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May 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

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.

<u>Saturday, May 3rd</u> 5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, May 4th

Third Sunday after Easter 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & Healing Prayers

Wednesday, May 7th

6:30 PM Worship w/Holly Communion. Healing Prayers & Noisy offering

Saturday, May 10th

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

Sunday, May 11th Fourth Sunday after Easter Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship

Saturday, May 17th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, May 18th

Fifth Sunday after Easter Senior Recognition Sunday 9:00 AM Worship

Saturday, May 24th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, May 25th

Sixth Sunday after Easter 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, May 31st

5:30 PM Chapel Service





Pastor's Message

Dear ALC family,

What an amazing Farewell party you threw! It was wonderful to be surrounded by so many from ALC, Bethany and the community to celebrate the ministry we have done together, by God's grace these last nearly 12 years. Noel and I thank you for your cards, gifts, and words of kindness. Thank you for the flowers, and refreshments served. Thank you for the beautiful photo book containing memories upon memories of our time together. How blessed we have been to have lived and served among you here in Windom with our children Yanick, Isaac and Eliana. We won't forget you, but this will help us remember!

Now, dear friends in Christ, in all things, hope in Christ. Trust that God will provide as you move into this period of transition. God has before. As an Easter people, we know that in Christ, God is doing a new thing. Know that things won't look the same as they have been. Be open to change (you're good at that!) and the leading of the Holy Spirit in this next chapter. You have so much to draw upon as God's people in this place. Do not be afraid, but move forward in faith. Pray for one another and this process. Raise up new leaders from among you as you have been doing. Keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Live in love.

Pastor Sarah ∇



Letter from the Council

Dear Members and Friends of The American Lutheran Church,

As many of you are aware, Pastor Sarah recently resigned from her role as our lead pastor. We are incredibly grateful for her faithful service to our church family, and we hold her in our prayers as she begins a new chapter in her ministry.

While times of transition can bring uncertainty, they are also seasons of growth, reflection, and hope. As your Church Council, we want to keep you informed and involved as we move forward together.

Where We Are Now:

We have begun working closely with the Synod to guide us through the transition process. The first key step is securing an **interim pastor** who will serve our congregation during this time.

What's Next:

- 1. **Interim Pastor Search** The Synod is assisting us in identifying a qualified interim pastor. We hope to make an announcement on this soon.
- 2. **Call Committee Formation** In the coming weeks, we will begin forming a Call Committee. This team will represent the congregation and work with Synod staff in the process of discerning and calling our next lead pastor.

Congregational Input – Your voice matters. There will be opportunities for all of us to reflect on who we are as a church, what we value, and what we hope for in our next pastor.

We ask for your prayers, patience, and participation during this time. This is a journey we take together, guided by faith and trust in God's plan for our church.

We'll continue to keep you updated through newsletters, worship announcements, and will continue to be transparent throughout the process. If you have questions or thoughts to share, please feel free to reach out to me or any council member.

Thank you for your prayers and patience.

Council President -

John Shamp



Worship and Music

Worship and Music Notes May, 2025 Jane Cartwright, Coordinator



April 30, 2025 May 3/4, 2025 Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

May 7 - 11, 2025 Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 *Last Wed. Worship until Fall

Wednesday -Sunday **Scriptures**

May 17 /18, 2025 May 24 /25, 2025 Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 John 13:31-35

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:1-6 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29

HATS OFF TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED!

I am so grateful for those who have been a part of the services during Lent, Holy Week and Festive Easter Worship services. ALC is blessed with individuals who want to share God's words through scripture passages, prayers, skits, and songs. The 8th and 9th Gr. Confirmation students participated in many aspects of worship. Your participation was appreciated!! Thank You.

May is a time of Celebratior

Healing Prayers: During worship, a time is provided to come forward for healing prayers. We celebrate God's love and healing powers. May 3rd, 4th and 7th



Teacher Regconition: ALC is blessed to have compassionate individuals who share the stories of Jesus and his love. We celebrate these individuals Wed. April 30th Sun. May 4th and May 7th we will recognize Small Group Guides.



Mother's Day: May 10th -11th we celebrate individuals who have guided and loved us, with the gentle touch, similar to how Jesus gathered in the children.



Senior Sunday: ALC celebrates 20 High School Seniors on May 18th! Come and congratulate these young adults. Windom graduation is on Friday, May 23.



Memorial Day Weekend: Come to worship on May 24 / 25.

Ascension Day: This is the day celebrating Jesus' ascension into heaven. This year it happens on May 29th.

Worship Notes:

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

Holy Communion:

Wednedsay Worship, May 7, 6:30 pm Saturday, May 10 and May 17, 5:30pm Sunday, May 4 and May 25, 9:00am

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

Noisy Offering collection this month goes toward VBS Registrations. This summer's

theme is: - At the Table.

Summer planning has begun! Vorship at Tegel's Park is scheduled for:

Sunday, July 13, 9AM Sunday, August 10, 9AM Sunday, Sept. 7, 9AM (Rally Day) If you would like to

sponsor one of these dates, please contact the church office.

Check out the Worship Bulletin board!

Scripture readers, Holy Communion Assistants

Sign up is available.

With the arrival of Summer please consider signing up

for one of the slots.



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)



WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS!

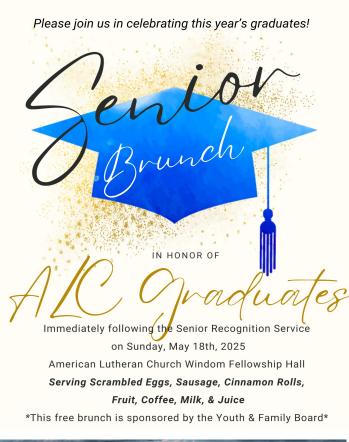
Wednesday, April 30th - Skylight Ct
Sunday, May 4th - Fellowship Hall
Join Tera during your 6th grader's
regular WS/SS class time
for a SpeCiaL CeLeBrAtIoN and
"Look Ahead" at what the
NEXT leg of their
Faith Formation journey
will look like here at ALC!







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END OF SCHOOL YEAR YOUTHWORKS MISSION TRIP!



MAY 28-31, 2025

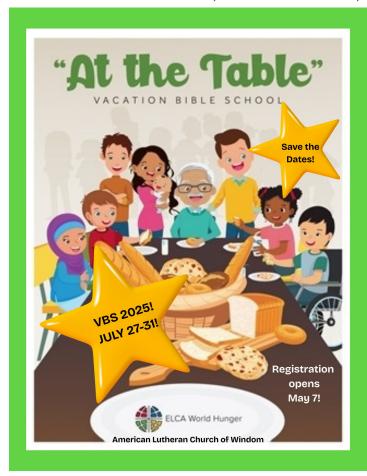
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING **OUR YOUTH** AS THEY GO AND SERVE!

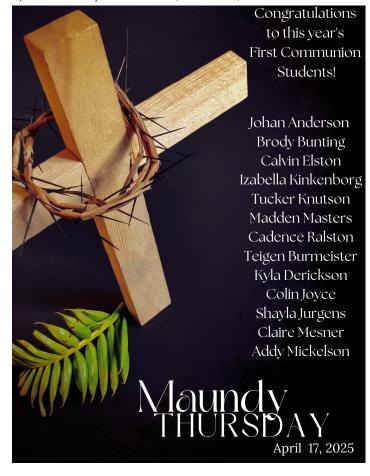




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May Acolyte Schedule

<u>Sunday May 4th</u>—Morgan Roskamp, Ruby Baloun <u>Wednesday, May 7th</u>—Elie Kleven, Makayla Whiting

SHETEK CAMPERSHIPS

To register go to www.shetek.org or pick up a Shetek Lutheran Ministries 2025 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.



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!

Shetek needs YOU! They are looking for summer staff for the 2025 season! If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Shetek!

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!



SENIOR RECOGNITION SERVICE

9:00 AM Sunday, May 18, 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

| 8 | 2025 Senior | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | Jackson Anderson | Alex Cory | |
| | Hannah Dauer | Isiah Fuchs | |
| | Eleanor Eken | Charles Erickson | 9 |
| | James Erickson | Graycen Hansen | |
| | Eric Heggeseth | Charlee Huska | |
| | Heidi Johnson | Morgan Johnson | |
| | Spencer Kleven | Blaise Larson | |
| | Harriet Lohse | Lenin Marcy | 8 |
| | Marissa Newman | Kaede Scrivens | 9 |
| | Nathaniel Sykora | Quintin Tietz | |

As graduation is fast approaching the American Lutheran Church wants to honor all ALC graduating seniors at our Sunday, May 18th, 9:00 AM Worship service. All high school seniors should have received a letter with more information regarding this service. We so hope you will join us and receive a personalized gift from your church family.

**REMINDER: Please email your senior photo for our screens and June Messenger to the Church Office at winalc@windomnet.com by May 10th 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!

Good to Know

DITCH CLEAN-UP

Join Discipleship, Marketing, and Stewardship to help clean up our community. DSM has adopted a mile of Highway 71 right past Smith Auto and we'll get that stretch of land



into shape on **Sunday, May 4th at 10:15** (right after worship). Everything will be provided, although if you bring work gloves that would be helpful. All we really need though are some extra hands of anyone fourteen years old and older. Please let Pastor Adam or the office know if you'll be there as space is limited.

So many hands were a part of the making of the quilts that were given to our grad-



uating seniors. Thank you to everyone who was involved, whether it was cutting sewing, providing fabric, providing funds, tying a knot or hundreds of knots, cutting thread or hundreds of threads. The quilts came out beautifully and we will be able to continue this tradition for years to come because of all the support we received! THANK YOU!

The Church in Society Board would like to THANK EVERYONE who contributed to the 40 DAYS \$40 LENTEN CHALLENGE. There was a total of \$3,058 raised! \$1,000 will be used to bring to the Banquet and the remaining will go to the Windom School BackPack Program. 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!





The Church Council is looking for congregation members that would be interested in being on the Call Committee for our new pastor. They will start by collecting a list of names of those interested and then choose who will be on the committee. You must be a confirmed voting member of American Lutheran Church to be on the committee. Please contact the church office if you would like to be put on the list for a potential Call Committee member.

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th



Holiday Hours

Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day– Church & Office will be closed.

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



If you would like to join the in the fun of church softball, please contact Donnie Boltjes at 507.830.0015. There will also be a meeting on Thursday, May 15th at 7pm in the meeting room if you are interested!



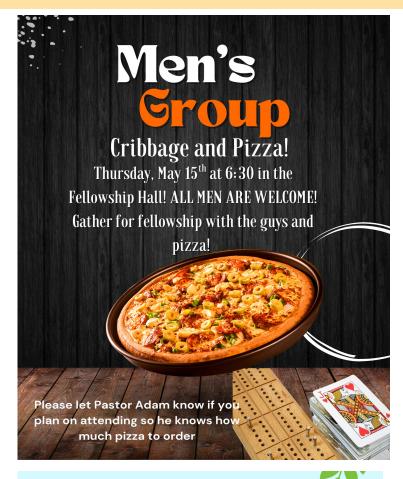
DO YOU HAVE A THRIVENT POLICY?

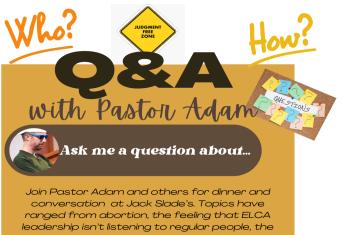
If you have an insurance policy through Thrivent please give them a call to let them know that you'd like your choice dollars to go to your congregation. Thrivent is very generous and every bit helps.



GLOW and More!







ELCA's stance on gun control, to the ELCA's stance on many other things. The group will meet again at <u>Jack Slade's in the Fireside</u> Room on Thursday, May 8th 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.









39th Annual Shetek Quilt Auction

> **SATURDAY, JUNE 28** 10:30 A.M.



- Pulled Pork Dinner11:00 a.m. \$10/person
- Hand and Machine Quilted Quilts
- Theme Baskets

The auction and lunch is a major fundraiser for the Camp. Come and experience this event! (The lunch is delicious)

OUESTIONS? CONTACT: KATHY HILEY 507-822-1046





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!!

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM April 2025 MEETING

In attendance: Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, John Shamp, Wendy Ahnupkana, Kevin Heggeseth, Kathy Hiley, Nick Trotter, Kelly Kleven, Deb Polzin, Keith Pohlman, Gayle Derickson, Kristy Mickelson, Jake Voth, Jean Johnson

Devotions and opening prayer were provided by Pastor Sarah.

No correspondence notes were shared.

The secretary's report for March was reviewed and approved. MM/S/C (Kathy, Kevin)

The treasurer's report for March was reviewed and approved. MM/S/C (Gayle, Keith)

The Pastors' reports were reviewed.

Old Business

- 1. Mission Reg discussion
- 2. Building use agreement This was tabled as there was not an attachment of documents to review.
- **A motion was made to identify the Executive Committee as the determining group for making the determination of building use between Mission Reg and the ALC congregation. After a discussion, the motion was approved. MM/S/C (John, Kevin)

New Business

- 1. Holiday Fair Nov. 2025 Jean Johnson presented the 2023 financial report and that GLOW would like to pass the torch to another group or board, a request was made for every board to have this information/opportunity on their May agenda
- 2. Mid-year meeting date July 20, 2025
- 3. A Ministry Site Profile committee is being formed to get the call process moving. The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is intended for use by congregations and church-related organizations that are seeking to call a rostered minister of the ELCA.
- 4. Call Timeline how do we want to handle recruiting the call committee, 9 voting members
- 5 Other
- 6. A motion was made and approved to purchase a 2016 Ford Transit 350 Van for the purchase price of approximately \$25,892.50 from LA Motors in Windom, MN. MM/S/C (Nick, Kathy) 7.A motion was made and approved to add Jill Wolff to the Spiritual Life & Fellowship Board. MM/S/

C (Kevin, Kristy)

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

<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.

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

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of April 22, 2025:

Income: \$176,639

Expense: \$187,221

Carryover 2024: \$17,920

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



Deaths: Gary Olson

Tony Nelson

Bradley Olson

Baptisms: Izabella Jean Klinkenborg, daughter of Jami Klinkenborg.

MEMORIALS:

Video/Media Fund - In memory of Irene Wiens.

General Fund - In memory of Glenn, Winifred and Bradley Olson.

Renovation Fund – In memory of Beryl Morton, Connie Redding and Gary Olson.

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> Holy Week planning, Pastor Sarah's farewell party planning, discussing summer worship plans
 - 2. **Spiritual Life & Fellowship** discussed a new member potluck, Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts, Bergen picnic
 - 3. <u>Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship</u> adopt-a-highway event 5/4/2025 right after service, discussed having greeters at the office entry back door,
 - 4. **Budget & Finance** approved finances for the van
 - 5. **Properties** approved paying for the building insurance premium increase, new garage doors for the parsonage
 - 6. <u>Christian Education</u> from May and beyond will be Kelsey Edwards will be the board rep, Rhythms of Faith retreat being attend by Tera and Kelsey, a prayer request from Shetek Lutheran Camps looking for summer staff, would like to host a book signing for Tera on Sunday, 4/27/25 from 4:00-6:00 PM
 - 7. Youth & Family Lenten Supper fundraising updates, Summer youth trips are primarily funded, Lenten Bible Study, Synod Senior High Gathering and 3 ALC young adults were elected to the SW MN Synod LYO Board, Easter Sunrise Service youth-led with breakfast, spring scrapbooking retreat 4/24-4/26, quilting for graduates is progressing with a blessing on May 11th and then presenting to the graduates on May 18th, sponsoring of a ministerial movie.
 - 8. <u>Church in Society</u> March collected 153 lbs for food shelf month, May baskets are being created for 96 people. July 7th serving at The Banquet. August 17th Block Party, sock collection
 - 9. **GLOW** Holiday Fair, quilting and blessing on 4/27, Bible study





In Loving
Memory

May 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/



Still Time to Register for Camp

Wish List

- Volunteers
- New Vacuums
- Adding Machines
- Spark Bibles
- Board Games
- Office Supplies Staplers, Dry Erase Markers, Paper, Tape Dispensers

Mark your Calendar

May 18 Hiking Club
June 8 First Day of Camp
June 23 Golf Tournament
June 27 Quilt Auction Preview
June 28 Quilt Auction

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!



We are a Rhythms of Faith Church Partner!

American Lutheran Church of Windom is excited to partner with Shetek Lutheran Ministries to effectively empower parents and caregivers in lasting faith formation at home.

We are delighted to share that we are one of the church communities partnering with Shetek Lutheran Ministries in a project seeking to creatively and effectively equip parents and caregivers in establishing rhythms of faith in their family lives through regular Christian practices. Our staff and leaders are energized for the opportunity to connect more deeply with our partners at camp and especially families like yours in laying solid foundation for lasting faith.

We know the strongest faith growth happens when families, churches, and unique spaces and experiences like Christian camps work together in partnership. In a recent survey of parents connected to churches and camps like ours, 87% agreed with the statement "I think it is important to participate in the life of a church community." and 84% agreed "I view Christian summer camp as an important tool in fostering faith in my children."

This project is funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and crafted by Sacred Playgrounds, LLC and HoneyFock Center for Leadership Development, which is a part of Wheaton College, along with faith leaders from across the country and from several denominations serving as advisors. Those leading the project have decades of experience in outdoor, congregational, and family ministry. We're energized about this opportunity to empower lasting faith practices in our families! Here are some of the benefits to actively engaging in our congregation's participation in this project. Participating families receive:

- Creative, research-backed resources to support faith formation in your home
- Information and insights into effective and lasting ways to build family faith
- The opportunity to access funds to support sending kids to a summer camp experience at Shetek.

If your family would like to learn more about the opportunities and benefits of joining our church's participation in this project, including resources and creative ideas for faith formation at home, campership dollars to attend camp, and more, please let us know!

