

September 2024

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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!

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.



Worship Schedule

<u>Sunday, September 1st</u> <u>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>

9:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion

Saturday, September 7th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 8th
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Rally Day Worship at the Lake w/ Noisy offering & WS/SS Teacher Installation & Blessing of the Backpacks

Wednesday, September 11th

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion & Confirmation Small Group Guide Installation

Saturday, September 14th

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

Sunday, September 15th Seventeeth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, September 18th

6:30 PM Worship w/ 3 yr olds & 3rd Graders receiving Bibles

Saturday, September 21st

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, September 22nd Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & 3 yr olds & 3rd Graders receiving Bibles

Wednesday, September 25th

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, September 28th 5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, September 29th

9:00 AM Worship

Pastor's Message

2024



September is a wonderful month as activities return to full swing in school and in church. It's a time of reconnection and learning. Here are a few things of interest,

Youth share their experiences from ELCA Youth Gathering

Wednesday, 09/18 at 6:30 AM Worship Sunday, 9/22 at 9:00 AM Worship

Here are some of my highlights from the Gathering:

- You were precious before you could prove it. Speaker Michael Chan
- Getting to travel with our five youth. Getting to know them better. Watching them put in 25,000 steps a day up and down the French Quarter in the New Orleans heat of July and not complain. They had fun on the Swamp Tour! Seeing them care for each other and grow in faith.
- LET'S GET MESSY Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Support for Youth/by Youth (this was our service activity gaining tools to come along other youth and help them)

Two things we can do in any situation - accept it or change it.

QTIP - Quit Taking It Personally

We don't need to fix people, they're not broken.

Don't say something to yourself that you wouldn't say to someone else.

Adult Learning: *Make a Statement!* September 29th at 10:15 *A brief introduction to the Social Statements of the ELCA.* There are a total of thirteen Social Statements ranging in topics from abortion, the death penalty, Health and health care, human sexuality, sexism, genetics, and more. We will touch on the topics that the Social Statements cover, and the how and why of Social Statements in the ELCA. Summaries of Social Statements will be available. To learn more, go to https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements.

Cultural Humility Zoom Gathering, September 17th, 7:00 p.m. Let's do this together at church!

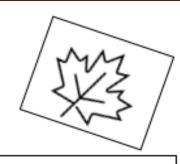
by Rev. Dr. Aaron Suomala Folkerds (Aaron spoke at the Synod Assembly in June. He was down to earth, fun to listen to and had amazing insights! He's a part time wellness coordinator for the Moorhead Police Department)

Are things a little tense in relationships? Are things feeling a little too divided? Maybe Cultural Humility can help! "Cultural humility is about having a deep reverence for the other and even holding the other up a little higher than oneself. It's about learning from the other and being open to understanding how the individual perceives the world. This educational session will review the history of cultural humility and how it can be utilized in one's daily life."

My hope for this event is to gain insights on how to better take on the mind of Christ Jesus: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus... who humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Philippians 2:3-5, 8.

I look forward to seeing you in September!

Worship and Music Notes Jane Cartwright, Coordinator



AUG. 31 - SEPT. 1

Labor Day Weekend

Psalm 15 James 1:717-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Saturday, Chapel Worship 5:30pm Sunday, 9AM Worship with Holy Communion

FAITH FAITH FAITH FAITH

SEPT. 7 - SEPT. 8

Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 12:1-17 Mark 7: 24-37

Saturday Chapel Worship in Sanctuary 5:30pm

Sunday, 9AM Worship at the Lake Rally Sunday Installation of WS/SS Staff September 2024

Be a Part of Building a Foundation for the Future

Usher Group: Don Boltjes

FAITH FAITH FAITH

Who You Say I Am
Who the Son sets free,
Oh, is free Indeed.
I am a child of God, yes, I am.
In my Father's house
there is a place for me,
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.
Hillsong Worship.

FAITH FAITH FAITH

Missing Worship?

Check out *ALC Facebook page

*alcofwindom.com

*Sunday broadcast on KDOM 103.1 FM at 10:30am.

* Cable Ch 22 Thurs.

Bell Choir Begins: Monday, Sept. 9th, 7:00 pm Choir Begins:

Wed. Sept. 11th, 5:30pm Praise Band at Worship

Sept. 18, 6:30 pm

FAITH FAITH FAITH FAITH

SEPT. 18 - SEPT. 22

Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37

Wednesday Worship 6:30pm

Saturday, Chapel Worship 5:30pm with Holy Communion

Sunday, 9AM Worship

Both Wednesday and Sunday: Bibles for 3 yr olds and Grade 3 National Youth Presentation

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SEPT. 11 - SEPT.15

NOISY OFFERING: EVERYBODY EATS

Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 James 3:1-12 Mark 8: 27-28

Wednesday Worship 6:30pm Installation of Confirmation Guides

Saturday, Chapel Worship 5:30pm With Holy Communion

Sunday, 9AM Worship

SEPT. 25 - SEPT. 29

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19: 7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9: 38-50

Wednesday Worship - 6:30pm with Holy Communion Saturday, Chapel Worship 5:30pm

Sunday, 9AM Worship with Holy Communion Partnership Sunday

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE:

Worship Scripture Readers Holy Communion Assistants

Musical groups
Praise Band
Choir
Bell Choir

For more information contact the office or Jane Cartwright From Tera Elness, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries (822-3377)



We're having a BIBLE DRIVE! Do you love to share God's word with children?

The Christian Education Board is looking for Bible Sponsors for our youth who are being baptized, entering nursery or 3rd grade, and the 7th - 9th grade confirmation classes in the 2024-2025 school year. Bibles are \$25 each and will be presented to students this fall. Shown below are the bibles we purchase with the donations received! ♥







Nursery



3rd Grade



7th-9th Grade

Please return the bottom portion to the church office with your donation.

Sponsor's Name _____

(As you would like it to appear in the Bible as the sponsor)

Number of Bibles Sponsored _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Thank you for sharing in God's work at American Lutheran Church!

Christian Ed

2024

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



WITH BACK TO SCHOOL APPROACHING, WE ASK YOU TO SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

<u>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH:</u> 7PM—CONFIRMATON STU-DENT AND PARENT MEETING.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH: 9AM WORSHIP AT THE LAKE WITH RALLY DAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS! ALSO A YUMMY LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH: STARTING AT 5PM...1ST WEDNESDAY OF WEDNESDAY SUPPER, WEDNESDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES. THERE WILL BE A PARENT MEETING WITH TERA IN THE SANCTUARY FOR ALL WEDNESDAY SCHOOL PARENTS DURING WEDNESDAY SCHOOL.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH: FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES. THERE WILL BE A PARENT MEETING WITH TERA IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.



WALKING WITH JESUS 2024-2025

American Lutheran Church Wednesday/Sunday School Seeking Supplies

**CAN YOU HELP? ...

The Resource (craft) Center for this Wednesday/Sunday School year could use a few tiems. Could you help?

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF ANYTIME!



ITEMS NEEDED

- New packages of multi-colored sharpies
- Clorox wipes
- Staplers
- · Scotch tape refills
- Washable Crayola markers

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

2024

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

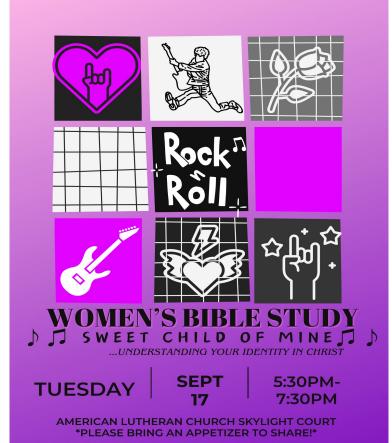


7TH -12TH GRADERS

3 yr. old & 3rd grade
Bibles!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

*BIBLES WILL BE HANDED OUT TO
OUT TO THESE SPECIAL STUDENTS
DURING THE SERVICE*





VOUTH

CALLING ALL QUILTERS!

OR THOSE WHO LIKE TO SEW
OR THOSE WHO LIKE TO IRON
OR THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO HELP

Sewing Sewing

GRAD

We want to give our seniors a gift from the hands and heart of their congregation.

How can you help?
There will be a job
for everyone!
Even if you don't
sew! We will also
be accepting
donations of

Join us on Sunday, September 22nd at 10:15am in the meeting room for an initial discussion meeting!

Here's is a little more information about this quilting project...Dates and times will be determined at the initial meeting. However, we do know that it will be evenings and weekends, to reach those of all ages and in all stages of life! Also, there is truly a job for anyone, even if you don't sew or iron. As stated on the flyer, we will be accepting donations of fabric. Please indicate when donating that it is for the senior quilts.

Church Activities

EXCITING NEWS!!!!!!

We are excited to announce that we will be getting a new CHURCH DIRECTORY! This new directory will be available online or through an app on your phone! Printed copies of the directory will be available for \$20 after the directory is complete. Please see the flyer below for more detailed information! One important thing to note is that if you cannot make it in to have a picture taken OR if you have recently had a photo taken you would like to use, you can submit one to the church by emailing winalc@windomnet.com OR you can text it to 507-380-8656. Please indicate when sending the photo that it is for the directory and please include your name, address and phone number (if you would like that listed in the directory).

CHURCH MEMBER DIRECTORY



Instant Church Directory™







ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

We are trying something new with an online member directory, brought to you by Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board. It will be available from our website, from an app on your phone, or you can get a printed copy for \$20. This online directory will make it easy for us to update it frequently!

NO COST! NO PRESSURE!

Unless you would like a printed copy of the directory, there is no cost to you and no pressure to buy a photo!

NO FANCY PHOTOS, NO HASSELS

Our photographers will take a quick snapshot, it won't be a 20 min session! If you already have a nice photo, no need to take a new one! It can be emailed to the church office!

NO SIGN UP NEEDED!

We will have opportunities to have your photo taken on 3 Wednesday evenings, 2 Saturday evenings, and 3 Sunday mornings! We will have a form for you to put any updated information if you have had any recent address changes, ect.

WEDNESDAYS

5:00pm-6:15pm September 18th September 25th October 2nd

SATURDAYS 5:00pm-5:30pm

September 21st September 28th

SUNDAYS
8:15am-9am
September 22nd

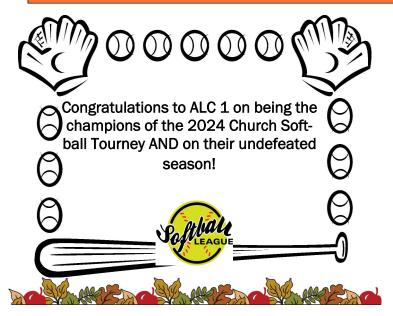
September 22nd September 29th October 6th

PHOTOGRAPHERS...

JESSICA BAK TINA MESNER PAGE KERN

at Sogge, Remick, Mikkelsen

these 3 members have graciously agreed to donate their time to take photos for our new directory!



Shetek Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering

ALC's Tera Elness will be speaking about "The Power of Teamwork". The event will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries on Saturday, September 28 with registration beginning at 8:30. Cost: \$15. Brunch included with Gathering closing at 11:00. Contact Karen Skarphol (822-9785) or Jackie Turner (822-7671) if you'd like to attend.



As you may have seen or heard, American Lutheran has Adopted a Highway! Thank you to Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship Board! Our section is on Hwy 71 starting at Windom Farm Service and heading south for 1 mile. DMS Board needs some extra hands cleaning up our section! They will be doing this on Sunday, September 22nd right after worship service. Many hands make light work! The more people we have the less time it will take! Please meet in the parking lot! Gloves and other supplies are provided.



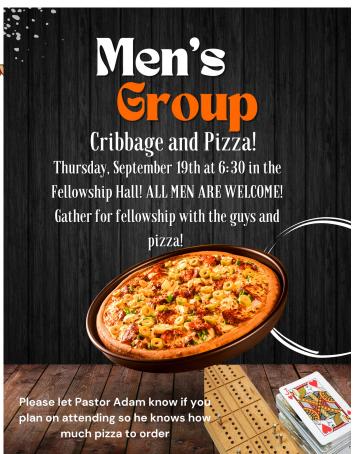
Altar Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 2pm.

Boundary Waters 2025

If you would be interested in going to the Boundary Waters in June 2025, please let Pastor Adam know. If there is enough interest, he will have an informational



meeting towards the end of September or in early October. The dates would be June 13th – 20th. This will be open to those going into 9th grade in 2025 through those graduating in 2024.



Good to Know



CHURCH IN SOCIETY would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to all who donated their time to go to the Banquet, and to those who gave financially. This ministry would not be possible without all of your support!

Wednesday Night Suppers

We're back! Thank you to everyone who donates (food or monetary) to keep this program going. Because of donations, this program is self sustaining. As always, we are still accepting donations of food. Hamburger, chicken, bread and cookies are great things to donate. We are doing quite well on noodles and soup right now.

SEPTEMBER 11TH- WALKING TACOS! SEPTEMBER 18TH- SPAGHETTI HOTDISH SEPTEMBER 25TH—SCALLOPED POTATOES AND HAM



Don't miss the Bethany Bazarre on Saturday, October 5th from 10am-1pm! Bake sale will include lefse, donuts and many other delicious homemade goodies! Lunch will consist of hot chicken sandwiches, chips, beverage, and of course homemade pies! Please come and enjoy!

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.

> > "LWR School Supplies" in the

offering plate or

bring to office

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.





OR Place purchased supplies in

Donation Box in the Skylight Court

Thank you to Carolyn Janssen for her

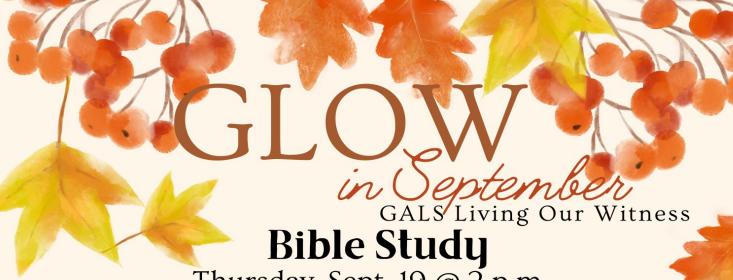
continued ministry of sewing the backpacks!!!

52 - Unsharpened Pencils (500 needed) OR

20 - 2-1/2" Pencil Eraser (100 needed) OR

14 - Kid's Blunt Cut Scissors (100 needed) OR

20 - Boxes of 24 count Crayons (100 needed)



Thursday, Sept. 19 @ 2 p.m.

Sept/Oct Gather Magazine-Receiving Grace: A study of Ephesians Copy of Bible Study available in the Church Office

Shetek Conference Fall Gathering

September 28 8:30 - 11:00 am
Shetek Lutheran Ministries
"The Power of Teamwork" Speaker: Tera Elness
Brunch \$15

Interested? Contact

Karen Skarphol: 822-0785 or Jackie Turner: 822-1633

ASSEMBLE QUILTS FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX

Tuesdays, Sept. 17 and Oct. 1 & 15 @ 9 am

Quilts will be given to families by the Women of Today
in December at their Cheer Box toy distribution.

Join us for an hour or two or bring a sack lunch and

stay no later than 2pm.

Help pack Lutheran World Relief School Kits on Tuesday, September 24 @ 9am ALC Fellowship Hall

GLOW will be packing LWR School Kits to be sent off around the world.

Thanks to our generous ALC family for supply and cash donations!

A Women's Ministry of The American Lutheran Church 2024

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM August 2024 MEETING

The August 13, 2024, ALC of Windom Church Council meeting was called to order by President John Shamp at 8:01 PM.

In attendance: Pastor Sarah, John Shamp, Sheryl Hanefeld, Wendy Ahnupkana, Kevin Heggeseth, Nick Trotter, Karen Skarphol, Brandon Roskamp, Kay Evers, Keith Pohlman, Nick Trotter, Cory Pohlman, Kelcey Edwards, Paula Larson

Devotions and opening prayer were provided by Pastor Sarah.

Three correspondence notes were shared.

The secretary's report for July was approved as printed. A motion to make a correction to the alternative fall ditch clean-up date will be noted as Sunday, 10/6/24. MM/S/C (Cory/Nick)

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

The Pastor's reports were reviewed.

Old Business:

Recap of Mid-Year Meeting

New Business:

1. Building a Culture of Generosity Stewardship Program – DMS plans to use this program for ALC. Virtual live training event dates are Aug 22, Sept 5, Sept 19, Oct 3, Nov 7, and Nov 21. A zoom link will go out to the Executive Committee and all the boards. The times the link will be accessible are 1:00-2:00 PM and 6:00-7:00 PM. You can attend virtually from home. The goal is to utilize this training to generate creativity and to help the congregation to make connections with what God is doing in our church with the fall stewardship campaign.

Board Reports:

- 1. Worship & Music August 18 worship is at Cottonwood Lake. Rally Sunday on 9/8 will occur at Cottonwood Lake as well.
- 2. Spiritual Life & Fellowship A church directory will be happening and pictures will begin September 18 which is optional, or members can submit a family photo. The paper copies are \$20 or you can access the online version via an app. On September 28, a meal will be served to the Saturday night worship congregation.
- 3. Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship reviewed the Building a Culture of Generosity trainings, Ice Cream Social 9/25 and Coffee 10/13 for Missionary Caroline Schnieder
- 4. Properties Kato Roofing found some holes in the roof when they checked on the skylights. The cross and rope lights are being looked at as parts keep going out.
- 5. Budget & Finance paid bills and reviewed the treasurer's report
- 6. Christian Education women's JUMP Bible study on 8/14, reflected on VBS, excited for the upcoming school year with a teacher meeting on 8/26 at 6:30 PM, Rally Sunday on 9/8 will have a pancake feed and backpack blessing
- 7. Youth & Family the cookie handout at Hot Dog night raised \$270 for Windom flood relief, a report on the national youth gathering was given, scrapbooking retreat, 8 students committed to a youth mission trip to St. Louis over MEA weekend, 8/25 is the back to school grill out for teens at Tera and Kent's home
- 8.Church in Society recapped on the trip to The Banquet and the Block Party, thinking ahead to having a booth next year for Night to Unite to promote the upcoming Sunday School year
- 9. GLOW Bible study on 8/15 at 2:00 PM, looking to recruit more GLOW participants

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 8/19/24:

Income: \$337,441

Expenses: \$390,973

Borrowed: \$50,000



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

CHURCH RECORDS:

Deaths: John Loken

Baptisms: No baptisms this month.

MEMORIALS:

No memorials this month.

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 <u>alcofwindom.com</u>, 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.

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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.

BITS AND PIECES

PRAYER SHAWLS: If you know of someone in our church family who could use a Prayer Shawl, call the church office.

<u>KEEP SAVING</u> those empty printer ink cartridges. They are turned in for cash for our Education Department. The container is located in the hallway by the offices.

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.

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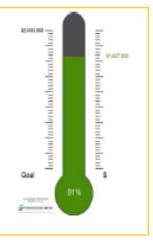
14 Keeley Island Drive Slayton, MN 56172 507-763-3567 camp@shetek.org www.shetek.org

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.







Good Bye Summer!

Please join us for our Fall events.

Mark your Calendar

October 18-19 - Octoberfest

Wish List

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

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!