



# March 2024

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**AMERICAN LUTHERAN**  
WINDOM, MN Church



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### Saturday, March 2nd

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### Sunday, March 3rd

#### 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion

### Wednesday, March 6th

12:00 PM Ecumenical Luncheon at  
Presbyterian Church

6:30 PM Lenten Worship w/Noisy  
Offering

### Saturday, March 9th

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

### Sunday, March 10th

#### 4th Sunday of Lent

#### Second Sunday Noisy Offering

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9:00 AM Worship w/ Noisy offering

### Wednesday, March 13th

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

### Saturday, March 16th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/ Holy  
Communion

### Sunday, March 17th

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Worship

### Wednesday, March 20th

12:00 PM Ecumenical Luncheon at  
Presbyterian Church

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

### Saturday, March 23rd

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### Sunday, March 24th

#### Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion  
Wed/Sun School kids singing

### Thursday, March 28th

6:30PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/  
Holy Communion & First Communion  
for 5th Graders, 3-6 grade singing

### Friday, March 29th

6:30pm Good Friday Worship

### Sunday, March 31st

#### Easter Sunday

7:00AM Youth Led Sunrise Service  
9:00AM Festival Easter Worship

## Our Vision:

People experiencing a  
life-giving relationship  
with God.

## Mission:

Living God's grace, we  
cultivate community to  
love and serve.

## Values:

### **Relationships**

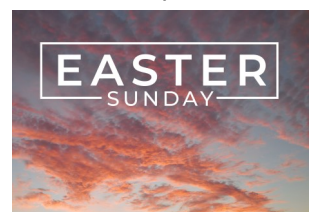
God. Each other. Creation.

### **Belonging**

Affirmed. Included. Valued.

### **Faith**

Active. Inquiring. Hopeful.



## Pastor's Message

Today I took advantage of unseasonably warm temperatures and walked my dog down by the river in Island Park. We curved around toward the dog park. There was a dog in there who had noticed us. He wasn't interested in playing with his owner anymore. He was interested in my dog, but the fence prevented him from getting close. He ran up and down the side of the fence trying to get closer to us. We wandered over, and the dogs greeted one another, thrilled to have found another of their own kind. Even dogs want to know they belong! How does someone come to faith? My experience is that it is most often begins with *belonging* before *believing*.

As a young adult I worked at Christikon, a Lutheran Bible camp in the Rocky Mountains of Montana. My faith grew a lot at camp, and so did my ability to talk about it, but before all that, I loved camp *because I belonged*. I was part of a group, the staff that laughed and played together, sang and worshipped together, hiked and prayed together. Our faith was formed in the rhythms of our shared life, where the story of Jesus was woven into everything we did.

Our congregations are a bit like that. We learn from each other in relationships, like an 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy running sound for a worship service along side the adult who has been doing it for years. Or youth flipping pancakes alongside parents of their friends for the Fat Tuesday fundraiser. Or an aunt bringing her niece to worship. Now she is coming regularly. Women who gather to quilt share the stories of their day to day lives and imagine those who will receive what they are piecing together. *May whoever receives this somehow know that they are remembered, provided for and LOVED by other humans, and by God!* Others are delivering Meals on Wheels. As they ring the doorbell, they deliver not just the noon meal, but human contact with the one who opens the door. It's powerful what we do! Can we be an *evangelizing community*, a place where the story of Jesus is woven into all that we do?

One writer describes the church as "a safe and inviting place where outsiders to faith can come to figure out their spirituality in a Christian context." p. 40 *Evangelism for "Normal" People*, John P. Bowen. Not that any of us have it all figured out. Don't be afraid to ask what is on your heart or mind! We are on the road together as we learn to follow Jesus.

There is a danger in our congregations, when we become too comfortable with our belonging. We can weave a tight web in our own relationships that becomes difficult for others to penetrate and learn the story of Jesus. We must be an "open community, where outsiders can come in and explore the reality of faith" p. 43 *Evangelism for "Normal" People*, John P. Bowen.

Think of how the tax collector Levi came to faith: <sup>27</sup> *After this [Jesus] went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me."* <sup>28</sup> *And he got up, left everything, and followed him.* <sup>29</sup> *Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them.*

Jesus first asked Levi to follow, even *belong*. Levi was so pleased, even surprised at being invited and included that he threw a party and invited all his friends to meet Jesus! What better way to get acquainted than around food. May we be open and generous as we widen our communities to others so together, we can know the story of Jesus more deeply, gaining new life in community.

Pastor Sarah

# Worship and Music Notes

## March, 2024

### Jane Cartwright, Coordinator

#### Saturday Sunday Scriptures

**Mar. 2/3, 2024**

Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Cor. 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

**Mar. 9/10, 2024**

Num. 21:4-9  
Eph.2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

**Mar. 16/17, 2024**

Jer.31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:4-10  
John 12:20-33

**Mar. 23/24,  
2024**

Isaiah 50:4-9  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 15:1-39  
[40-47]

*Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns, we  
join in heaven's praise. ELW 319 v.4*

#### Check out the Worship Bulletin board!

Special Music, Scripture readers,  
Holy Communion Assistants  
Sign up is available.

### Christ is Risen!

**Chapel Easter Worship  
Saturday, March 30 5:30pm**

**Youth Led Sunrise -Sanctuary  
Sunday, March 31, 7:00am**

**Festive Easter Worship - Sanctuary  
Sunday, March 31, 9:00am**

#### Palm Sunday and Holy Week

**Mar.24, 9:00am**

All Children Sing  
Holy Communion  
Mark 11:1-11



#### Maundy Thursday Mar.28, 6:30pm

First Communion  
Gr 3-6 students sing  
Exodus 12:1-14  
1 Cor. 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35



#### Good Friday Mar. 29 6:30pm

The Way of the Cross

#### Worship Notes:

**Lenten Worship with Holden Evening  
Prayer / The Tree of Life** continues on  
Wednesdays, Mar. 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30 pm.  
There will be no worship on Wednesday,  
March 27th due to Holy Week.

#### Easter Special Music

Play an instrument? Have a favorite  
Easter song to share?  
Sign up on the Worship and Music  
bulletin board.

#### Worship Notes:

**Ushers:** Gary Nelson, Don Brugman, Larry Eike,  
Ryan Elston, Kevin Heggeseeth, Steve Johnson,  
Scott Ralston, Dick Torkelson

#### Holy Communion:

Saturday, Mar. 9 and 16, 5:30pm  
Sunday, Mar. 3 and Mar. 24 9:00am  
Easter, Sunday, Mar. 31, 7:00 and 9:00 am

#### Noisy Offering: Mar. 9th and 10th

Noisy Offering collection this month goes  
toward the Windom Area Sharing Center. In  
past months, there has been an increase,  
within the county, in the usage of the Sharing  
Center. March is Minnesota FoodShare  
Month!



March

**Christian Ed/Youth & Family**

2024

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



**WS/SS March '24!**

**Feb. 28th/March 3rd The Woman At The Well**

**March 6th/10th For God So Loved The World That God Gave Us.....GRANDPARENTS!**

**Wed, March 20th Palm Sunday Singing Rehearsal/ Nursery Handprints**

**Sun, March 24th PALM SUNDAY All Kids Sing! Easter Egg Hunt following Worship!**

**Maundy Thursday, March 28th 3rd-6th Graders Sing at Worship!**

**March 27th/31st No Classes/Easter!**



# Women's Bible Study

**MONDAY NIGHT  
MARCH 4TH**

**5:30-7:30pm**

**BRING A  
SNACK TO  
SHARE!**

**MORE THAN A FEELING...  
the weight (and worth!)  
of our emotions**

*one-night session written & led  
by Tera Elness*

**American Lutheran Church - Windom - Skylight Court - No Fee To Attend**



**At Wednesday/Sunday School!  
March 6th/10th**

**GRANDPARENTS OR OTHER SPECIAL  
ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THEIR  
STUDENT IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DURING  
HIS/HER REGULAR CLASSTIME!  
WE WILL ENJOY A LESSON, A CRAFT,  
AND A FUN SNACK TOGETHER!**

## Join us for a St. Patty's Day PUZZLE RACE & POTATO BAR!

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**5:00-7:00pm**

Teams of 4 are encouraged to sign up  
for our Puzzle Race!

Deadline to sign up is March 11th.

**\$50/team | TWO Categories:**

Regular Play (500 pcs) & Family Play (300 pcs)

<families must have at least one  
team member age 13 or under>

Cash Prizes for the Top Two Teams in Each Division!

**BAKED POTATO & ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR**

(hot dog meal option available!)

**\$10/person, 12 & under \$5**

**American Lutheran Church  
Windom**

**906 Prospect Ave**

**Please email**

**Tera Elness**

**to sign up your puzzle team!**

**teraalc@gmail.com**





March

**Christian Ed/Youth & Family**

2024


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



## Looking for Candy! Looking for Eggs!

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD IS  
SEEKING DONATIONS OF PLASTIC FILLABLE  
EGGS AS WELL AS SMALL INDIVIDUALLY  
WRAPPED CANDY FOR OUR PALM SUNDAY  
EASTER EGG HUNT!

*Please bring your donations directly  
to Tera or to the Church Office  
by Sunday, March 17th.  
THANK YOU!*




For God So Loved The World  
**THAT GOD  
GAVE US..  
EASTER!**

Wednesday & Sunday School  
Students will meet in  
Fellowship Hall on  
March 13th/17th during  
their class times  
for this special all-together  
lesson & craft time!

**SEE YOU  
THERE!**



## PALM SUNDAY NURSERY – 6TH GRADE EASTER EGG HUNT!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH – 10:15AM**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP AND  
IN PLACE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CLASSROOM TIME!**


**ALL WED/SUN SCHOOL STUDENTS  
WILL BE SINGING AT OUR  
PALM SUNDAY SERVICE!**




## Join us for Easter Breakfast!

ALC Youth Fundraiser Easter Breakfast  
featuring assorted egg bakes, cinnamon rolls,  
orange juice, coffee, & milk

Sunday, March 31st  
Serving from 8-9am ~ Freewill Donation!

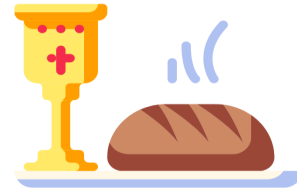


March

**Christian Ed/Youth & Family**

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

**Acolyte Schedule March 2024**Sunday, Mar. 3rd—Addison Spielman, Melinda SchunkWednesday, Mar. 6th —Addison Evan, Suchin SayavongSunday, Mar. 10th—Jocelyn Frank, Abby FriewaldWednesday, Mar. 13th—Theora Ahnupkana, Nevaeh OttSunday, Mar. 17th—Lilly Derickson, Ruby HeggesethWednesday, Mar. 20th—Elie KlevenSunday, Mar. 24th—Sadie Tjentland, Olivia JoyceMaundy Thursday, Mar. 28th—Miranda Peterson, Mackenzi Meyeraan\*\*If you are unable to acolyte on a date, please switch with someone. Please notify Tera of any changes.

## Fifth Grade First Communion Classes

**-Thursdays-**  
**After School until 4:30pm**  
**March 7, 14, & 21**

We will pick up the kids after school!!

**Snack & Drink will be Provided!**

**CONFIRMATION**  
**TERA'S 7TH GR. CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ONLY!**

*camp!*

INSTEAD OF WKLY CLASSES DURING LENT THIS YEAR, OUR 7TH GRADERS WILL HEAD TO SHETEK FOR 24 HRS!

**SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

**MARCH 15-16, 2024 / LEAVING ALC AT 5PM ON FRIDAY THE 15TH AND RETURNING AT 7PM ON SAT THE 16TH**

THIS RETREAT IS 24 HOURS, BEGINNING AT 6PM ON FRIDAY AND CONCLUDING AT 6PM ON SATURDAY WITH SUPPER SERVED BOTH DAYS.

DURING CONFIRMATION RETREATS, YOUTH HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMP ACTIVITIES WHILE CONNECTING WITH OTHER YOUTH.

YOUTH STAY IN A CABIN WITH A SHETEK STAFF MEMBER.

ADULT LEADERS WILL STAY IN OUR RETREAT CENTER.

*Congratulations to this year's First Communion Students!*

Macy Boeck  
Reese Carlson  
Hadley Dardis  
Lawson Fast  
Ally Hodkin  
Elliot Lohse  
Megan Marsh  
Elijah Mattson  
Nicholas Mau  
Carter Mesner  
Milo Miller  
Noah Muske  
Rose Myers  
Jaxon Edwards  
Ethan Peterson  
Jaelynn Peterson  
Karter Pribyl  
Carson Soderholm

**Maundy THURSDAY**



## Good to Know




### SUGARBUSH SUNDAY

*Pancake Breakfast & Square Dance!*

**CELEBRATE SPRING WITH US!**  
 Sunday, March 24th, 2024  
 Breakfast: 9:00am-12:30pm  
 Square Dance: 1:00-2:30pm

Come and join us for a day of pioneer fun at Lake Shetek! Free-will donation pancake breakfast followed by a traditional square dance - ALL ARE WELCOME!  
 Proceeds benefit our maple syruping programs here at camp!

[www.shetek.org/go/maplesyruping/](http://www.shetek.org/go/maplesyruping/)

 507-763-3567   
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  [katie@shetek.org](mailto:katie@shetek.org)

**SCRAPBOOK/CRAFTING RETREAT!** Bring your favorite crafting past time, rent a table and hangout with others that love to craft and enjoy some good snacks/food. **Friday, April 5th 9am - Midnight & Saturday, April 6th 9am - 7pm.** Come a day early on Thursday, April 4th for only \$10 more! All Proceeds will go to the ALC Youth! Contact Mary Mohlencamp for more information [marymohl@rconnect.com](mailto:marymohl@rconnect.com) or 507-822-1179. See **page 8** for the Registration form. **Please register by Friday, March 29th!**

### February 2024 American Lutheran Church



#### Meals on Wheels

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the members who helped with Meals on Wheels in February. Especially all those who battle the winter weather. Thank you for giving your time to a great cause! Those who received the meals are especially grateful for all the people that prepare the meals and the many volunteers that deliver them!

ALC's Meals on Wheels Coordinator is Gary Nelson. Thank you Gary for getting everyone all lined up to deliver!

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

Jane Moldaschel, Lou Masters, Lori Mickelson, DAC Employees, Su Jeffries, John Holt, Judy Holt, Lori Seifert, Steve Seifert, Judy Lindvall, Rory Lindvall, Jackie Turner, Paul Turner, Al Peterson, Pogo Kaiser, Marge Paschke, Page Kern, Kay Evers, Dorothy Fundahn, Deb Minion, Nick Trotter, Judy Trotter, Vernon Huebert, Alice Huebert, Leann Johnson, John Reid, and Cindy Reid

#### **SUBS:**

John Berge, Gordy Skarset,

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes other will be refreshed." - Proverbs 11:25

Don't forget to enter the drawing to win a free week or mini-camp!  
Email Tera by March 12th to enter!

### SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS

**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!

2024 SPRING ALC YOUTH FUNDRAISER



# SCRAPBOOKS & CRAFTING RETREAT



FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH 2024

9AM-MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH 2024

9AM-7PM

\$40 for one day

or \$60 for BOTH days

*Want to come early?**Join us Thursday, April 4th**1pm-10pm for an additional \$10*

MARY MOHLENCAMP & THE ALC YOUTH ARE HOSTING A  
TWO-DAY RETREAT FOR ALL CRAFTERS AND STAMPERS/SCRAPPERS

**\*\*ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE  
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH PROGRAM!\*\***

## Retreat Itinerary:

**\*\*Friday Night:** Supper at 6PM &  
Brownies and Ice Cream for a late  
night snack!

**\*\*Saturday Morning:** Brunch at 10am,  
water and coffee provided.  
Please bring snacks to share  
There will be door prizes!

Electrical outlets will be available.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALC YOUTH  
MAIL TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN, ATTN: WENDY PIGMAN

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT MARY

MOHLENCAMP AT

MARYMOHL@RCONNECT.COM

(507)822-1179



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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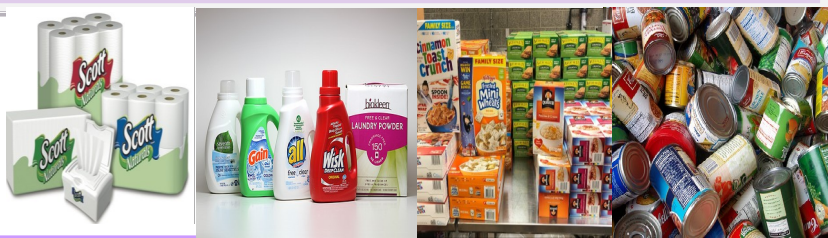
## Good to Know

Don't forget to "Spring Ahead" on Sunday.  
March 10th!



**March is Food Share Month!** Church and Society will be collecting items through March for the local food shelf.

- \* First week - Cleaning and Paper items (Pledge, Detergent, paper towels,...)
  - \* Second week - Personal Items (Toiletries, diapers, soap...)
  - \* Third week - Breakfast Items (Juice, cereal, oatmeal...)
  - \* Fourth week - Canned Goods (Fruits, veggies, soup,...)
- We will take any items anytime - this is suggestions only!!  
Monetary donations are also great!!!



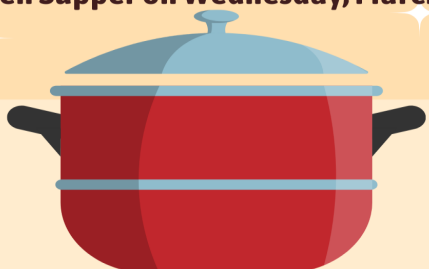
### Tune in to ALC's Worship Broadcasts:

Sundays at 10:30 AM on KDOM 103.1 FM

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

## Hotdish Heaven

The National Youth Gathering Students along with their Families will be providing the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 6th!



Wed, March 6  
serving starts at 5!



American Lutheran  
Church of Windom

All proceeds benefit the NYG Youth!

Please plan to join us!

### LSS Meals | Windom



Lutheran  
Social Service  
of Minnesota

ALC Day at LSS Meals!

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.

### 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.



Did you know that you can see sermons on the **ALC WEB-SITE**? 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.

### Lenten Supper Schedule

#### Menu for March

March 6th—Nat'l Youth Gathering Group serving Hotdish Heaven!

March 13th—Spiritual Life & Fellowship serving Potato soup & Chili

March 20th—Bethany Lutheran serving pulled pork, chips, and salads

March 27th— NO SUPPER-Holy Week

## Men's Group

### Cribbage and Pizza!

Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall! ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!  
Gather for fellowship with the guys and pizza!



Please let Pastor Adam know if you plan on attending so he knows how much pizza to order

## \$40 FOR 40 DAYS

### LENTEN CHALLENGE

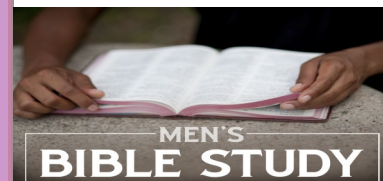
One dollar a day for 40 days doesn't sound like much does it? But that \$40 can put food on the table in Ukraine or here in Cottonwood County. We challenge you to donate and support the Lenten challenge. Half of the money donated will go toward Lutheran Disaster Response Eastern Europe Crisis Response which provides support for people impacted by the conflict in Ukraine and the other half will go to support The Windom Area Sharing Center, helping people here in the Windom Area. Please make checks to American Lutheran Church with Lenten Challenge in the memo line. Thank you! Please note, 40 Days \$40 Lenten envelopes will be placed on the tables in the narthex.



## Q&A With Pastor A

In February a group met for dinner and conversation at Jack Slade's with Pastor Adam where they could ask any church question they wanted. Topics ranged from abortion, the feeling that ELCA leadership isn't listening to regular people, the ELCA's stance on gun control, to the ELCA's stance on Gaza and Israel. The group wanted to meet again so Adam will be at Jack Slade's in the Fireplace Room on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30 pm. Grab a drink and a bite to eat, bring questions or just come to listen and chime in. Come on time or come later. Come for the whole time or for ten minutes. Either way, you are welcome and so are your questions.

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.



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!!

**Altar Guild will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm. Next meeting is February 13th at 2pm! All are welcome.**

## GLOW

GLOW Meeting Sunday, March 3rd at 10AM (after worship) in the Meeting Room. ALL 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!

GLOW Women have started up their sewing days again! Join them in the Fellowship Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month starting January 2nd; 9am-2pm-ish. This will go through April.

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS:

Bars of soap (mild bath size)

Bath Towels ( between 20"x40" and 52"x27")

All items may be brought into the church office. Questions? Please contact Jackie Turner 822-1633.



*glow*

# GLOW in March

Gals Living Our Witness



**Come share  
your ideas!**

**GLOW Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 3 @ 10 am**  
**ALC Meeting Room**  
**All women of ALC invited !**



## **Sewing: Quilts and Kits !!!**

**Tuesdays, March 4 & 18**  
**9:00 to 2-ish**  
**Come check us out!**  
**Fun and Service!!**

**We would be  
sew lucky to  
have you!**



## **Bible Study**

**Thursday, March 21 @ 2 pm**  
**ALC Meeting Room**  
**March/April Gather Magazine**  
**Session 3 - Food: Daily bread for the**  
**health of the world**

**Mark your Calendar**  
**Shetek Conference**  
**Spring Gathering**  
**April 20**  
**Jasper, MN**

**A Women's Ministry of**  
**American Lutheran Church**  
**2024**



**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM**  
**February 6th, 2024 MEETING**

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

The February 6, 2024, ALC of Windom Church Council meeting was called to order by President John Shamp at 8:02 pm.

In attendance: Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, John Shamp, Kevin Heggeseeth, Wendy Ahnupkana, Sheryl Hanefeld, Karen Skarpohl, Kay Evers, Kelsey Edwards, Cory Pohlman, Keith Pohlman, Brandon Roskamp

Devotions and opening prayer were provided by Pastor Adam.

One correspondence note was shared.

The secretary's report for January was approved as printed. MM/S/C (Kay/Cory)

The treasurer's report for January was approved as printed. MM/S/C (Cory/Keith)

The Pastor's reports were reviewed.

**Old Business:**

1. Annual Meeting update - a debriefing of the event was held

**New Business:**

1. Review Chapter 12 of the Constitution - tabling this item until March Council Meeting
2. Signing of Ethics Policy/ Update the Council Roster and contact information
3. Approval of names for Mutual Ministry: Kirk Odden, Dan Mesner, Judy Holt - a motion was made to approve the names for Mutual Ministry. MM/S/C (Kevin/Karen)
4. Approval of Jenny Hedquist for Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board - a motion was made to approve the name for Spiritual Life and Fellowship Board. MM/S/C (Kay/Kevin)
5. Select voting members for Shetek Conference Assembly to be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Slayton on February 18th - Keith Pohlman, John Shamp, and Kevin Heggeseeth will attend but others are welcome to join.
6. Church Safety and Security – Synod Zoom Mtg. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>/ Watch party February 11<sup>th</sup> after worship
7. Other - N/A

**Board Reports:**

1. **Worship & Music** - Carolyn Schneider will be here 1/28, Gideons will be here 2/18, Easter flower Worship & Music - a chair and secretary were determined, upcoming event were shared for February and March which included Ash Wednesday 2/14/24 with "Ashes To Go" and Holy Week the last week of March
2. **Spiritual Life & Fellowship** - welcomed the new member, co-chairs were determined, Lenten Supper planning
3. **Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship** - a chair was determined as well as secretary, Venmo was discussed to continue to get it up and running, Adopt-a-Highway would offer a great volunteer opportunity for congregation members, a quarterly Temple Talk from Carolyn Schneider our Global Mission Representative, transportation to-from church as an option
4. **Properties** - copy room temperature levels will be looked at, a light on the flag pole, Ron's Electric will be looking at the lights in the church
5. **Budget & Finance** - did not meet this week
6. **Christian Education** - a chair was determined, multiple events were reviewed and the upcoming events were shared, Miranda Shunk is the new Wednesday School music leader, first communion classes are starting in March, dates were determined for VBS
7. **Youth & Family** - a chair and secretary were determined, a review of recent outings and events, Faith Fest is this coming weekend, Senior High Youth Gathering in New Ulm will be in March
8. **Church in Society** - 40 days/\$40 Lent Challenge, Lent Supper was determined as well
9. **GLOW** - quilting is on-going, Thursday afternoon bible studies



ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 2/20/24:

Income: \$91,509

Expenses: \$87,542



(These figures do not include February end-of-month commitments and benevolences.)

**CHURCH RECORDS:****Deaths:** Arlene Ott

Frederick "Fred" Frederickson

Bonita "Bonnie" Miller

**Baptisms:** No Baptisms this month**MEMORIALS:****General Fund** – In memory of James Nelson & Fred Frederickson.**Renovation Fund** – In memory of Fred Frederickson.**Altar Guild** – In memory of Fred Frederickson.

*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](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.

**THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING ~**

ALC wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you have any questions regarding electronic giving, please contact Wendy Pigman in the church office.

**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](mailto:winalc@windomnet.com).

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

**March 2024**



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## Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



**Happy Easter!**

### Wish List

- Glue and Glue Sticks
- Extension Cords
- Volunteers
- **Summer Staff -**  
<https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>



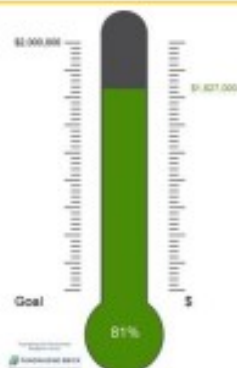
**Tapping Trees for Sugar Bush**

### Mark your Calendar

- March 15-16 Confirmation Retreat
- March 24 Sugar Bush Pancake Breakfast & Square Dance
- April 19-20 Confirmation Retreat
- April 22-25 Quilt & Craft Retreat
- Register at [shetek.org](https://shetek.org) or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

We met our Phase 1 goal!  
\$1,627,000 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/>



**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!**