photos of those attending school, photos of loved ones beginning new educational journeys away from their home base, and many, who will experience the start of a new career, will find their way into social media threads. Perhaps, others will experience new neighbors, new communities, and new challenges. Know that through all new journeys, the Lord walks beside you. As you begin each new day, I challenge you to journal about your baptismal journey this September.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning; Great is your faithfulness, O Lord,

Great is your faithfulness." Edith McNeill

Service Notes:

SEPTEMBER USHERS: Greg Hanefeld, Don Boltjes, Rahn Larson, Rick Quade, Todd Schumann, Juhl Erickson

HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, September 3rd and 24th and Saturday, September 9th and 16th .

Wednesday worship will have Holy Communion on September 13th.

NOISY OFFERING: ALC will be collecting coins, etc. for "Everybody Eats" on September 9th and 10th.



Noisy Offering this Month: Everybody Eats!

On Wednesday nights, a meal is served beginning at 5:00pm. A suggested donation of \$5 will cover one meal. Check out the food prep donation list found in this newsletter. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Could you or your family help out one Wednesday? Contact: Melanie Shamp Tune in to ALC's Worship Broadcasts:

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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)

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!





a special gift & blessing!



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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD! 2023 - 2024** Wednesday School 5:30-6:15pm Sunday School 10:15-11:00am

Third Grade Bibles!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

*BIBLES WILL BE HANDED OUT TO **OUR 3RD GRADE STUDENTS DURING THE SERVICE**

Christian Education

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



2023

Church Activities

Fall Programming Schedule

Sunday Schedule: (Begins September 17th) 9:00– 10:00 AM - Worship

10:00 AM - Skylight Court Café - Coffee Hour
10:15-11:00 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM 103.1 FM

Wednesday Schedule:

(Begins September 13th) 5:00– 6:15PM - Wednesday Night Supper 5:30– 6:15 PM - ALC Choir Practice 5:30– 6:15 PM - Wednesday School 6:30– 7:15 PM - Wednesday Worship 7:30– 8:30 PM - Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th Grade)

Saturday Schedule:

5:30 PM Chapel Worship Service

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!!



Rebuilding Together Day

A Great Way to Serve Jesus

On September 23rd, the organization Rebuilding Together will be going around town helping low income people fix up their homes from minor repairs, to paint, to caulking, etc. This organization is looking for volunteers who are fourteen and

older to help. This is a great way to serve Jesus by serving the least of these (Matt 25:40). If you're interested contact Pastor Adam.



Men, do you like cribbage and pizza? If so, join us in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 21st 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.

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Good to Know

Holiday Hours:

Monday, September 4th:

Labor Day

Church and Office will be closed



WHAT: The 18th ALC Holiday Fair is coming!!!

WHEN: Saturday, November 11, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: American Lutheran Church

WHO: Thanks to the following committee chairs:

BAKERY – Jackie Turner & Kay Evers CRAFTS - Jane Cartwright, Kathy Hiley, Beth Scrivens LEFSE - Karen Skarphol LUNCH - Jean Johnson & Sharon Erpestad PUBLICITY - Penny Raia NEW & NEARLY NEW – Youth fundraiser

WHO ELSE? EVERYONE!!! We need you to donate, work and shop! The time is now to plan what you might like to donate - jams, jellies, pickles, candies, baked goods, crafts, rummage sale items (no large appliances, encyclopedias, reference books, or clothing, please) - AND where you might like to work. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and work in each area.

WHY: To raise funds for worthy causes and enjoy fellowship with each other and our neighbors.

- The Church Council approved the following distribution of funds:
 - 25% Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign
 - 25% ALC bus/passenger van
 - 10% Shetek Ondini Partnership
 - 10% Lutheran Disaster Response
 - 10% Windom Sharing Center
 - 10% ALC Building Maintenance Fund

10% - Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

The New and Nearly New (Rummage Room) is a fundraiser for the youth.

SPREAD THE WORD!!! HOLIDAY FAIR IS NOVEMBER 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

> Sign-up sheets for donations and work times will be posted in October.

For Lutheran World Relief **School Kits** 01 Let's fill 100 backpacks for SALE

children around the world! Donation will

- **Each Kit Requires:**
- 4 70 count Spiral Notebooks 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 12" Ruler with centimeters 1 Kid's Blunt Cut Scissors

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- 5 Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens 1 2-1/2" Pencil Eraser
- 5 Unsharpened Pencils
- 1 Box 24 count Crayons

Donation Box in the Skylight Court

Thank you to Carolyn Janssen for he continued ministry of sewing the backpacks!!!



DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

I am collecting devotional books for the September 9th Leadership event of the SWMN Synodical Women's Organization. If you have any laying around, please consider donating them. I will have a box at the Church to collect them.

Thank you,

Karen Skarphol

SWMN Synodical WELCA Board member

Good to Know

EVERYBODY EATS!

Wednesday night suppers will be gearing up again soon! We are looking for families to help out with serving the supper and helping with a little clean up! Everything will be all cooked and ready, all you have to do is show up at 4:30pm with your family and help serve the meal and beverages! We will even teach you how to use the dishwasher! If you would like to help out, please contact Melanie Shamp!

Menu for September

September 13th - Walking tacos, fruit

September 20th - Mac and cheese and hot dogs, carrots

September 27th - Spaghetti hotdish, green beans, breadsticks

The Wednesday night supper program *THRIVES* on donations! Last year's donations were very vital to the program! Thank you to all who donated in any way! Donations we are looking for include:

Hamburger , Ground Turkey or pork, Chicken Hot dogs Hot dog buns Bread Taco seasoning Spaghetti noodles Elbow macaroni

Shredded cheddarMilk (weekly we use about 3 gallons)Cheddar cheese soupCookies (can be store bought!)

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.

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!

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We hope you all enjoy!





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 \$5 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 medical/personal information will be shared unless it is public information, we get consent from that individual, or consent from a close relative.

**Altar Guild Meeting On September 12th, Altar Guild resumes meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm. All are welcome.

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.



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 <u>http://</u> www.alcofwindom.com/ and click on the Media tab to

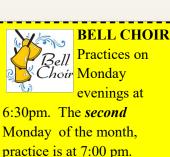
hear a sermon that you might have missed.

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! 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!

need pastoral care of any kind

please call the church office

to let us know.



If you or a loved one are hospitalized, going through any medical treatments or sed resternl serve of any kind



COFFEE HOUT

13th. If you would be interested in directing 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.

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

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September

GLOW

KGLOW in September Gals Living Our Witness

Holiday Fair !!! November 11 It's time to:

Get crafting and review your recipes for pie and baked goods! Come and make Lefse on Tuesdays in October!!!

Bible Study Thursday, September 21 2:00 pm

September/October Gather Magazine. Session ONE: "Holy Places" Home. Copy of Bible Study available in the church office.

GLOW Meeting Sunday, Oct. 1 @ 10:15 am ALC Meeting Room All Women Welcome!

Triennial Convention/WELCA Gathering Sept. 19 - Sept. 24 - Phoenix, AZ Karen Skarphol; will be attending

SHETEK CONFERENCE Fall Gathering Sat. Sept. 30, 8:30 - Noon

For more information or if you would like to attend contact: Karen Skarphol: 822-0785 Jackie Turner:822-1633

SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES A Women's Ministry of American Lutheran Church

<u>CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM</u> <u>August 8, 2023 MEETING</u>

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

- Previous board minutes were reviewed and amended: Under Board Reports: Properties Board—replace "Budget and Finance with "Trust Fund" gave Properties Board \$2000.00 to complete landscaping project to divert water. MM/S/C
- Staffing update: Mutual Ministry has recommended Melanie Shamp as the new Administrative Assistant and can start full-time on August 30. MM/S/C.
- Praise Band Leader for Wednesday Night Worship: Mutual Ministry created a job description for the position. The position could be split between two people . A recommendation of Kari Scheitel and Sarah Tailowright to split the position was made by Budget & Finance. A motion was made and approved at Council to accept Kari and Sarah as the split Praise Band Leaders each serving on their respective Wednesday nights. MM/S/C.
- Information was provided regarding Employee Retention Credit Distribution Update: Accidental overpayment by the IRS. To be proactive, it was determined that \$14,500 would be paid back to the IRS. Motion was made and approved to rescind the previous disbursement amounts \$57197.65. A new motion was made and approved for the \$42,697.65 remaining money to be dispersed in the following way: \$4500 Tithe: \$750 Windom Sharing Center, \$750 Local LSS, \$1500 Southwestern Minnesota Synod, \$1500 Shetek Ondini Partnership, \$10,000 Operating Special Fund, \$5000 Fence, \$10,000 Properties, \$13,197.65 General Fund MM/S/C (Kevin/ Linda)
- John/Pr. Sarah spoke with Theresa Matthews. The Council discussed asking Theresa Matthews to speak/teach on the Sunday prior to Indigenous People Day (October 8) during the coffee hour after service.
- With no quorum at Budget & Finance tonight, a motion was made and approved by Council to pay all bills that are due. MM/S/C (Sharon / Kay).

Board Reports

Board Reports:

**A request was made that all board secretaries submit their meeting minutes within the same week as their meeting, as well as include meeting attendance.

- 1. Worship & Music Upcoming events/dates were shared.
- 2. Spiritual Life & Fellowship No meeting to report on.

3. Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship - Upcoming events/dates were shared. A test project of a homemade baptismal box made by Brandon Roskamp was shared as well. It was estimated to cost \$45 to make 2 boxes. A decision will be made in the future about the homemade boxes.

4. Properties - The board reviewed their checklist and discussed changing their meeting date/time.

5. Budget & Finance - No quorum so all items were discussed and brought to Council.

6. Christian Education - Upcoming events/dates were shared which included Wednesday/Sunday School start dates of September 13 and 17. Teachers are needed. Bible distribution dates were shared, also.

7. Youth & Family - It was noted that the board no longer has a secretary. Upcoming events/dates were shared. Past month's activities were reviewed.

8. Church in Society - 344 meals were served at The Banquet outing last month. The Block Party will be on 8/20/23 at 5:00 pm. Other upcoming events/dates were shared, too.

9. GLOW - The Holiday Fair will be November 11. Lefse making dates were shared beginning Tuesday, October 3 with the last one on Tuesday, November 7. A motion was made and approved for the distribution of 2023 Holiday Fair proceeds to be divided as follows: 25% Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign, 25% ALC bus/passenger van, 10% Shetek Ondini Partnership, 10% Lutheran Disaster Response, 10% Windom Area Sharing Center, 10% ALC Building Maintenance Fund, 10% Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service



ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 8/21/23:

Income: \$269,462

Expenses: \$299,895

Borrowed to date: \$20,000

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

RECORDS:

Baptisms: Nolan Verle Hansen, son of Luke & Alyce Hansen.

Deaths: Gayleen Woizeschke

MEMORIALS:

General Fund - In memory of Lee Severson.

Campership Fund – In memory of Melvin Wojahn

Renovation Fund – In memory of Ronald Becker, Jerome Smith and Larry & Ruth Smith.

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.











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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Thank you for your part in sending kids to camp. We had a great summer!

Wish List

- 17 foot Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets

September 2023

- Office supplies reams of paper
- Good Vacuums
- Volunteers



Mark your Calendar

September 30 – Pre-Marriage Retreat September 30 - Shetek WELCA Conference at SLM Octoberfest – October 20-21 Register at <u>shetek.org</u> or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

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!