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Worship Schedule

Our Vision:
 People experiencing a life-giving relationship with God.

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

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

Wednesday, May 1st
 6:30pm Worship w/Holy Communion & Healing Prayers

Saturday, May 4th
 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Healing Prayers after service

Sunday, May 5th
Sixth Sunday after Easter
 9:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion & Healing Prayers

Wednesday, May 8th
 6:30 PM Worship w/Noisy offering

Saturday, May 11th
 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Sunday, May 12th
Seventh Sunday after Easter
Second Sunday Noisy Offering
 9:00 AM Worship w/ Noisy offering

Wednesday, May 15th
 6:30 PM Concert Worship w/Agape & Rachel Kurtz

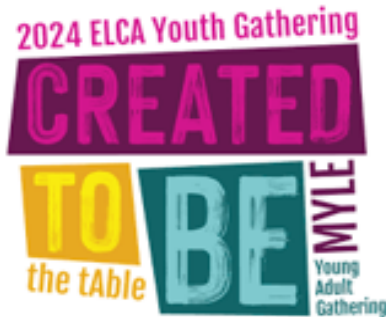
Saturday, May 18th
 5:30 PM Chapel Service w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, May 19th
Pentecost Sunday
Senior Sunday
 9:00 AM Worship

Saturday, May 25th
 5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, May 26th
Holy Trinity Sunday
 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Pastor's Message



I praise you, for
I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY
MADE.

Wonderful are your
works;
that I know very well.
Psalm 139.14

Here's who is going:

From Bethany:
Divia Henderson

From ALC:
Braxton Pohlman
Xavier Roberts
Eric Heggeseeth
Marissa Newman

Adult Leaders
Kevin Heggeseeth
Sarah Tadé

We have five youth and two adults who will travel to New Orleans, LA for the National Youth Gathering July 15th – 20th. American Lutheran and Bethany have been so supportive in raising funds for these youth to travel. Thank you! I wanted you to know what the Gathering is and the themes for our days.

The Gathering is a faith formation event with tens of thousands of youths and their leaders from across the ELCA coming together for worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service and fellowship. We stay in hotels, do activities, and discover the city during the day, and in the evening, everyone gathers in the Superdome for a high energy event of worship, music, and speakers. We will have some fun along the way, meeting new friends, seeing new places, and eating new food!

There are five themes for the five days of the event. We have been meeting once a month since January to prepare and get acquainted with each other and these themes! These themes can help shape your life as a follower of Jesus too. To learn with our youth, I invite you to take one theme a day, lean into it, and see where you land.

BRAVE *We are CREATED TO BE BRAVE - to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Psalm 27.1

"God, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, Matthew 26.39

Jesus was brave as he followed the will of his Father and went to the cross. For our youth, it is already an act of bravery to go somewhere new, willing to discover, learn and grow!

AUTHENTIC *We are CREATED TO BE AUTHENTIC - to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.*

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Pastor's Message

"You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise [God]. Matthew 5:14-16 the New Living Translation

FREE *We are CREATED TO BE FREE – to be transformed by the gospel.*

Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12.2

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5.1

DISRUPTIVE *We are CREATED TO BE FREE – to work for justice for all our siblings.*

Jesus went straight to the Temple and threw out everyone who had set up shop, buying and selling. He kicked over the tables of loan sharks and the stalls of dove merchants.

Matthew 21.12 The Message Translation

New Orleans has a history of disruptors. On 11.19/1960 at age 6, Ruby Bridges became a civil rights leader by taking the first step toward desegregating Willam Frantz Elementary School, escorted federal marshals. As Lutherans, we belong to a long movement of reform – a history that began over 500 years ago when Martin Luther, a small-town priest, disrupted an entire religious, economic and political landscape with the truth of Gospel.

DISCIPLES *We are CREATED TO BE DISIPLES to be sent into the world to love our neighbor, just as we are loved by God.*

Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? Jesus said to the lawyer, "you shall love the lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew

22.36-40

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has been in the city of New Orleans since 1884. During segregation, it offered a school for African-descent people as their schools were defunded. After Hurricane Katrina, Bethlehem lost half its membership, yet today it feeds over 200 neighbors twice a week through the Community Table. This is one way this community lives its discipleship.

You will be hearing more about the Gathering in the months to come. Our youth will have things to teach us when they return! Thank you for being lifelong learners, always being transformed by the Good News that we have in Jesus.

Pastor Sarah

Worship and Music Notes

May, 2024

Jane Cartwright, Coordinator



May 1/5, 2024
 Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17

May 8 /12, 2024
 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 Psalm 1
 1 John 5:9-13
 John 17:6-19

**Wednesday -
 Sunday
 Scriptures**

May 15 /19, 2024
 Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34,
 35b
 Romans 8:22-27
 John 15:26-27;
 16:4b-15

May 25 /26, 2024
 Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm 29
 Romans 8:12-17
 John 3:1-17

May is a time of Celebration



Healing Prayers: During worship, a time is provided to come forward for healing prayers. We celebrate God's love and healing powers. May 1st, 4th, and 5th.



Teacher Recognition: ALC is blessed to have compassionate individuals who share the stories of Jesus and his love. We celebrate these individuals Wed. May 1 and Sun. May 5th. Small Group Guides will be recognized on May 15th.

Ascension Day: This is the day celebrating Jesus ascension into heaven. This year it happens on May 9th.



Mother's Day: May 8th -12th we celebrate individuals who have guided and loved us, with the gentle touch, similar to how Jesus gathered in the children.



Creation Sunday: The week of May 8-12th, ALC celebrates God's creation! Bless the hands who till the soil. Bless the hands who care for livestock. Bless the hands who seed the earth. Bless the hands who care for waterways. Bless all God's creation.



Pentecost: 50 days after Easter we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. A day remembered by communities of various languages, speaking in native tongues, and being able to understand one another.



Senior Sunday: ALC celebrates 23 Seniors on May 19th! Come and congratulate these young adults.



Holy Trinity: We celebrate the mystery of the Three-in-one; God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, on May 25th and 26th.



Memorial Day: A day of honoring those who have died, serving in the military. ALC will remember Memorial Day, May 25 / 26.

Special Event:

Wed. May 15th
 Agapé and
 Rachel Kurtz

ALC Worship 6:30-7:15pm

Worship Notes:

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

Holy Communion:

Wednesday Worship, May 1, 6:30 pm
 Saturday, May 11 and May 18, 5:30pm
 Sunday, May 5 and May 26, 9:00am

Noisy Offering: May 8 th , 11th and 12th

Noisy Offering collection this month goes toward VBS Registrations. This summer's theme is: *Who is my neighbor?*

Check out the
Worship Bulletin board!

Scripture readers,
 Holy Communion Assistants

Sign up is available.

With the arrival of Summer events,
 please consider signing up for one of the slots.



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



Hello May!

WS/SS CALENDAR MAY 2024!

May 1st/5th For God So Loved The World That God Gave Us....Things to SHOW & TELL!
Students are invited to bring one show 'n tell item!
****TEACHER RECOGNITION DURING WORSHIP****

May 8th/12th **LAST DAY!** Wow! What a Year!
Students AND Parents are asked to meet in Fellowship Hall during regular class times for this special end of year recap & celebration!



**MAY 1ST & 5TH!
DURING SERVICES**

WS/SS Teacher RECOGNITION!

THANK YOU!


VBS SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH - THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST
5:30-8:00PM * AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH



WHO IS my neighbor?

VBS IS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PRESCHOOL THROUGH 5TH GRADE. FRIENDS ARE WELCOME AND THERE IS NO FEE TO ATTEND!



DID YOU KNOW...

THAT THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD HAS A SPECIAL FUND THAT WELCOMES DONATIONS?

AND THAT THIS FUND IS USED FOR THINGS LIKE GIRLS NIGHTS, BOYS AFTERNOONS, SUMMER STORYTIMES, AND AFTER-SCHOOL PARTIES?

If you would like to donate to the CE Special Fund, please talk to Tera or drop off to Wendy in the office!

Thank you for supporting children's ministries!

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

6TH GRADERS!
It's time to CELEBRATE!

WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS!
 Wednesday, May 1st - Skylight Ct
 Sunday, May 5th - Fellowship Hall

Join Tera during your 6th grader's regular WS/SS class time for a SpeCiaL CeLeBrAtIoN and "Look Ahead" at what the NEXT leg of their Faith Formation journey will look like here at ALC!

Those entering 7th-12th next school year

ARNOLDS PARK
 sunday, june 2nd
 leaving after church at 10am - back at 4pm

\$25 INC TICKET & TRANSPORTATION
ACCT \$ MAY BE USED!
FRIENDS WELCOME!

SIGN UP WITH TERA BY MAY 22ND
 507-822-3377 | teraalc@gmail.com

THE WINDOM MINISTERIAL INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

Baccalaureate

A Christian Worship Service to encourage and honor the graduation high school seniors

May 22nd, 7pm, WAHS Blue Gym

Please join us in celebrating this year's graduates!

Senior Brunch

IN HONOR OF

ALC Graduates

Immediately following the Senior Recognition Service on Sunday, May 19th, 2024
 American Lutheran Church Windom Fellowship Hall
 Serving Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Coffee, Milk, & Juice

This free brunch is sponsored by the Youth & Family Board

May

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

2024

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



AGAPE*

MUSIC
WORSHIP
DANCING
STORYTELLING

IN CONCERT

RACHEL KURTZ



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

WORSHIP 6:30 - 7:15 PM

OPEN TO PUBLIC

YOUTH ONLY EVENT

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Pizza Supper
 Serving 5 -6:15 pm
 ALC Fellowship Hall
 Sponsored by
 Christian Ed
 All are invited!

SENIOR RECOGNITION SERVICE

9:00 AM Sunday, May 19, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

2024 Senior Class!



Isaac Armstrong
 Alexa Frank
 Hunter Haken
 Hayden Hedquist
 Olivia Hoffman
 Makayla Marcy
 Aaden Nauman
 Cole Purrington
 Jadrah Renquist
 Charlie Smith
 Aubriana Spielman
 Logan Garms

Adam Dahna
 Elijah Freiwald
 Leah Hauge
 Caleb Herding
 Emma Holtz
 Raelyn Marcy
 Kadyn Paulson
 Tucker Renquist
 Toria Robillard
 Ella Smith
 Arianna Boldt

As graduation is fast approaching the American Lutheran Church wants to honor all ALC graduating seniors at our Sunday, May 19th, 9:00 AM Worship service. All high school seniors should have received a letter with more information regarding this service.

****REMINDER: Please email your senior photo for our screens and June Messenger to the Church Office at winalc@windomnet.com by Monday, May 13th or sooner. ****

If you want to share your gifts and talents on this important day. Please call the church office at 831-1794, or e-mail the church office at winalc@windomnet.com by **May 10th** to share in the following ways:

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

****All ALC high school seniors, their families, and the congregation are invited for a brunch in the Fellowship Hall following the church service. Brunch will include scrambled eggs, sausage, homemade cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, coffee and milk.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS!

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

Good to Know

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.



LSS Meals | Windom



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 LSS Meals 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.

Acolyte Schedule May 2024

Wednesday, May 1st — Jocelyn Frank, Mya Larson

Sunday, May 5th—Lily Derickson, Ruby Baloun

Wednesday, May 8th —Theora Ahnupkana, Makayla Whiting

Sunday, May 12th—Sadie Tjentland, Melinda Schunk

****If you are unable to acolyte on a date, please switch with someone. Please notify Tera of any changes.**

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



GLOW MEETING

SUNDAY, May 5th,

10:15 A.M.

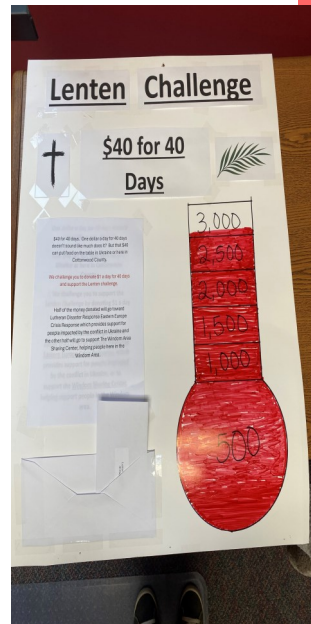
ALL ALC women belong to GLOW and are welcome to attend the meeting to find out what's happening and how you can be a part of the fun!



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



The Church in Society Board would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who contributed to the **40 DAYS \$40 LENTEN CHALLENGE**. There was a total of **\$2,708** raised! Half will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response of Eastern Europe to help those in Ukraine and the other half will stay right here in Windom for the Sharing Center. Church in Society is very grateful for everyone that donated.



EASTER FLOWERS

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

Did you know that you can see services on the **ALC WEBSITE**? Don't miss out. Go to <http://www.alcofwindom.com/> and click on the Media tab to watch a service that you might have missed.

Good to Know



Sunday, May 12, 2024

We invite you to wear red on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate Pentecost Sunday.



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

God's Blessings on our students who partook in Holy Communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday: Macy Boeck, Reese Carlson, Hadley Dardis, Jaxon Edwards, Lawson Fast, Tirion Foreman, Ally Hodkin, Elliot Lohse, Megan Marsh, Elijah Mattson, Nicholas Mau, Carter Mesner, Milo Miller, Noah Muske, Rose Myers, Ethan Peterson, Jaelynn Peterson, Karter Pribyl, and Carson Soderholm.

SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS

To register go to www.shetek.org or pick up a Shetek Lutheran Ministries 2024 Summer Camps brochure that has a mail in registration form in the church office. If you have any questions please contact Shetek Lutheran Ministries at 507-763-3567 or contact Tera at teralalc@gmail.com or 822-3377.

Also, DID YOU KNOW THAT ALC PROVIDES TOWARDS CAMPERSHIPS FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND CAMP AT SHETEK? That's right! We provide

\$100.00 towards Mini-Camp, and \$200 for those wishing to attend Full-Week camp, Family Camp, and/or Grandparent/Grandchild camp!

Also, the ALC Trust Fund provides a scholarship towards college for any student that works at Shetek for the summer! For those high school and college students that are looking for a summer job check out Camp Shetek!



First Communion



Good to Know

Welcome to these new members that have joined in the last few months!
 Rachael Mathers joined our congregation on the same day her children, Joseph Mathers and Rebecca Barefoot, joined our congregation through Baptism on March 10th.

Melissa Gravley, Mitch Cordell and Brekyn Nelson all joined our congregation on the same day their son and brother, Brantley Cordell, joined our congregation through baptism on April 24th!

Please Join us in giving them a warm welcome!

Melissa, Mitch w/Brantley, and Brekyn

Joseph, Rachael, and Rebecca



If you would like to join in the fun of church softball, please contact Donnie Boltjes at 507.830.0015. There will also be a meeting on Thursday, May 16th at 7pm in the meeting room if you are interested!



Surely the righteous... will be remembered forever.
 Psalm 112:6, NIV

Holiday Hours

Monday,
 May 29th

Memorial Day– Church & Office will be closed.



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.

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

Who?



How?

Q&A

with Pastor Adam



Ask me a question about...

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 May 30th 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.

What is?



Why?

Wednesday Supper Schedule

Menu for May

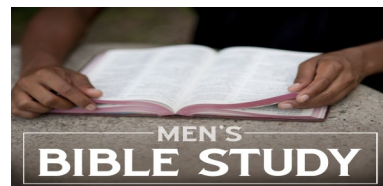
May 1st—Sloppy jo, baked beans, chips

May 8th—Smorgasbord

May 15th—Last Day for School year! Pizza party!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped this year by donating food or helping out in the kitchen! We will see you next year!

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!!



Spring Yard Clean Up!

Would you or someone you know like assistance with yard work?

Church In Society Board would love to help!

End of April & Month of May

Please Contact the Church 831-1794

Men's Group

Cribbage and Pizza!

Thursday, May 23rd 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



GLOW

May GLOW

Gals Living Our Witness

GLOW Meeting

Sunday, May 5 @ 10:00 a.m.

ALC Meeting Room

Come learn about upcoming trips and events.

We would love to have you join us!

BIBLE STUDY

May 16 @ 2:00 p.m.

ALC Meeting Room

May/June Gather Magazine
Devotional on Health & Wellness
Page 20 Copies available in Church Office

Thanks to all who worked and donated to Sewing & Kit Days

This Spring we completed:

59 Quilts

117 Baby Care Kits

97 Personal Care Kits

SWMN Women of the ELCA Synod Convention
May 4

Gloria Dei, Redwood Falls

Karen Skarphol and Jackie Turner will represent ALC Women

Mark your Calendar

June 19: GLOW Outing

Pipestone National Monument - Lunch
- Michelle Weber's Studio

June 22: Shetek Quilt Auction

A Women's Ministry of American Lutheran Church 2024

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM

April 9th, 2024 MEETING

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

The April 9, 2024, ALC of Windom Church Council meeting was called to order by President John Shamp at 8:00 pm.

In attendance: Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, John Shamp, Kevin Heggseth, Wendy Ahnupkana, Sheryl Hanefeld, Karen Skarphol, Cory Pohlman, Keith Pohlman, Kathy Hiley, Nick Trotter, Kay Evers, Melissa Dardis, Paul Voth, Deb Polzine

–Devotions and opening prayer were provided by Pastor Adam.

–No correspondence notes were shared.

–The secretary's report for March was approved as printed. MM/S/C (Kevin/Cory)

–The treasurer's report for March was approved as printed. MM/S/C (Nick/Keith)

–The Pastor's reports were reviewed.

Old Business:

1. Signing of Ethics Policy/ Update the Council Roster and contact information
2. Chordhustlers have the contract signed and are using room 104.

New Business:

1. A motion was made and accepted to approve new members Melissa Gravley and her teenage son, Brekyn Nelson. MM/S/C (Kevin/Kathy)
2. Safety and Security program needing to create an ad hoc committee. John and Keith will work on recruiting ushers and other board members.
3. Are we still welcoming? Members showing up only twice a year? As boards, it has been requested that we discuss core values and center our work within the church around those core values.
4. Other - N/A

Board Reports:

1. **Worship & Music** - Not meeting until next week
2. **Spiritual Life & Fellowship** - planning of mother's day and father's day gifts, serving root beer floats, planning the Bergen church gathering at the ballfield on 6/23/24
3. **Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship** - adopt-a-highway on 4/21/24 @ 10:15 AM
4. **Properties** - insurance increase of \$11,000, parking lot bids are still coming in, the parsonage fence project and the tree removal were also discussed
5. **Budget & Finance** - talked about communicating their needs with the congregation about the need for consistent giving, will put something in the messenger
6. **Christian Education** - 1st communion celebration, women's bible study continues to grow, prayer partner parties, last days of Wed School/Sunday School are May 8 and May 12, VBS dates are set, and Rally Day is scheduled for September 8th @ the lake
7. **Youth & Family** - puzzle race fun, spring scrapbooking retreat raised \$1300, Senior Sunday is May 19 with a brunch, Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards for the National Youth Gathering student fundraiser (selling after services on Wednesday/Sunday), summer breakfast club happening again
8. **Church in Society** - July 25 for The Banquet volunteering, Block Party August 18
9. **GLOW** - planning trips, brainstorming on how to get more women involved

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 4/22/24:

Income: \$173,176

Expenses: \$188,127

Borrowed: \$18,000



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

CHURCH RECORDS:Deaths: *No Deaths this month.*Baptisms: *Brantley James Cordell, son of Mitchell Cordell & Melissa Grawley.****MEMORIALS:***Shetek Campership Fund – *In memory of Kevin Johnson.*Renovation Fund – *In memory of Donald Fossing & Cheryl Nelson.*Video/Media Fund – *In memory of Kevin Johnson.***OFFERING OPTIONS:**

The ministry of our congregation continues in many ways! The options remain open for ways of contributing your offering. 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.

A note from our Budget and Finance Board:

ALC has provided excellent programming for all ages. Over the last few years we have expanded our ministry to children, youth and families in particular. We ask that you consider the cost of our continuing ministry as you plan your giving to our church.

Our budget has grown considerably due to overdue increases in salaries and benefits as well as rising insurance costs. It is important that we give joyfully and consistently throughout the year.

You might be surprised to learn how easy it is to give to the church through your IRA if you are over 70.5 years of age. Judy and I save taxes by using our required minimum distribution in this way. Ask your tax advisor for current rules.

Thank you for all you have done for ALC!

Nick Trotter-Budget & Finance Board Chair

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.



May 2024



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763-3567
camp@shetek.org
www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



We still have room on our river trip!

- **Apply to work at camp.**
<https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

Wish List

- Glue and Glue Sticks
- Power Strips
- Mini Vans
- Volunteers

Mark your Calendar

- May 4 Spring Cleanup
- May 11 Spring Cleanup
- June 9 First day of Camp
- June 17 GOLF Fundraiser
- June 21 Garden Tour and Quilt Preview
- June 22 Pelican Fun Run/Walk
- June 22 Quilt Auction
- Register at shetek.org or

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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!

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/>

Goal	\$2,000,000
Current Amount	\$1,627,000
Progress	01%