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

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.

Saturday, July 6th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, July 7th

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion

Saturday, July 13th

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

Sunday, July 14th

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/ Noisy offering

Saturday, July 20th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/ Holy Communion-To be held in the Sanctuary

Sunday, July 21st

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship @ the Lake w/ Adult Affirmation of Baptism

Saturday, July 27th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, July 28th

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion



Pastor's Message

Summer Journeys

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.
Psalm 104.10-15

When I was a girl of maybe 10 or 12 years, I got to travel “out east” to stay with my Aunt Lois and her family (with my favorite cousin!!) for a week in the summer in upstate New York. Aunt Lois was very crafty and had us paint rocks. I painted mine blue (my favorite color) with the words *Happiness is having a family to come home to*. It's good to go, but good to come back! It's good know where you are rooted, whether in a place, or in relationships.

Maybe you have travel plans this summer, or maybe you are looking forward to a gathering of family or friends. It's important to set aside time to be together with those we love, to make memories, or just to get away.

As you travel, I hope you get to take in some of the wonders of creation and be renewed by time outdoors, and in this same way connect with the Creator. I just began watching the Ken Burns 12-hour documentary series *National Parks, America's Best Idea*. The first episode is entitled “The Scripture of Nature”.

As I watched the majestic and stunningly beautiful panoramas roll across my television screen, I could not help but be filled in awe of the work of God's hands. Read the verses of Psalm 104, and give thanks for the way God provides, not just for every wild animal, the birds of the air and the cattle of the field, but also for you!

God's people of old and Jesus himself were often on the road, and people are still on the move today, for pleasure or out of necessity. Unless we are Native American, we all came here from somewhere else. People still come to find work, refuge and a home. May they be received and welcomed, as we would welcome Christ himself!

Ultimately, our home is in God. Our beginnings, our endings, and everything in between are in God. May your summertime journeys draw you closer Home.

Pastor Sarah

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in dessert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found. ELW 326

July

Worship and Music

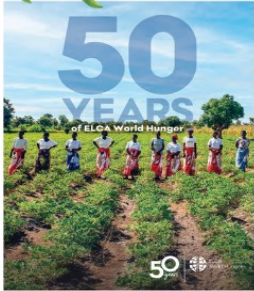
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Worship and Music Notes

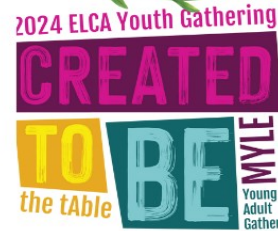
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Jane Cartwright, Coordinator



Congregational members have monthly envelopes which are designated to help support the efforts of 67 partner countries worldwide -including the US - to address hunger concerns in communities. Together with other Lutheran families, our financial support can address issues of hunger and poverty around the world.

[ELCAWorldHunger50thAnniversaryCaseStatement.pdf](#)



During worship, July 14th, Pastor Sarah, Kevin Heggeseth, and 5 youth will be sent off with prayers to the National Gathering.

July 6/7

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Cor. 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 13 / 14

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Eph. 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July

Scriptures

July 20 / 21

Jer. 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Eph. 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 27 / 28

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Eph. 3:14-21
John 6:1-21



Sunday 9:00 am Worship Notes:

July 7: Holy Communion
*World Hunger Envelopes

July 14: Send off National Youth Gathering
Noisy Offering: GLOW baby kits

July 21: Worship at the Lake!
Tegels Park
Adult Re-Affirmation of Faith
Mid-year meeting

July 28: Holy Communion

Saturday 5:30 pm Worship Notes:

July 6: Chapel
*World Hunger Envelopes

July 13: Chapel
Holy Communion
Noisy Offering:
GLOW Baby kits

July 20: Worship in Sanctuary
Holy Communion

July 27: Chapel

Be rooted in your faith.

**Show love,
Show kindness,
Show compassion,
to all you meet.**

Usher team: Gary Nelson

Consider signing up for
Readers - Holy Communion
- Special Music

July

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

2024

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



**SHETEK
LUTHERAN
MINISTRIES**

DAY PLAY!

**GET READY FOR A
GREAT ADVENTURE!**

TUESDAY, JULY 16TH

LEAVE CHURCH AT 8:15AM AND
RETURN HOME APPROXIMATELY 3:45PM

**THIS SPECIAL ONE-DAY
OPPORTUNITY IS OPEN TO
NEXT YEAR'S 2ND GRADE
STUDENTS ONLY!**

TERA WILL TAKE THE KIDS,
AND STAY WITH THE KIDS FOR THE DAY!
CONTACT HER TO SIGN UP!
COST TO ATTEND IS \$25

Teen Summer Breakfast Club



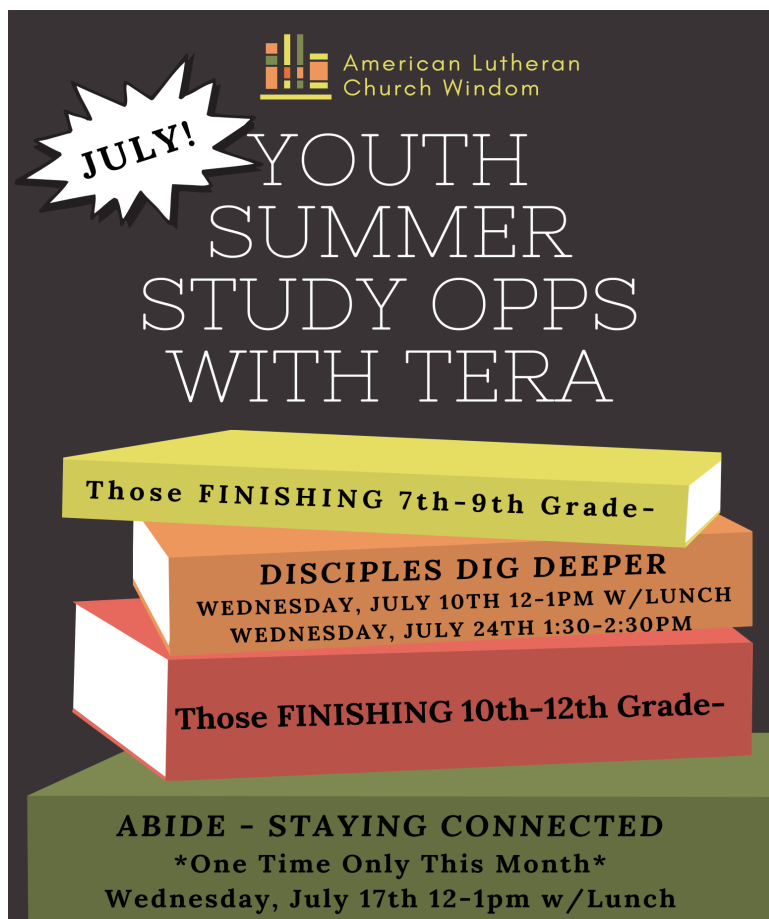
Let's have Breakfast & Bible Study!

Wednesday, July 10th

8:00-9:00am

SKylight Court

RSVP to Tera * Friends Welcome!



JULY!

**YOUTH
SUMMER
STUDY OPPS
WITH TERA**

Those FINISHING 7th-9th Grade-

DISCIPLES DIG DEEPER
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH 12-1PM W/LUNCH
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH 1:30-2:30PM

Those FINISHING 10th-12th Grade-

ABIDE - STAYING CONNECTED
One Time Only This Month
Wednesday, July 17th 12-1pm w/Lunch

10TH GRADE FAITH STATEMENT PREP

NEXT YEAR'S SOPHOMORES ARE
INVITED TO TERA'S HOUSE THIS
SUMMER FOR A SPECIAL
SET APART TIME TO WORK ON
THEIR FAITH STATEMENTS
ALONGSIDE THEIR CLASSMATES -
AND WITH FOOD AND DRINKS!

DATES AVAILABLE

Thursday, June 6th 9:00-10:30am

OR

Thursday, July 11th 9:00-10:30am

Text Tera 507-822-3377

July

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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

**2024 Online
Vacation Bible
School
Registration****Dates: Sunday, July 28th-
Thursday, August 1st
Time: 5:30PM-8:00PM****WHO IS
my neighbor?**

Scan the QR code below: open your camera on your smartphone. Move your camera so the QR code is in the frame. You'll see the code's URL, click on that link to go to our Vacation Bible School registration.

2024 VBS Registration



Scan me!

Please Note: You do not need to fill out the registration form right away, the URL link will stay in your internet browser on your phone if you would like to fill out the online form later.

**MANKATO MOONDOGS
FAITH NIGHT GROUPS****PRESENTED BY:****ALC FAMILY NIGHT
AT THE MOONDOGS!
SUNDAY, JULY 14TH!
\$10/PERSON!****DATES & DETAILS****JUNE 2ND @5:05 PM****JUNE 9TH @5:05 PM****JUNE 30TH @5:05 PM****JULY 7TH @6:05 PM****JULY 14TH @5:05 PM****AUGUST 4TH @5:05 PM****ADD A MEAL**

ADD A MEAL VOUCHER FOR ONLY \$4 PER TICKET. THE MEAL VOUCHER WILL INCLUDE A HOT DOG, POP, AND CHIPS.

ABOUT FAITH NIGHT**SIGN UP BY JUNE 30TH!**

MEET AT ALC
PARKING LOT AT
3:30PM THAT DAY!
WE'LL CARAVAN OVER!
TERA WILL HAVE
YOUR TICKETS!

1221 Caledonia Street, Mankato, MN 56001
COFor more information, call the
MoonDogs office at (507) 625-7047**WHO IS
my neighbor?**

Vacation Bible School
Teacher/Helper/Leader Mtg!
Monday, July 22nd
6:30pm Skylight Court

YOU'RE INVITED!

**FREE FAMILY
SWIM NIGHT!****SUNDAY, JULY 7th
6:30pm - 8:00pm**

Windom Pool
Sponsored by the
American Lutheran
Church of Windom
Christian Ed. Board

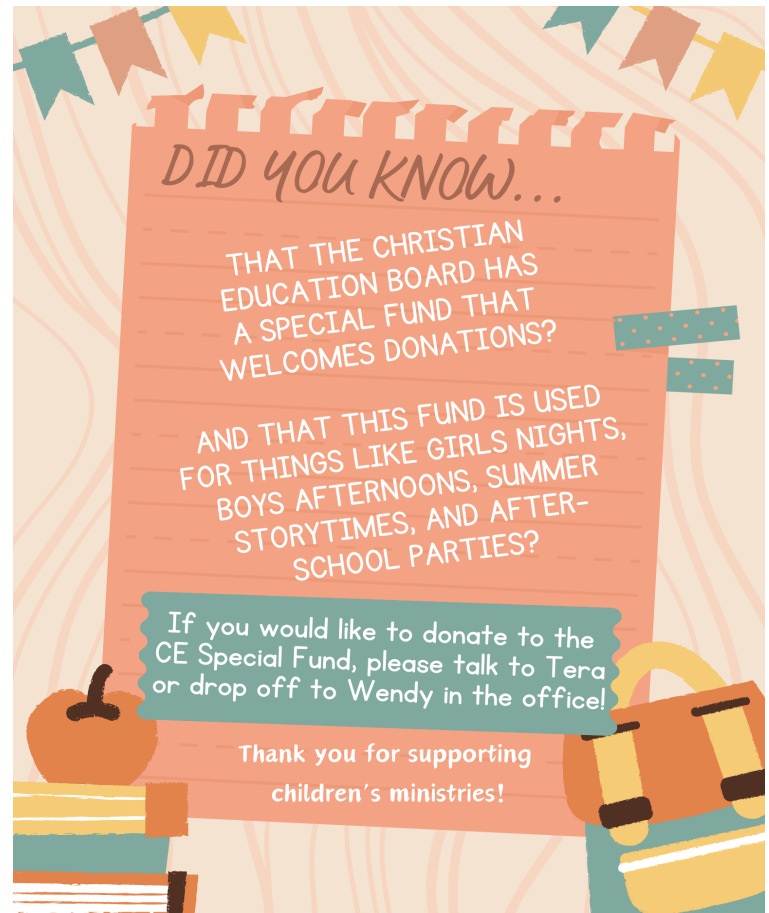
**FREE VBS
REGISTRATION WILL
ALSO BE AVAILABLE!**

July

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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



This group of students, from Lutheran Seminary guided by former Bishop Jon Anderson visited ALC hosted by Pastor Adam on June 20th. They spent a few days here on the prairie based at Shalom Hill Farm to gain some perspective and experience in rural ministry. Pray for those on the path of formation in ministry!



Men's Group

Cribbage and Pizza!

Thursday, July 11th 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



JOIN US FOR A BLOCK PARTY

'Free!'

In the parking lot!

Yard games!

Burgers, Hot dogs, chips, cookie and drink!

Sponsored by The Church In Society Board of American Lutheran Church

SUNDAY AUG. 11 | **AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 906 PROSPECT AVE. WINDOM, MN** | **5-7PM**



WORSHIP AT THE LAKE!

We have 3 designated times for worshipping at Tegel's Park / Lion's Pavilion this summer! Find your way out to Cottonwood Lake for 9:00 am worship.

July 21st August 18th

September 8th - Rally Sunday

Bring a chair or sit at a picnic table.

A special thank you to those individuals who have sponsored these worship dates!

Who?

JUDGMENT FREE ZONE

How?

Q&A

with Pastor Adam

Ask me a question about...

A group has met for dinner and conversation a few times 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 July 18th 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?

Good to Know

The Church In Society Board is asking for donations and helpers for The Banquet on Thursday, July 25th. Our goal is \$1000 and we have already raised \$800. To donate, jars and envelopes will be available after church services during the months of June and July or you can always stop by the church. To volunteer, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board or you can call the church office. From 2-5 pm, 5-6 people (ages 13 and up) are needed to prepare food. From 5-8 pm, we would like 20 helpers (ages 10 and up or with guardian if younger than 9) to serve. We would love to have you join us!



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

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.

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.



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!!



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.

CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE!



July 7— ALC 1 vs Baptist @ Eagle Field—5:30pm

ALC 2 vs Palauan Ministry @ Legion Field—5:30pm

ALC 1 vs Palauan Ministry @ Eagle Field—6:45pm

ALC 2 vs Baptist @ Legion Field—6:45pm

July 14— ALC 1 vs Methodist @ Bergen—6:45pm

ALC 2 vs The Gathering @ Legion Field—5:30pm

ALC 2 vs Centrepont @ Eagle Field—6:45pm

July 21— ALC1 vs Baptist @ Legion Field—5:30pm

ALC 1 vs E-Free @ Eagle Field—6:45pm

ALC 2 vs Bergen @ Bergen—6:45pm

July 28— ALC 1 vs Centrepont @ Bergen—5:30pm

ALC 2 vs Palauan Ministry @ Legion Field—5:30pm

ALC 2 vs Baptist @ Legion Field 6:45pm

August 2-3-4 Church Softball Tourney—Bergen Ballfield

glow

Ice Cream Social @ Sogge Home

**Tuesday,
July 16 @ 2 pm**

Come join us for a time of
fellowship with the
residents of the Sogge Home

**Singing, devotions
and Ice Cream!**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
GLOW MEETING

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 4
10:15 AM**

GLOW *GALS LIVING OUR WITNESS* **in July**

**ALL WOMEN
ARE
WELCOME!!!**

BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, JULY 18 @ 2PM
ALC MEETING ROOM
JULY GATHER MAGAZINE
SESSION OF SUMMER STUDY
"AFTER CERTAINTY, COMMUNITY"
COPIES AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

A WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 2024

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM
June 2024 MEETING

In attendance: Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, John Shamp, Kevin Heggeseeth, Wendy Ahnupkana, Sheryl Hanefeld, Brandon Roskamp, Miranda Schunk, Keith Pohlman, Nick Trotter, Kay Evers, Gayle Derickson, Robin Rahn

Devotions and opening prayer were provided by Pastor Adam.

No correspondence notes were shared.

The secretary's report for May was approved as printed. MM/S/C (Keith/Brandon)

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

The Pastor's reports were reviewed.

Old Business:

1. Safety and Security program - a committee has been formed and are determining a future meeting date within the next month
2. Trust Fund Contributions for Youth/Christian Ed position - a request of an additional \$10,000 has taken place and was approved by the Trust Fund

New Business:

1. Synod Contributions- Explanations/Expectations; a motion was made and passed for the additional \$300 contribution amount for the Synod Assembly by the Budget & Finance committee. MM/S/C (Nick/Keith)
- Other - N/A

Board Reports:

1. Worship & Music - discussed the logistics of the upcoming worship at the lake, discussed Wednesday Praise band for the fall
2. Spiritual Life & Fellowship - the membership directory continued to be a topic of discussion as well as the app-based program (the yearly fee paid by Spiritual Life & Fellowship) or a hard copy for approximately \$20, June 23rd Bergen Ballfield Worship, serving root beer floats after service July 21st before the annual meeting
3. Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship - No meeting this month
4. Properties - not enough for a quorum, parking lot changes may be pushed off for a length of time
5. Budget & Finance - paid bills on hold, the director at Shetek has asked for assistance with re-shingling Cabin #9 and Budget & Finance is bringing to the table a motion to approve a fundraiser request for the project. It was requested that pictures be taken before/during/after for the congregation. The motion was approved. MM/S/C (Nick/Kay)
6. Christian Education - mostly discussed VBS, a swimming pool night will be planned, Summer Story Time had 10 children attend this week
7. Youth & Family - Arnold's Park trip was successful, upcoming events were discussed
8. Church in Society - July 25th Banquet trip, Block Party August 11th, continuous collection for Sharing Center
9. GLOW - Mickelson Manor event went well, June 19th trip to the Pipestone Monument and Michele Weber's studio in Lake Benton

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 6/24/24:

Income: \$ 251,598

Expenses: \$ 286,507

Borrowed: \$36,000



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

CHURCH RECORDS:Deaths: *Shirley Gentry*Baptisms: *Jaxon Fredericksen, son of Noah & Kasey Fredericksen.***MEMORIALS:**Video/Media Fund – *In memory of Shirley Gentry.*Renovation Fund – *In memory of Lloyd Rezac.*Youth Fund – *In memory of Mary Duerksen.*

*In Loving
Memory*

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.

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.



“one body in Christ”

Synod Assembly Report

INTRODUCTION / THEME:

The Southwestern MN Synod Assembly, 2024 was held June 7-8th, at Gustavus Adolphus, St. Peter, MN. The theme this year was "one body in Christ", Romans 12:5. Assembly delegates had the option of attending in person or using online technology, ZOOM, to follow along with all the activities and voting. After the opening worship, other segments of the assembly included networking with other individuals, displays of various opportunities within our synod, keynote speakers, items which required a vote, synod elections, and approval of the budget. A highlight for me was making reconnections with clergy and acquaintances. (Lindsey Cartwright)

Saturday offered an opportunity to hear from Rev. Dr. Aaron S. Folkerds, Synod Minister for Mental Health & Wellness. Folkerds is an ordained Lutheran pastor, and assistant professor of counseling at MSU- Moorhead, and works with the Moorhead Police Department. "Tools for Finding Connections in a Fragmented World" was his keynote message. These "11 Tools" make connections between Mental Health, Spiritual Health, and Relationships. 1) Connections help us to deal with suffering, 2) Be in Awe! Reconnect with self and see the beauty around you, 3) Mentionable is manageable, 4) Be an illuminator, not a diminisher, 5) Laugh in Life, 6) Sleep & Exercise reduce depression and anxiety, 7) Gratitude! 8) Phone management skills. 9) Reframe & Resilience. 10) Forgiveness. 11) Jesus Binds Us Together. These 11 tools were based on scripture passages and examples from life stories. I enjoyed his message, as it applied to everyone at the assembly, we are "One in the body of Christ" and need to support one another. (Jane Cartwright)

RESOLUTIONS There were three resolutions presented to the Synod Assembly.

24.01 - CLARIFYING QUESTION REGARDING HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS

24.02 - REGARDING REVISIONS TO HUMAN SEXUALITY: GIFT AND TRUST

24.03 - REGARDING BYLAW CHANGES TO THE SYNOD CONSTITUTION

Resolution 24.01 was authored by Pastor Adam Roberts of ALC of Windom, and basically was asking that the ELCA clarify whether homosexual relationships are considered sinful or not. The ELCA "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" which was adopted in 2009 does not present a unified answer to this question, which leaves its interpretation open to individual congregations. The Resolution review committee sent it to the floor with a recommendation to not adopt. At the assembly and prior to a vote, Pastor Adam Roberts withdrew his resolution for consideration.

Resolution 24.02 was authored by Pastor Ted Carnahan of Our Savior's, Jackson, MN. His resolution was urging the ELCA to not change any part of the previously (2009) adopted "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust," especially as it relates to the four positions of bound conscience. The Resolution review committee sent it to the floor with no recommendation. There were several comments from the floor both in support and opposition to the resolution. The question was called and passed. The voting resulted in not sending the resolution forward.

Resolution 24.03 was presented by the Synod Council to remove three boards from the bylaws of the SWMN Synod, as they are no longer functioning, and also to allow members of the Synod Council serve a second consecutive term. There were some comments from the floor, but the resolution passed. (Bob Johnson)

OTHER BUSINESS In other actions, the 2025 Compensation and Benefits Guidelines passed, with a recommended increase of 3% for clergy salaries. The synod proposed a budget that's -\$200K but they say that's ok, they got money to take a hit, and in 2-3 years it will be balanced. (Adam Roberts)

SYNOD PARTNERSHIP GUESTS In attendance at the 2024 Synod Assembly were two members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA): Bishop NkosiNathi Myaka Bishop of the South Eastern Diocese of ELCASA and Mr. Mkhize, a singer and respected member of the Diocese.

Bishop Myaka was our speaker at the Friday night session. He gave us an overview of the five countries that make up ELCSA, highlighting the main population centers, and explaining how the South Eastern Diocese fits with the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA.

The impact of the Lutheran missionaries in Southern Africa has greatly shaped the country as they spread from Durban on the coast of South Africa into the Kwa-Zulu Natal region and further north and west. The early missionaries' focus on education is felt yet today in many ways. Most interesting to us is that although Lutherans make up only one percent of South Africa's population, they make up over twenty percent of the elected government officials.

South Africa today is still plagued by health issues that started with the AIDS/HIV epidemic and continues today as they fight COVID. Our Lutheran partners have been active in health issues and our help in supplying health products is greatly appreciated.

Few realize the sheer size of the African continent. Africa is over three times the size of the United States. With a population of over 1.216 billion, compared to China's 1.412 billion and the U.S.'s 333 million.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS I also attended a breakout session where the main topic was pastors and the reopening of the seminary. ELCSA has been without a seminary for many years and is planning to reopen the seminary later this year. Currently, Lutheran pastoral candidates have had to attend seminary at non-Lutheran seminaries. It was hoped that they would be able to grow slowly into a viable seminary, but the enrollment for this next year has almost completely filled available housing. Currently, all housing for Women is filled and almost all of the housing available for men. The breakout session was mainly filled by those who had already been to ELCSA. Those who had not yet been to ELCSA were encouraged to make the trip. (Michael Wojahn)

Another breakout session was "Building a Culture of Generosity" by Rev. Peter Reuss, CFRE (Certified Fund Raiser Executive). He shared that as humans, we are wired to get behind what we are passionate about and give of our means toward it. That is a joyful experience! Especially when we can see the difference our giving makes.

CONCLUSION There were 134 Rostered Leaders, 211 Lay leaders and 11 retired leaders in attendance, constituting a quorum. We worshipped and shared Holy Communion in Christ Chapel, celebrating our unity in Christ. (Sarah Tadé)



July 2024



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Welcome to the new Shetek Hiking Club - our monthly gathering to explore trails all across southwest Minnesota! Hike with us once a month throughout the year to meet new friends and explore our region. Hikes range from easy to strenuous, and include state parks and trails, county parks, and more. Let's move and learn together! Contact Katie at Katie@shetek.org or 507-763-3567 for more information.



Still time to come to the lake!

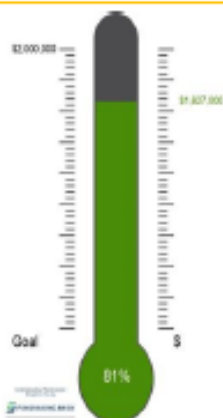
- Register at shetek.org or
- Call 507-763-3567 for more information

Wish List

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

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!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear friends and partners in ministry,

June 2024

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). This verse has set the theme of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (ELCG) this year, as the church works to strengthen its own unity and celebrates its connections with the wider, global church, including its connection with you. In doing this, it is following the lead of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), which chose "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope" as the theme of its thirteenth assembly, meeting in Poland in 2023. Last month the ELCG held its annual convention, something like a Synod Assembly, under this theme as they worshiped together, studied the reports of the various committees, elected officers, and discussed the administrative work of the church. A few weeks later, the national group of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Women took up the same theme for its annual gathering.

For me, the highlight of the ELCG's convention was the greeting from the LWF's Regional Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Rev. Sonia Skupch from Argentina, who was present as a guest. In the midst of discussions about the sometimes disheartening statistics and challenges faced by the ELCG, Rev. Skupch's presentation electrified the room as she talked about the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the part that the ELCG plays in it. She noted not only that the Assembly in Poland elected the ELCG's treasurer, Mr. Michael Davy Ram, to serve as chairperson of the finance subcommittee of the executive committee of the LWF Council, but also that the ELCG has played a leadership role in the LWF since its beginning in 1947. The convention hall got loud and happy as Rev. Skupch reminded the delegates that the ELCG had sent delegates to the very first assembly of the LWF, held in 1947 in Sweden. Knowing that the ELCG has been participating in this expression of global Lutheranism from the ground floor up and that it is still contributing leadership in that body filled the convention delegates with joy and pride in their church, small as it is.



The installation of the newly elected Executive Committee of the ELCG. From left to right, they are Rev. Sandra Kurtzious (President), Ms. Jill Sullivan (Vice President), Ms. Elocia Smith (Secretary), Mr. Michael Davy Ram (Treasurer), Rev. Christopher Wordsworth, Rev. James Patrick Jones, Rev. Leroy Nicholson, Ms. Selena Lepps, Mr. Wayne Bruce. Applauding in the background is Rev. Peter Kuhnert, a guest from the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

