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Our Vision:

People experiencing a life-giving relationship with God.

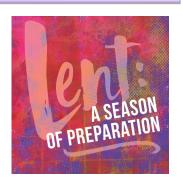
Mission:

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

Values: Relationships

God. Each other. Creation. **Belonging**

Affirmed. Included. Valued. Faith



March 2025

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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

Saturday, March 1st

5:30 PM Worship

Sunday, March 2nd Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 5th

6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service w/ Holy Communion

Saturday, March 8th

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

Sunday, March 9th 1st Sunday of Lent Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy Offering

Wednesday, March 12th

12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship-Pastor Pam preaching 6:30 PM Lenten Worship

Saturday, March 15th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, March 16th 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, March 19th

12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship-Pastor Tommy preaching 6:30 PM Lenten Worship

Saturday, March 22nd

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday March 26th

12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship-Pastor Adam preaching 6:30 PM Lenten Worship

Saturday, March 29th 5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, March 30th 4th Sunday of Lent

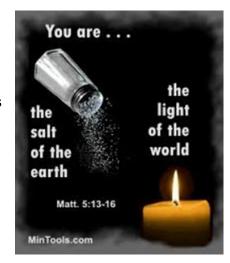
9:00 AM Worship

Pastor's Message

When Jesus said you are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world what he was saying to his disciples and now to us was **Be what** you are.

Salt preserves. It keeps food from spoiling, from going bad. It adds flavor and makes food taste good. It's distinct. When you taste it, you know it's there. That's what Jesus said we are – salt.

You know when a light is present. I remember growing up as a kid in North Dakota, and the trips we would take to Williston to see my grandmother. We drove across the wide-open spaces in the night. There on the horizon, we could see the lights of the city. You couldn't hide it! Now imagine Jerusalem. A city built on a hill, the pride and



joy of the people who were called to bring God's light to the world. Jesus wanted his people to shine with a light like that, drawing them to God, his father. Not just wanted. No, he said "You are light!"

Now that you know what you are, salt and light, here's something else. The reason for being salt is for the earth. The reason to be light is for the world, not for closed fellowship. Let us never be a community of faith existing *for ourselves*. No, the direction is always outward toward God and toward others. Remember how this Gospel of Matthew ends? "Go and make disciples of all nations…" Matthew 28.19

There is yet something else. The *You* is plural like *All y'all*. We are in this together. There is no such thing as a solitary Christian. We all do our part in the body of Christ, but it is together that we have impact as salt and light. So together, let's be what we are!

What Jesus was asking his people to do, he did. He was salty, distinct, knowing his purpose and moving toward it. "He was the light of the world: set up on a hill-top, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his father, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest fulfilment of the law and the prophets." Matthew for Everybody, Tom Wright, p. 41

Jesus words continue: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5.16 These are the words that we speak at baptism when we present the baptismal candle. They describe our vocation as the baptized people of God, our life's work, to shine in such a way that everyone can see how great God is! Can we do this? We're doing it! Keep doing it, dear people of God!! The life of the world depends on it. Together, let us be what we are, salt and light, the ones God has made us to be in Christ Jesus. Pastor Sarah

"Where does the world need salt and light right now, and how can we, through following Jesus, provide it?"

Matthew for Everybody, Tom Wright, p. 41

LENT

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- · Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- · Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- · Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- · Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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The American Lutheran Church of Windom 906 Prospect Avenue Wednesday, March 5th, 6:30 pm Pastors Sarah Tadé & Adam Roberts Why Do We Use Ashes In The Form Of A Cross? -Remind us of all those around the world who are mourning and suffering -Remind us that we all have sinned, we all need repentance, and we all must cling to the promises & love of Christ-Remind us that in the passage of time, we will all one day die -Remind us of Christ's suffering, death, & resurrections-Remind us that in the midst of all this, we are still called, named, claimed, and loved Children of God

Wednesday Lenten Suppers

March 5th- Ash Wednesday—Chicken Noodle Soup, & Chili—Church in Society Bd

March 12th-Lasagna - BWCA Trip

March 19th— Hotdish Heaven-Duluth Mission Trip

March 26th— Beef over rice- Shetek Ondini Circuit Group

April 2nd—Soups—Spiritual Life & Fellowship Bd.

April 9th—Bethany Lutheran

NOON ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE-

ALL SERVICES TAKE PLACE AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 12 – Pastor Pam – Presbyterians serve lunch

March 19 – – Pastor Tommy – Methodist serves lunch

March 26 - Pastor Adam - ALC serves lunch

April 2 - Pastor Sarah - Presbyterians serve lunch

April 9 – Catholic church preaching and serving lunch

\$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 for those in need. We challenge you to donate and support the Lenten challenge. All money donated will go toward the \$1000 we bring to the Banquet in Sioux Falls in July and any remaining money will go to the Windom School BackPack Program. 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.

Worship and Music

Worship and Music Notes March, 2025 Jane Cartwright, Coordinator

Saturday Sunday Scriptures

Mar. 1/2, 2025

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36[37-43a]

Mar. 8/9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2,9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

Mar. 15/16, 2025

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

Mar. 22/23, 2025

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

Mar. 29/30, 2025

Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 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!

Scripture readers, Holy Communion Assistants Sign up is available.

Lenten Worship begins 5 Ash Wednesday, March 5, 6:30pm

This service will have imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Lenten Themes:

Our 40-day journey through Lent will take us through five of the "IAM" statements of Jesus. "I Am" is the Hebrew name for God.

When Jesus goes to the cross, there goes God.

3/12/25 6:30 PM 3/19/25 6:30 PM 3/26/25 6:30 PM 4/02/25 6:30 PM

4/09/25 6:30 PM

I AM the Bread of Life
I AM the Light of the World
I AM the Door
I AM the Good Shepherd

I AM the Resurrection and the Life

All Lenten worship services through Holy Week begin at 6:30pm.



For Lenten worship,
we will use **Shalom Evening Prayer**, written for our
neighbor, Shalom Hill Farm by
Southwest MN composer
Carol Meier, and led by our
own musicians. *Shalom* is the
Hebrew word for peace, but
has the added meaning of
wholeness, and wellbeing.
May our journey with Jesus
this Lent bring us into a
deeper sense of peace with
God and each other.



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*Reminds us of all those around the world who are mouring and suffering

*Reminds us that we all have sinned, and we all need repentance, & we all must cling to the promises & love of Christ

- *Reminds us that in the passage of time, we will all someday die
- *Reminds us of Christ's suffering, death, & resurrection
- *Reminds us that in the midst of all this, we are still called, named, claimed, and loved Children of God

Worship Notes:

Ushers: Gary Nelson, Don Brugman, Ryan Elston, Kevin Heggeseth, Steve Johnson, Scott Ralston, Dick Torkelson

Holy Communion:

Ash Wednesday, March 5 Saturday, Mar. 8 and 15, 5:30pm Sunday, Mar. 2 and Mar. 23 9:00am

Noisy Offering: Mar. 8th and 9th

- 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 FoodShareMonth!

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 WEB-

SITE? 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.

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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



END OF SCHOOL YEAR YOUTHWORKS MISSION TRIP!

trip is for students currently in grades 9-12

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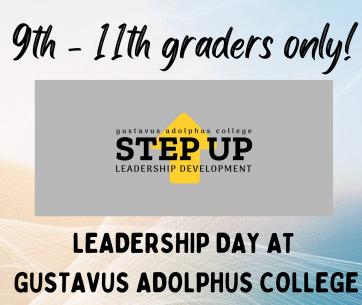
MAY 28-31, 2025

*estimated cost \$300 -includes lodging, food, transporation, fun!

SIGN UP WITH TERA NO LATER THAN MARCH 15TH!







Tuesday, March 11th
we will leave ALC at 7:15am
and return home approximately 4:30pm.
\$40 fee will be covered for students wanting
to attend thanks to generous donations
made to our Youth Fund.

MUST SIGN UP WITH TERA BY MARCH 5TH

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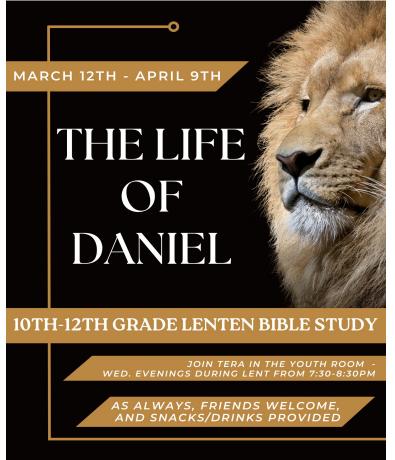
Fifth Grade First Communion Classes

-Thursdays-After School until 4:30pm March 27, April 3, April 10

We will pick up the kids after school!!

Snack & Drink will be Provided!





Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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



At Wednesday/Sunday School! March 19th/23rd

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!







Scrapbook Retreat

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING RETREAT

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

"ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE ALC 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH
9AM-MIDNIGHT
SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH
9AM-7PM
\$40 for one day
or \$60 for BOTH days
Want to come early?

Join us Thursday, April 24th 9 1pm-10pm for an additional \$15

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT
MARY MOHLENCAMP AT
MARYMOHL@RCONNECT.COM
(507)822-1179

PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO ALC YOUTH

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Good to Know



MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH

SUPPORT THE SHARING CENTER

Collecting: Non-Perishable Food

Personal Care Items -Soap and Body Wash, Lotion, Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner, Razors/Shaving supplies, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash, Tooth Brushes

HouseHold Items - Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Sponges, Floor Cleaner, Bleach, Kleenex, Plastic/Paper Bags, Surface Cleaners

Baby Items - Diapers, Baby Wipes, Baby safe Soaps, Lotion, Ointments.

> Also accepting Cash Donations Church In Society Board

Donations can be dropped off at American Lutheran Church.

thank you

Thank you to all who donated food to our SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY Food Drive! We collected 65lbs of food for the Sharing Center in just 3 short days!

Thank You!

Thank you to those who gave of their time to deliver Meals on Wheels in February! If you would be interested in delivering meals in September, please contact Gary Nelson or the church office.

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www.alcofwindom.com/ and click on the Media tab to watch a service that you might have missed.



Let's Learn Together!

Adult Learning

MAKE A STATEMENT!

Join your pastors and others from your congregation to study and discuss the ELCA Social Statements one by one!

UPCOMING DATES AND TOPICS

3/16/25 - Death Penalty 4/6/25 - Economic Life

If you like you may read the statement ahead of time at:

https://www.elca.org/Faith/ Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements



Dates: 3/16/25 & 4/6/25
Time: 10:15am
Place: Meeting
Room

Altar Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, March 11th at 2pm.

Quilting for Graduating Seniors-If you would still like to join in making quilts, please do! As a reminder, you do not have to have quilting experience. There are people willing to teach you OR if you would just like to help and not learn how to sew and quilt, there is cutting and ironing and many other things that you can help with! Please don't be shy to join! It will be a great time of community and fellowship! We will be meeting on Sunday, March 9th from 1pm -4pm and Sunday, March 16th from 1pm-4pm. Come when you can, stay as long as you would like!

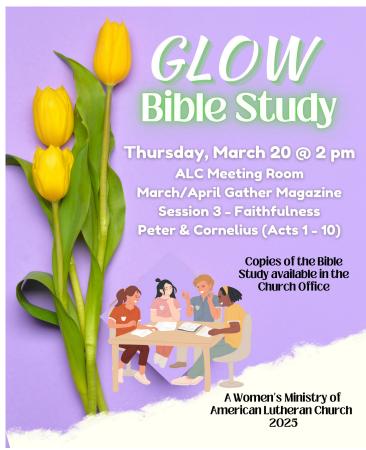
DO YOU HAVE A THRIVENT POLICY?



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.

GLOW and More!





food that go to the school to go home with

The BackPack Program through Windom School is up and running thanks to gener-

If you would like to help pack the bags of

kids, ALC has a group that gathers on the first Wednesday of the month. The first day will be March 5th. Just show up at 1:30 and you will be shown what to do!

ous donations!

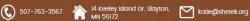
SUGARBUSH SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH

9:00AM-1:00PM

Come and join us for a day of pioneer fun at Lake Shetek! Free will donation pancake breakfast - pancakes, sausage, breakfast potatoes, fruit and more! ALL ARE WELCOME! Proceeds benefit our maple syruping programs here at camp

www.shetek.org/go/maplesyruping/





March Acolyte Schedule

Sunday, March 2th— Graham Miller, Melinda Schunk Wednesday, March 5th—Cameron Grant, Suchin Sayavong Sunday, March 9th—Elli Stienbrink, Abby Friewald Wednesday, March 12th—Wyatt Soderholm, Nevaeh Ott Sunday, March 16th—Penelope Roberts, Ruby Heggeseth Wednesday, March1 9th-Tristan Ralston, Mackenzi Meyeraan

Sunday, March 23rd—Elie Kleven, Olivia Joyce Wednesday, March 26th - Kenzi-Ella Johnson, Makayla Whiting

Sunday, March 30th—Morgan Roskamp, Gretta Smith

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

A variety of flowers will be used as a part of our Festival Easter Worship.

The choices of flowers available are listed below. Please fill out and
return the order form to the church office by

12:00pm, Friday, March 28, 2025 THANK YOU!

(Make checks payable to the American Lutheran Church)

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| Enter a quantity (nun | nber) in front of the plant(s) y | ou would like to order. | | |
| Begonia \$18.00 | Hydrangea \$37.00 | Tulip \$15.00 | | |
| Cyclamen \$18.00 | Kalanchoe \$18.00 | Calla Lily \$30.00 | | |
| | Daisy Mum \$20.00 | | | |
| | \$Donation towards whatever | | | |
| 73/ | flowers may be needed. | | | |
| | I will pick up my plant(s) after the service. | | | |
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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM February 2025 MEETING

In attendance: Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, John Shamp, Kim Armstrong, Wendy Ahnupkana, Kevin Heggeseth, Nick Trotter, Karen Skarphol, Brandon Roskamp, Wendy Newman, Theresa Matthews, Lori Mikkelson, Keith Bloomgren

Devotions and opening prayer were provided by Pastor Sarah.

One correspondence note was shared.

The secretary's report for January was approved. MM/S/C (Nick/Kevin)

The treasurer's report for January was reviewed and approved. MM/S/C (Nick/Karen)

The Pastors' reports were reviewed.

Old Business

1. Other - A motion was made and approved to add Keith Newman to the Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship Board. MM/S/C (John/Brandon)

New Business

- 1. Review of Chapter 12 of the Constitution
- 2. Signing the Ethics Policy
- 3. Update of Council roster & contact information
- 4. Building use printout and policy review A motion was made and approved to develop a committee led by Nick Trotter and potential other members from the Budget & Finance, Properties, and Spiritual Life & Fellowship Boards to revise/update the Church Usage Agreement form. MM/S/C (Wendy/Theresa)
- 5. Thoughts on 20 year anniversary of the sanctuary fire coming in 2026
- 6. Other -

A discussion took place about two different groups looking to use our facilities to worship with their congregations at different times in the building. Council determined that a contract needs to be written and will be completed by John Shamp. The contact will then be shared and the Properties Board will compile questions/concerns/etc.

Different van for the congregation - A motion was made and approved to form an ad hoc committee consisting of Budget & Finance/Kevin Heggeseth, Youth & Family/Wendy Newman, and Properties Board/John Shamp. John will ask a representative from Christian Education Board to join the committee as well. MM/S/C (John/Kim)

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.

<u>KEEP SAVING</u> your canceled stamps. <u>Correctly cut stamps</u> by leaving 1/4" to 1/3" border around the stamp. You can turn your stamps in at the church office

<u>CONTINUE</u> 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.

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

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of February 20, 2025:

Income: \$81,906

Expense: \$88,737

Carryover 2024: \$17,920

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



Deaths: No deaths this month.

Baptisms: Cody William Schafer, son of Zachary & Tracy Schafer

MEMORIALS:

Bell Choir - In memory of Paul Anderson, father of Jackie Turner.

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.



Board Reports:

- 1. <u>Worship & Music</u> Lenten theme and services were discussed as well as the upcoming Easter events and services
- 2. **Spiritual Life & Fellowship** upcoming baptisms, reviewed the Lutefisk Supper, serving Lenten supper April 2nd
- 3. <u>Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship</u> no decisions made, spent time getting to know one another including new members to the board, election of officers
- 4. **Properties** welcomed new members to the board
- 5. Budget & Finance election of officers
- 6. Christian Education no one present
- 7. Youth & Family Faith Fest, Winter Fun Day, Gustavus Leadership Day, Lenten Soup Suppers, Fat Tuesday community event, Redwood Falls Senior High Youth Gathering, quilting for graduates, scrapbooking weekend is approaching, Duluth Mission trip, BWCA trip
- 8. <u>Church in Society</u> signed up for council meeting slots, Lutefisk Supper, welcomed their new member, election of officers, Lenten Supper, Lenten Challenge \$40 for 40 days, March is food shelf month
- 9. **GLOW** Sewing days, Bible study



March 2025



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Please apply to join our fun staff this summer. . https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/



Please join us for our upcoming events!

Wish List

- Volunteers
- New Vacuums
- Keurig
- Spark Bibles
- Board Games
- Office Supplies Staplers, dry erase markers, paper

Mark your Calendar

March 10 Hiking Club

March 14-15 Confirmation Retreat

March 29 Sugarbush Saturday 9am-1pm

April 6 Hiking Club

April 11-12 Confirmation Retreat

April 21-24 Quilt & Craft Retreat

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!

