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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, November 1

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/ Holy Communion

Saturday, November 4

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, November 5

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 8

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship w/ Noisy Offering

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/ Noisy offering

Wednesday, November 15th

6:30PM Wednesday Worship w/ New Members

Saturday, November 18th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, November 19th

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/ New Members

Wednesday, November 22

6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/ Pie Fellowship

Saturday, November 25

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, November 26th

Christ the King Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion



Pastor's Message

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12.1-2

This fall Noel and I attended the Friday night opening of the Pow Wow in Mankato. There was great food and colorful native consuming all around. There was an opening ceremony where dignitaries and dancers came into the circle, and opening dances. Then there was something that we were not expecting: an acknowledgement that some who are here are in mourning. Dear ones have died since this time last year. The announcer invited those who had lost loved ones to come forward. Their loss was acknowledged. Then others came to greet them in their sorrow and offer them peace. A prayer was prayed as the loss was observed. Only after this observance could the Pow Wow continue. This was meaningful for us looking on. We've lost loved ones too.

In the church we have an event like that. It's called All Saints' Day. On this day we remember those who have gone before us in faith, and who have died since this time last year. We name their names and toll a bell, for while they are no longer physically with us, they are a part of us. We are not the same without them. As we name their names, we claim the victory won for them by our Lord Jesus Christ, raised from the dead. It is a moment where we can entrust our own living and our eventual dying into the hands of Jesus.

"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord's." Romans 14.7-8

When I hear the names, I draw inspiration. Many of them I knew, or I got to know of them in death. It is a holy thing to remember and give thanks. Hearing the names, we may recall something of the struggles, joys and accomplishments in the lives of those whose names are read. All that for them is now over, and it remains for us to keep the faith, and with hearts of courage, *run the race that is set before us.*

I thank you for the privilege of being among you not only as new babies are born into your families, but also as you say goodbye to those for whom death is drawing near. We surround them with God's promise in Christ who is the resurrection and the life. We pray that sins may be forgiven and that this one may go home in peace. Imagine the joy in heaven when that one joins the saints who have gone before! May All Saints' Day refresh our own faith in Christ Jesus though the memories of those who have gone before us.

Pastor Sarah

All Saints' Day

I listen for it tolling from steeples in the sky.

The bells stir the air between here and heartache.

For a moment, the mystery satisfies, and we are all together.

I hang onto memories and promises with my fingernails just barely~

Not because I am certain, but because it is all that's left. Because if I let go, I will fall and break apart.

Perhaps someone will speak of my Beloved today and then I will not be so alone.

Hearing the name aloud makes it real, shares the weight like a new song I think I've always known.

There are candles to light the quiet resistance of remembering.

*By Meta Herrick Carlson in
Speak it Plain words for worship
and life together*

Worship & Music Notes

from Jane Cartwright, Worship & Music Coordinator

Date:	Theme:	Scripture Passage:
Nov. 1-5	Elijah at Mount Carmel	1 Kings 18: [17-19] 20-39
Nov. 8-12	Hosea	Hosea 11:1-9
Nov. 15-19	Isaiah's Vineyard Song	Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5
Nov. 22 -26	Josiah's Reform	2 Kings 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3

"A Change of Season"

It is the season of gratitude, appreciation, and thankfulness! What is the first song that comes to your mind when you think of Thanksgiving? Mine is "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come", ELW #693. The text was written by Henry Alford at the age of 16. The song begins with an invitation, Come! Faithful people are singing songs of praise during the harvest. Be it crops in the field, or an understanding of how God's many blessings allow us to "grow" in our faith, the harvest is celebrated. In gratitude and thankfulness, we share our 'harvest' with God.



Service Notes:

NOVEMBER USHERS: Gary Nelson's team

HOLY COMMUNION: Wednesday, Nov. 1st, Sunday, November 5th and 26th; and Saturday, November 11th and 18th.

NOISY OFFERING: ALC will be collecting coins, etc. for **Women of Today - Christmas Cheer Box** on November 8th, 11th, and 12th.

Make Note of these Worship Services

All Saints' Day: November 1st, 4th, and 5th. The bell will toll for those whose baptismal journey has ended in the past year.



Early Sunday, November 5th ends **Daylight Savings** time change. Clocks go **back** an hour.

Stewardship Focus: Wednesday/Saturday/Sunday—November 15th, 18th, & 19th

New Members Acknowledged: Wednesday/Sunday - November 15th and 19th.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30 pm. Musical groups and the WS/SS students will provide selections. There will be a collection for the Food Shelf. Pie Fellowship follows.

Christ the King Sunday: November 26th - This is the last Sunday of the 'Church Year'.

Come check out the Worship Volunteer Sheet located on the Worship and Music Bulletin Board in the main hallway. Scripture Readers and Communion Assistants are needed.



Noisy Offering this Month:

Women of Today: Christmas Cheer Box

The Windom Women of Today collect items to make Christmas a little brighter for some of the families in our community, through Cottonwood County Christmas Cheer Box. Monetary donations are used to purchase toys, hats, mittens, stocking stuffers and clothes for children infant to 18 years old.



November

Worship and Music

2023



The Technology team at ALC is looking for additional help! We need a few volunteer computer operators to run the sound and video boards. The technology team will train and mentor you. It takes just a few basic computer skills to do these tasks. It is a great opportunity to support worship, once or twice a month, on Sunday morning. We offer a flexible schedule. If you are interested, talk with Lindsey or Jane Cartwright, or just come up to the balcony any Sunday morning to see how these positions are such “key players” in the worship service. The Technology team truly hopes you will prayerfully consider this opportunity!

Extra Thanks to
our Veterans on
November 11th!



Ushers & Greeters



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.



Join us for
**THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP**

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 22ND
6:30PM

With special music from the ALC Choirs
and
Wednesday/Sunday School Students,
Message by Pastor Adam
Processional offering: Windom Area
Sharing Center

Pie Fellowship to follow the service.
(Everyone is invited! If you would like
to donate a pie for the fellowship,
that would be greatly appreciated!)

Help Wanted



**moving 2 Christmas Trees to sanctuary
following worship on Sunday, Nov. 26th**

See Jane Cartwright for more information.

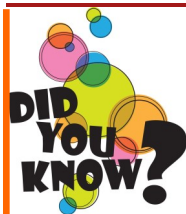


Community Christmas
Cantata continues
practice on Sundays at
6:30pm in the choir
room!

November

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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



Did you know.....

These regional ELCA colleges and universities offer great scholarships to ELCA church students? And this is just a few of them.

Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD

Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN

Concordia College in Moorhead, MN

Augsburg University in Minneapolis, MN,

St. Olaf College in Northfield MN

Luther College in Decorah, IA

Wartburg College, Waverly, IA

Your very own church also has scholarships available if you plan on attending an ELCA College or University! We also have a scholarship available for those who are/were a camp counselor at Camp Shetek! We encourage you to check this out if you are looking into colleges!

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR EXTRA HOUR?

Here are some fun ideas!

Read a chapter or two in your Bible! Write down some things that you learned!

Go for a walk and collect some fall leaves!

Press them into a book when you get home!

Ask a friend if he/she wants to hang out - in person! Meet for coffee, a bike ride, a play date, or lunch!

Start a gratitude journal! After all, what better month to do it?!

HAVE FUN!
♥Tera



ONE-NIGHT WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Don't Stop Believin'



JOIN TERA ELNESS FOR THIS ONE-NIGHT STUDY OPPORTUNITY!

NOV
13

AMERICAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH
SKYLIGHT COURT

5:30-7:30
PM

MORE INFO
507-822-3377

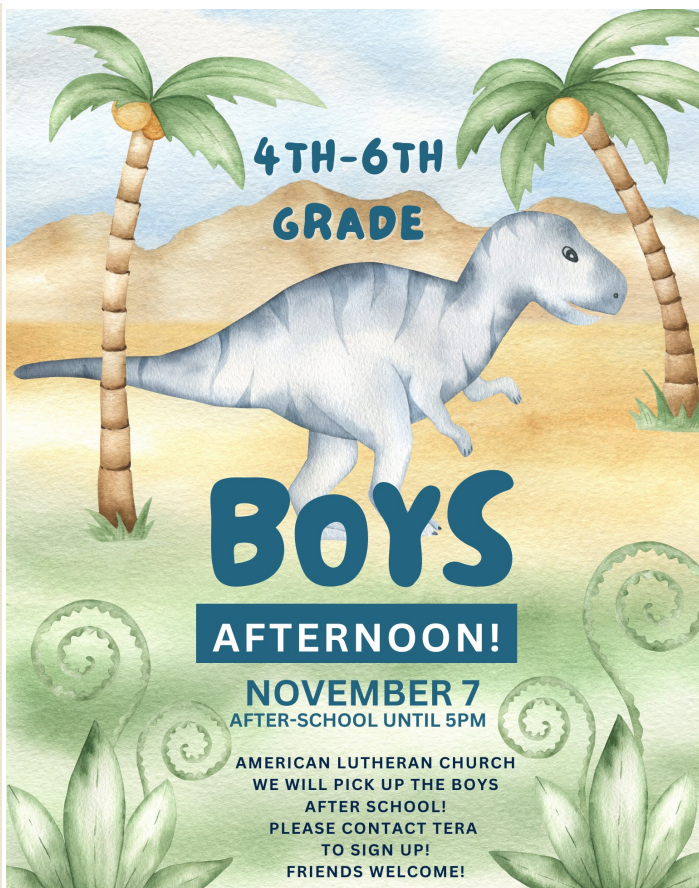
BRING YOUR BIBLE, YOUR PEN,
YOUR NOTEBOOK/JOURNAL,
AND AN APPETIZER TO SHARE!

4TH-6TH
GRADE

BOYS
AFTERNOON!

NOVEMBER 7
AFTER-SCHOOL UNTIL 5PM

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
WE WILL PICK UP THE BOYS
AFTER SCHOOL!
PLEASE CONTACT TERA
TO SIGN UP!
FRIENDS WELCOME!



November

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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



Acolyte Schedule for November

Wednesday Nov. 1— Theora Ahnupkana Olivia Joyce

Sunday, Nov. 5— Jocelyn Frank, Elie Kleven

Wednesday, Nov 8—Addison Spielman, Madison Holtz

Sunday, Nov. 12—Addison Evans, Mackenzie Meyeraan

Wednesday, Nov. 15— Sadie Tjentland, Mya Larson

Sunday, Nov. 19— Jemisyn Flute, Nevaeh Ott

Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 22— Lilly Derickson, Melinda Schunk

Sunday, Nov. 26- Addison Spielman, Gretta Smith

Wednesday, Nov. 29— Miranda Peterson, Suchin Sayavong

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

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Tera is looking for donations of Legos for a special Wednesday/Sunday School Lesson Day planned for this year! Do **you** have some Lego bricks at your house that no one plays with anymore? We are not looking for complete sets, simply donations of random Lego bricks! Please contact Tera (teraalc@gmail.com) or drop off at the Church if you do!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!



**7TH-9TH GRADE SWMN SYNOD
JR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING**

NOVEMBER 17-18
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

**WHERE GOD GUIDES.
GOD PROVIDES.
ISAIAH 58:11**

**SIGN UP
DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 20TH**

\$80/PERSON

**ALC WILL COVER HALF THE FEE FOR ALL
YOUTH WANTING TO ATTEND MAKING THE
FEE JUST \$40.**

WE WILL LEAVE CHURCH AT 3:30PM THAT FRIDAY,
AND RETURN HOME APPROXIMATELY 3:00PM ON SATURDAY.

Confirmation

*Congratulations to our
Confirmands!*

Jace Anderson	Lizabeth Bramstedt
Brady Evans	Avery Fast
Logan Hanson	Peyton Hilbrands
Zadie-Anne Johnson	Jackson Joyce
Michael Marcy	Jonah Nauman
Anja Nielsen	Katie Purrington
Matthew Redman	Xavier Roberts
Fiona Robillard	Grace Scheitel
Erin Shamp	Hayden Tietz
Brita Tjentland	Jacob Winters

**Sunday Schedule:****9:00– 10:00 AM** - Worship**10:00 AM** - Skylight Court Café - Coffee Hour**Wednesday Schedule:****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**Saturday Schedule:****5:30 PM Chapel Worship
Service**

A note from Steve Johnson, Chair of the Discipleship, Marketing and Stewardship Board:

Fall, my favorite time of year, is here again. Businesses and farmers are approaching the time where the fruits of their labor will be rewarded. It is also a time to thank God for all the blessings we have been gifted. In the first week of November, you will be receiving a brochure in the mail about our Fall Stewardship Campaign-"Celebrating our Shared Ministries". I am always amazed by all of the activities occurring at American Lutheran. It takes finances, volunteer time, talents and staff to provide these activities and accomplish our goals.

Please join us on November 15th, 18th and 19th, as we bring our commitment cards to the altar in thanking God for all we have received and for continuing ALC's mission for the coming year. Join us after the worship service on the 19th for a pancake brunch served by the Lions Club. On December 3rd we will have an adult forum with Thrivent agent, Justin Espenson. God Bless.

Steve Johnson, DSM Chair



Stop by before church services and say Hello to some of our Council Members who will be greeters during our Stewardship Campaign in the first few weeks of November! They will have more information for you regarding the campaign and they will be able to answer any questions you may have!

In recent years most of our members did not submit a Commitment Card. Maybe not everyone recognized it's importance. It's important because we're in this together! Without you, the work is not complete. We can only do this with the commitment of each one of our members. We are asking for your financial commitment so that we can fully fund all of the wonderful ministries we have at ALC. Please consider filling out the commitment card and returning it. If you did not receive a brochure but would like one, please contact the church office. Or you can scan the QR code and fill out a form online. Thanks for your part!



Stewardship

November

Church Activities

2023



HEARTS and PINES HOLIDAY FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023



9:30am-1pm

ALC will be hosting our 18th HOLIDAY FAIR on November 11th and we want you to be a part of it! HOW? There are many ways to participate. **CRAFTS:** crochet, knit, sew, quilt, wood working, making ornaments, etc. We'd love for you to share your talents. Questions? Contact Kathy Hiley, 822-1046; Jane Cartwright, 830-0299; or Beth Scrivens, 822-6246. **BAKERY:** Homemade breads, rolls, cookies, cakes, bars, pies, specialty items, candies, jams, jellies, snack mixes, pickles and other canned items. We ask you to package rolls, cookies and bars in groups of 6 or 12. Additional questions? Contact Jackie Turner, 822-1633 or Kay Evers, 830-1422. **LEFSE:** We will be making lefse every Tuesday in October and on November 7th from 8 am to noon. Come when you can and stay as long as you wish. For questions contact Karen Skarphol at 822-0785.

NEW & NEARLY NEW: This is the "rummage" part of the Holiday Fair and will be handled by the youth and their advisors and parents. If you have some nicer items you no longer want and are still useable, here is the place to bring them. Please have items clean and in good condition. **WE CANNOT USE: CLOTHES, SHOES, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, REFERENCE BOOKS OR FURNITURE.** We will be accepting items November 6th, 7th, & 8th. **Do not bring items after November 9th.** Questions? Tera Elness, 831-1794.

Morning coffee, coffeecake, pie and lunch will begin at 9:30 am. We will be serving coffee, coffeecake, pie, hot turkey sandwiches, vegetable soup, crackers, pickles, orange drink and milk. **In honor of Veterans' Day, all veterans will receive a free piece of pie with their coffee and/or meal.**

HOW CAN YOU HELP??? We need you to donate, work and shop! We will need several workers for various departments throughout the morning (1½ hour shifts), workers to set up and take down (Friday and/or Saturday afternoons), donations of cooked turkeys and soup ingredients, and buyers!

Funds raised will be distributed as follows: 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 are posted on the bulletin board across from the office.



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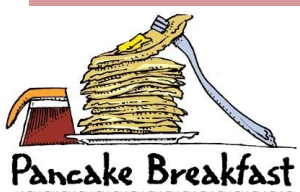


Norwegian Kringla! Beth Scrivens will lead a Kringla making evening on **Tuesday, November 7** at 6:00 p.m. Come and learn how to make this yummy Norwegian bread. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office. All supplies will be provided. We'll be donating it for sale at the Holiday Fair!

Welcome,

New Members

Join us on Wednesday 15th and Sunday November 19th as we welcome New Members. Sunday the 19th will be a big day as we are also celebrating our Stewardship Campaign and having a pancake breakfast served by the Lions Club following service! Cost for the breakfast is free-will donation.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saint's Sunday

Sunday , November 5th

All Saints' Day, a day of remembrance of those in our midst who have died in Christ's glory since All Saints' Sunday last year and now rest in God. The bell is rung an additional 3 times to remember those loved ones in our hearts.

Ronald "Ron" Vought

June Rose Richardson

Jennifer Fossing Davies

Brian Melvin Schoenenberger

Jasmine Nelson

Monica Marie Amundson

Elaine Lesch

Wendell Woodcock

Marlene Mattson

Roberta "Buzzy" Flatgard

Daniel Darwin Beam

Beatrice Lucille Steen

Ronald Arthur Becker

Hazel May (Dietrich) Newman

Sue Ellen Schadt

Gayleen Marie Woizeschke

Lee Severson

Gregory Carlson

Loring Dale Paschke

Janice Annette Yonker

Robert Arnold Lange

Good to Know

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu for November

November 1st—Tatortot Hotdish, corn, bread, dessert

November 8th—Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, green beans, bread, dessert

November 15th— Walking Tacos, fruit, dessert

November 22nd—Mac and cheese, hot dogs, carrots, dessert

November 29th— Spaghetti hotdish, bread stick, green beans, dessert



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.



If you like to bake pie or have a few extra, Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board could use various pies for the pie fellowship following Thanksgiving Eve

Worship on Wednesday, November 22nd.



Daylight Savings
Time Ends on
November 5th!

SYNOD ANTI-RACISM TRAINING

Thursday, November 2nd, 10:00am-3:30pm

Are you looking for a safe and brave space to address racism, but you're not sure where to start? Are you looking to get away and talk about hard things that matter to you? Are you looking to avoid blaming or shaming, but work with colleagues on finding ways to move forward in a positive direction? Well... then this training is for you. You are invited and encouraged to attend our SW MN Synod Anti-racism training. Lunch and refreshments will be provided as part of registration, and you can register online at swmnelca.org/event/anti-racism-training. Cost is \$20 that covers expenses.

SAVE THE DATE: LIVING NATIVITY

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- * Live Nativity Scene
- * Animals both inside & out.
- * Holiday Bake Sale
- * Carriage Rides
- * Music
- * Soup & Chili Supper and MORE!!!



Check out the December Messenger for more information

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.

Good to Know



The Sharing Center has seen a significant increase in people needing food over the last year. August saw a 40% increase and July saw a 125% increase. They are also finding that more senior citizens are needing help. Unfortunately, they are receiving fewer donations with zero donations coming in during September. If you find yourself in a position to buy a couple extra groceries to help the Sharing Center out, it would be greatly appreciated. You can bring donations to ALC and put them in the shopping cart down the steps by the chapel, or you can bring them to the processional offering on Thanksgiving Eve. Thank you.

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.



Thank You!

THANK YOU!

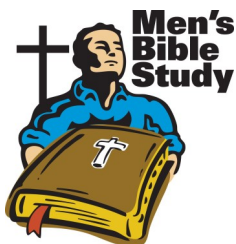
Many thanks to the following members who assisted in making confirmation banners!

Jane Cartwright, Lindsey Cartwright, Rosie Davis, Sonja Friesen, Jean Johnson, Kelly Kleven, Betty Olson, Jackie Turner, and Carol Christianson

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!

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!!



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.



THRIVENT
FINANCIAL®

Men, do you like cribbage and pizza? If so, join us in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm 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.



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

Good to Know

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE ALC CHOIR!

Practices are
Wednesday
evenings at
5:30pm!

If you or a loved one are hospitalized, going through any medical treatments or need pastoral care of any kind please call the church office to let us know.



BELL CHOIR

Practices on
Monday evenings

at 6:30pm. The **second**
Monday of the month, practice
is at 7:00 pm.

LSS Meals | Windom

**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, there is a suggested donation of \$5-\$8.75 per meal, or what you can afford. For those younger than 60, 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.



**Lutheran
Social Service**
of Minnesota



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

All congregation members
are welcome to attend!
There will be childcare avail-
able.

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!

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.



**Altar Guild will be
meeting on the second
Tuesday of each month
at 2:00pm. Next
meeting is November
14th at 2pm! All are
welcome.**

**Save the Date for Equip-
ping Congregations on
Saturday, December 2nd
2023. This will take place
at Vinje Lutheran in
Willmar from 8:30am-
3:00pm. The
theme for this
year is "Living
the Word To-
day". See the
flyer hanging up on the
bulletin board across
from the office.**



Scandinavian Dinner

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 5:00pm

Enjoy an evening of fellowship, laughter, and delicious food. All you can eat buffet of Lutefisk, meatballs, lefse, and more! Advance paid registrations are needed. Reserve your plate by November 27th. To register, head over to www.shetek.org, email camp@shetek.org or call (507)763-3567. You can also mail in a registration form. See the church office if you need a form.

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" border 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.

GLOW

GLOW in November

Gals Living Our Witness

Holiday Fair

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11
9:30 AM - 1:00PM

WHAT CAN YOU DO?
CRAFT - BAKE
GATHER ITEMS FOR NEW
AND NEARLY NEW
SIGNUP TO WORK A SHIFT
COME - SHOP - EAT!

GLOW Meeting
Nov. 5 @ 10:15 am
ALC Meeting Room
ALL Women WELCOME



BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, Nov. 16 @ 2 p.m.
Meeting Room across from office
Nov/Dec Gather Magazine
Session 3
Holy Places "Pilgrimage"
See Melanie in the office for a copy
of the Bible Study and JOIN US!



*Girls
Night
Out*

GLOW Christmas Party

Thursday, November 30
ALC Fellowship Hall
5:30 Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 pm Dinner
Carol Sing and Play Carol Trivia
Decorated tables, catered pasta bar
with dessert!

\$17
person
Limited
Seating

Tickets available before worship
or in the church office.

Tickets must be purchased by noon Monday, Nov. 27

A Women's Ministry of the American Lutheran Church 2023



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM October 10th, 2023 MEETING

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

Pastors' Reports were reviewed. Pastor Sarah summarized the South African visitors from the Ondini Partnership to our Synod and her role in taking them to visit the Pipestone National Monument and was Akhona's host for the Fall Theological Conference. Pastor Adam asked how the Council felt about ex-convicts becoming members of the American Lutheran Church.

Old Business:

1. Stewardship in a Box

a. Pastor Sarah provided a template of what the pamphlet will potentially look like which will be sent out to all members.

b. In the pamphlet, would be a commitment card of which ALC is encouraging members to sign. The verbiage on the card would read: "I/We commit to financially support the ministry of this congregation so that these programs will be fully funded for 2024."

c. President John Shamp encouraged Council members to speak and greet during the Stewardship month campaign. A sign up sheet for different church services was passed around for Council members to sign up to fulfill this role.

d. The commitment cards/pamphlets should be arriving in parishioners' mailboxes the first week of November.

New Business:

1. A reminder to the boards of their role in the Living Nativity.

2. Pastor Adam will begin the process for Board positions that are open for 2024.

Board Reports

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1. Worship and Music Board: Oct 29 Reformation Service at 9:00 am and Confirmation Service at 10:45am. There will be Sunday School at regular time.. Thanksgiving Eve Service - Nov 22 at 6:30 pm. Weds/Sun School children will be singing. Christmas Cantata - Open to the community. Rehearsals begin Oct 15 at 6:30, ALC. Concert is Dec 20th. Christmas Eve Services will be 3:00/5:00/10:00. No Christmas Day Service but Sunday Morning at 9:00 am the Cantata will be replayed.

2. Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board: Upcoming events /dates were shared.. Pie served after Thanksgiving Service. Apple Cider provided at Living Nativity.

3. Discipline/Marketing and Stewardship Board: On ALC's Youtube account, it summarized that the watching of church services has been down but funerals have been watched fairly steady. Venmo Account is going to be set up through Hello Mobile.\$5 a month with no contract. For 6 months \$70 plus tax. Hoping to have it up and running for the Holiday Fair.

4. Properties Board: Only one bid so far for Snow Removal. No bids for the fence and gate at the parsonage.

5. Budget and Finance Board: Motion made by Sandy B. and seconded by Kevin H. to accept the ELCA Insurance Plan for 2024 (Gold +). Motion carried. There will be a 2 ½ % increase. Of \$110,608.00 it would increase \$2,765.00 (not increase salaries). Approved payment of bills on hold. \$11,923.61 of which \$6139.42 came from the special fund. The difference is \$5,784.19. MM/S/C (Linda J./Sandy B.)

6. Christian Education Board: Bibles for 3rd graders were completely funded by the board. Women's Bible Study - Oct 23rd . October Girls' Night: Oct 29th. Octoberfest @ Shetek for grades 3-6 for a fall overnighther. Oct 19-20. Halloween party - grades 1-3 on Oct 16th.

7. Youth and Family Board: Boo Bingo and Scary Supper; Holiday Fair-New and Nearly New; National Youth Gathering Sign up Deadline Oct 23 -1 has paid and 6 have given a verbal to go NY Gathering; Living Nativity - Soup Supper

8. Church in Society Board: Living Nativity Collection; ALC is going to buy gifts for all the Good Sam residents- tags will be placed on the tree and people can take a tag, buy/wrap and drop off the gift at the church and Good Sam will be picking them up before Christmas.

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATEAs of 10/23/23:

Income: \$398,669

Expenses: \$470,804

Borrowed to date: \$34,000



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

RECORDS:

Baptisms: *Callan Lee Janssen, son of Travis & Hally Janssen*



Deaths: *Loring Paschke*

Janice Yonker

Robert A. Lange

MEMORIALS:

General Fund – *In memory of Jan Yonker & Robert A. Lange.*

Music Fund – *In memory of Jan Yonker.*

Renovation Fund – *In memory of Loring Paschke, Jan Yonker, Marlene Mattson & Gayleen Woizeschke.*

*In Loving
Memory*

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.

OCTOBER SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT

The visit with the four South Africans was a success! Four leaders from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa traveled to the Southwestern MN Synod from 09/21 – 10/12. It was a highlight to have three of them in the Shetek Conference October 2 -4, and to host Okhona the weekend of October 7-8. Okhona Kleinbooi is the Executive Secretary to Bishop Myaka of the Southeast Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. Agrippa chairs the Diocesan Partnership Committee and Pastor Thabani oversees diaconal service-oriented ministry and is a part time pastor. These folks were a delight to be around! We grew in faith and friendship during their visit, and we look forward to more exchanges in the future.

Akhona visits ALC 10/07



A visit to Shalom Hill Farm!



*Visiting the Pipestone
National Monument*



*Receiving a gift of stoles from
1st Lutheran in Pipestone*



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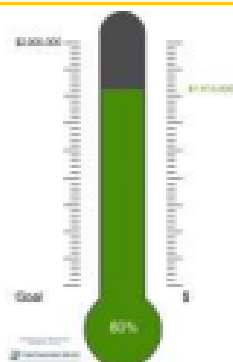
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! **1 CHRONICLES 16:34**

Wish List

- 17 foot Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- Good Vacuums
- Volunteers

We thank you for all your generosity this year!

We met our Phase 1 goal! \$1,613,000 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/>



Mark your Calendar

- November 3-4 Confirmation Retreat
- December 3 Annual Meeting
- December 3 Scandinavian Dinner
- December 28 Winter Fun Day

Register at shetek.org 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!