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Worship Schedule

Our Vision:

People experiencing a
life-giving relationship
with God.

Mission:

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

Values:

Relationships

God. Each other. Creation.

Belonging

Affirmed. Included. Valued.

Faith

Active. Inquiring. Hopeful.

Sunday, June 1st

Seventh Sunday after Easter

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, June 7th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, June 8th

Pentecost Sunday

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship

Saturday, June 14th

4:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy
Communion, & Noisy Offering

Sunday, June 15th

Father's Day

Holy Trinity Sunday

9:00 AM Worship

Saturday, June 21st

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy
Communion

Sunday, June 22nd

Second Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, June 28th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, June 29th

Third Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship



Pastor's Message

[Jesus] said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." -Luke 22:35

I've been cynical for many years now. I say I'm a cynical optimist because, while I have little faith in humanity to do good, I have a lot of faith in God to do good despite us.

I used to have faith in humanity. There was a time when I was sure that we, as a species, through logic and love, could create a world in which there was no more poverty or hunger. A world in which all people had enough to be healthy and live good lives. Through my college and seminary years I was a social justice warrior and was involved in community organizing and would meet with my representatives and advocate for change.

Eventually, though, I moved out and the real world hit me like a Mack truck. I was overwhelmed by how much greed and selfishness saturated all systems of the world. It occurred to me that unless someone has an insane amount of wealth, that there'd be no way to fight the system because it was so corrupt in so many places; that there was no way to fix it unless/until God steps in. Until then I've just figured do what you can, when you can, with what you have, and try not to get too worked up about the bigger picture since I can't do anything about it.

Despite being a cynical optimist I find that I love graduations, especially the speeches made by kids. As cynical as I can be sometimes, those speeches are so hope-filled that they even get through to me. After graduation I leave there thinking, "Yeah, maybe this is the generation to do it. Maybe this is the group that will overrun the system, right it, and finally make the world the great place it can be!"

In Luke 10 Jesus sends out seventy of his followers two-by-two to tell about what God's kingdom is like, to heal, and to cast out demons. He tells them to take nothing; no wallet, no extra clothes, not even food. Just go. Go out into the world and tell them what God's kingdom is like and behave like you're already a part of that kingdom. Heal people. Help people. Don't be motivated by a paycheck, or popularity, don't even be motivated by a desire to survive. Just go. Tell people about God's kingdom. Behave like you already live there and God will cover the rest.

And by golly, in the same chapter those seventy return and none of them starved or died due to being homeless and poor! God worked through them and they were successful.

When I went out on my own I thought (and still do if I'm honest) that you need massive amounts of wealth to actually change things for the better. Yet, scripture (and history) proves that the opposite is true.

In this season we're blessed with energetic youth who are filled with hope and the belief that they can change the world for the better. Instead of giving into cynicism which says, "Just wait till you move out," how do we embrace God's ability to do life changing things through people who have no home, money, or food? How do we rally, stand behind, and stoke the fires of passion that our youth have as they go out to take on the world?

Luke 10 tells about the seventy going out and coming back and their successful return is brought up again by Jesus twelve chapters later and I would imagine the reason is that we sometimes forget what God has done and what God can do. We need to be reminded that God can take seventy people with no home, money, or food and make the world a greater place. And, if we believe that, then let's not only use that to fight our cynicism, but let us make sure we raise our kids in the faith so that they know of God's kingdom, what behaving like they're actually living in it looks like, and then empower them to lead, even us, with their faith, hope, and their energy.

Pastor Adam

Worship and Music

Worship and Music Notes June, 2025

Jane Cartwright, Coordinator

*Looking for Sponsors
for Worship at the Lake.
Please contact the office.
July 13, August 10, Sept. 7*

May 31 -June 1 **Cancer Survivor Sunday**

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Rev. 22:12-21
John 17:20-26

June 7-8 **Pentecost - Wear Red**

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 14-15 **Father's Day /Riverfest Sat. Worship 4:30pm**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Noisy Offering: June 7th and 8th

Noisy Offering collection this month goes toward future Church in Society activities. Thank you for helping to reach our goal for The Banquet. ALC will help serve in July. This year's goal was \$1,000.

June 21-22 **Chordhustlers Sing**

Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 28-29

1 Kings 19:15-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Holy Communion:

Saturday, June 9 (4:30pm)
and June 16 5:30pm

Sunday, June 1 (9:00am)
and June 22 9:00 am

*Where will your
journeys take you this
summer?*

Ushers: Bryan Carlson,
Darin Motz, Keith Pohlman,
Dean Willaby,
Jerry Hochstein

DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Sign up to share a
song on the Music
bulletinboard.

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and
dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging
cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing
cymbals!

Sing for Joy!
Sign up to offer summer
music.

Faith Story to share?
Let Pastor Adam or
Jane know.

Sign up for:
Scripture Readers
Holy Communion Assistants

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

There are radio sponsorships available for June 1st, 8th, and 29th AND all of July! If you could like to sponsor a radio broadcast, please call the church office or stop in! The cost is \$57 to sponsor a radio broadcast.

Worship and Music

ALC Recognizes National Cancer Survivor Day



“A Celebration of Life” Sunday, June 1, 2025 Blessing in Worship Wear your “color”!

This is a day to celebrate those living with a history of cancer and honor their courage and strength. Surrounding these individuals are families, friends, healthcare providers and cancer researchers.

(National Cancer Survivors, ncsd.org)



Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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

**Registration
Deadline is
July 10th!**

2025 Online VBS Registration

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 VBS registration.



**Sunday, July 27th -
Thursday, July 31st
5:30pm-8:00pm**



**Offered to all kiddos (regardless of denomination)
who have completed Nursery-5th Grade
(Nursery indicates 1 year of Pre-school under the belt)**

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 tonight.

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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



Church Softball Schedule 2025-Softball Tourney at Bergen August 1, 2, & 3

June 1st- ALC 1 vs Bergen @ Bergen 5:30pm

ALC 2 vs Gathering Church @ Bergen 8pm

June 8th- ALC 1 vs ALC 2 @ Eagle Field 5:30pm

ALC 1 vs Methodist @ Eagle Field 6:45pm

ALC 2 vs. E-Free @ Qwest Field 6:45pm

June 15th- ALC 1 vs Center Point @ Legion Field 5:30pm

ALC 1 vs St. Johns @ Legion Field 6:45pm

ALC 2 vs Palauan @ Bergen 6:45pm

ALC 2 vs Methodist @ Bergen 8:00pm

June 22nd- ALC 1 vs E-Free @ Bergen 5:30pm

ALC 2 vs St. John's @ Legion Field 5:30pm

ALC 2 vs Baptist @ Eagle Field 6:45pm

June 29th- ALC 1 vs Baptist @ Legion Field 5:30pm

ALC 1 vs Palauan @ Legion Field 6:45pm

ALC 2 vs Bergen @ Bergen 5:30pm

July 6th - ALC 1 vs Gathering @ Bergen 5:30pm

ALC 1 vs Methodist @ Bergen 5:30pm

ALC 2 vs. Center Point @ Eagle Field 5:30pm

ALC 2 vs Palauan @ Eagle Filed 6:45pm

July 13th- ALC 1 vs E-Free @ Eagle Field 5:30pm

ALC 1 vs ALC 2 @ Eagle Field 6:45pm

ALC 2 vs Gathering @ Quest Field 5:30pm

July 20th - ALC 1 vs St. John's @ Quest Filed 5:30pm

ALC 1 vs Gathering @ Quest Field 6:45pm

ALC 2 vs E-Free @ Eagle Field 5:30pm

ALC 2 vs St. John's @ Legion Field 6:45pm

July 27th-ALC 1 vs Bergen @ Bergen 6:45pm

ALC 1 vs St. John's @ Bergen 8:00pm

ALC 2 vs Palauan @ Legion Field 5:30pm

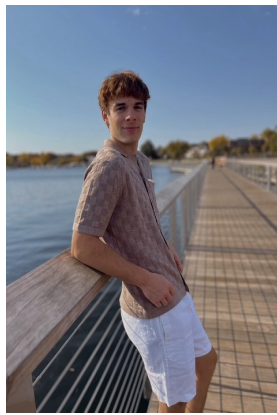
ALC 2 vs Baptist @ Legion Field 6:45pm

Congratulations to our 2025 Graduating Seniors!

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Jackson Anderson



Alex Cory



Hannah Dauer



Isiah Fuchs



Eleanor Eken



Charles Erickson



James Erickson



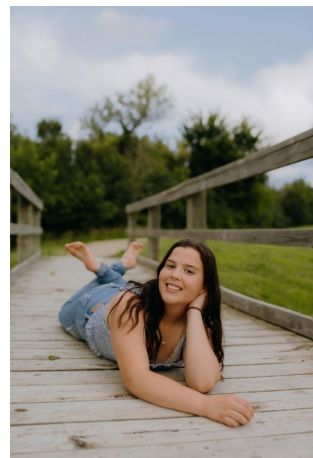
Grayson Hanson



Eric Heggseth



Charlee Huska



Heidi Johnson



Morgan Johnson



Spencer Kleven



Blaise Larson



Harriet Lohse



Lenin Marcy

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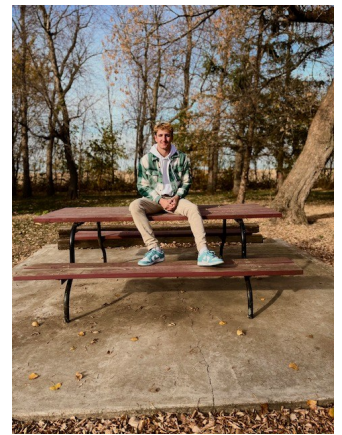
Marissa Newman



Kaede Scrivens



Nathaniel Sykora



Quintin Tietz



Summer Opportunities for Teens!

Teen Summer Breakfast Club



Let's have Breakfast & Bible Study!

Second Wednesday Morn of Each Summer Month

June 11 * July 9 * August 13

8:00-9:00am

SKylight Court

RSVP to Tera * Friends Welcome!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
9TH-12TH GRADE

SUMMER

**SENIOR HIGH
YOUTH GROUP
KICKOFF!**

COTTONWOOD LAKE PARK

June 16th | 6-8pm

Food & Games!

Please contact Tera Elness
or Lilly Derickson with any
questions

Friends Welcome!

Good to Know

Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

Windom Ministerial Presents:

**A FREE
MOVIE**



**THIS MONTH'S
SPONSOR,
OUR SAVIOR
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



Rated PG
duration: 1h 45m

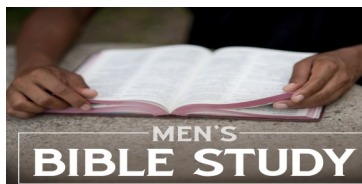
**3 JUNE
2025**

1PM

**Windom State Theater
926 4th Ave
Windom, MN 56101**

Reminder

Reminder: Saturday Chapel service on Saturday, June 14th will be at 4:30pm due to the Riverfest parade!



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 IN SOCIETY BOARD

**PLEASE
DONATE
SOCKS**

FOR THE BANQUET

Donations until July 7th at 2pm



THE BANQUET

There are still spots open to sign up to go to the Banquet. There are 2 spots open for the 2p-5p slot and 11 spots open for the 5:30p-8:30p slot! The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office, or you can call the church office to sign up!



**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.

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.

Good to Know

ALC is now in a time between pastors, but what is a pastor called to do really? When we extend a call as a congregation what do we pledge to do? Here is how the Letter of Call reads:

"We call you to exercise among us the ministry of Word and Sacrament which God has established and which the Holy Spirit empowers: to preach and teach the Word of God in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions; to administer Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead us in worship; to proclaim the forgiveness of sins; to provide pastoral care; to speak for justice on behalf of the poor and oppressed; to encourage persons to prepare for the ministry of the gospel; to impart knowledge of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its wider ministry; to endeavor to increase support given by our congregation to the work of our whole church; to equip us for witness and service; and guide us in proclaiming God's love through Word and deed.

In accepting this call, you hereby promise to fulfill this pastoral ministry in accordance with the standards and policies for ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Therefore, be diligent in the study of Holy Scripture, in use of the means of grace, in prayer, in faithful service, and in Holy living.

With this call, we pledge our prayers, love, esteem, and personal support for the sake of the ministry entrusted to you by God and for our ministry together in Christ's name. Specific responsibilities, compensation, benefits, and conditions of this call are contained in a document related to this call."

Signed by the President, Secretary, and attested by the Bishop of the Synod.

As we move forward, pray for this process and the candidate of God's choosing. May leaders for the ministry of Christ's church be raised up from this congregation. Speak of the vocation of pastoral ministry to children, youth and people of all ages. It has been said "Pastors don't grow on trees". Trust that God provides, as God has in the past. Know that it may come in ways that you weren't expecting or that may ask you to evolve and grow. "See, I make all things new." Revelations 21.5

The ministry of the congregation continues even as leadership changes. Look forward to the new season with hope and expectation!

UPDATE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL ON OUR PASTORAL SEARCH

As of Tuesday, May 27th, Pastor Steven Rye has come to visit with staff and with Council President John Shamp. He indicated while talking with John, that he was not ready to sign the contract to be hired as interim just yet as he confirms with his own family that this is the best fit for them. We are hopeful that he will choose our congregation, but we do not have the final word on that yet. We will certainly let everyone know when we do have an official answer on this.

The council has approved Nancy Michalski, Travis Freiwald, Gina Freiwald, and Wendy Ahnupkana to work on our Ministry Site Profile. This will be listed on the ELCA Website for viewing by pastors looking for a call. Once that is listed and live, our search for a full-time pastor begins!

Please continue to pray for guidance for the MSP committee and the church council!



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.

GLOW and More!

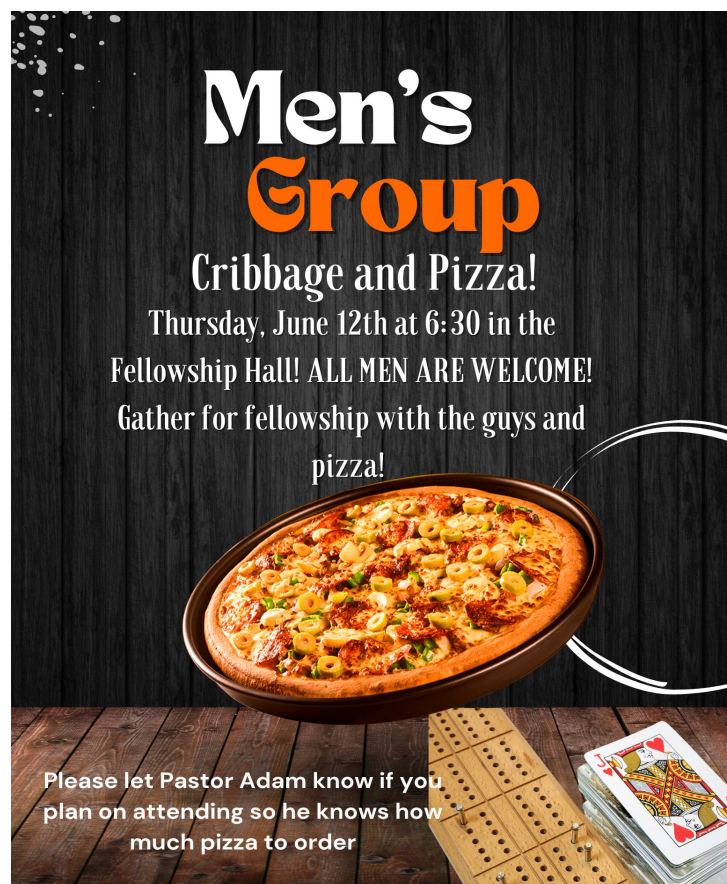


Shetek Lutheran Ministries
27TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Supporting the ministries at camp making it possible for many campers to attend our programs

JUNE 23 2025 || 8:30 AT SLAYTON GOLF COURSE
www.shetek.org
 507-763-3567

INCLUDES
 18 HOLES OF GOLF, LUNCH,
 SPECIAL EVENTS, & PRIZES
 GOLF CART PROVIDED
 \$75 PER GOLFER

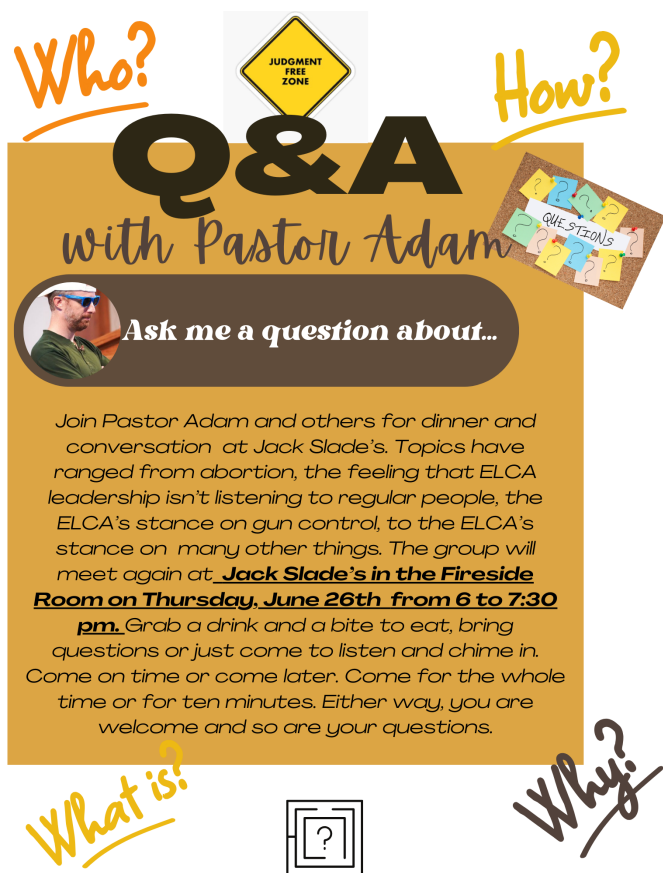


Men's Group

Cribbage and Pizza!

Thursday, June 12th 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



Who? *How?*

Q&A

with Pastor Adam

Ask me a question about...

Join Pastor Adam and others for dinner and conversation at Jack Slade's. Topics have 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 many other things. The group will meet again at **Jack Slade's in the Fireside Room on Thursday, June 26th 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?*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

39th Annual Shetek Quilt Auction

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
10:30 A.M.

- Pulled Pork Dinner 11:00 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)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
 KATHY HILEY 507-822-1046

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM May 2025 MEETING

In attendance: Pastor Adam, Tera Elness, John Shamp, Kim Armstrong, Kevin Heggeseeth, Kelsey Edwards, Wendy Newman, Kristy Mickelson, Keith Pohlman, Deb Polzin, Nick Trotter, Tony Scott, Karen Skarphol, Marlene Johnson.

Devotions and opening prayer were provided by Pastor Adam.

No correspondence was shared.

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

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

Tony Scott gave a Trust Fund report.

Tera Elness will attend Council meetings quarterly to encourage open communication.

Pastor Adams's report was reviewed. Confirmation requirements were discussed.

Old Business

Mid-year meeting is July 20, 2025.

Update on call process - The executive committee and a few Board chairs interviewed Pastor Steven Rye by Zoom on April 23, 2025. A motion was made to hire Steven Rye as the interim pastor. MM/S/C (Kevin, Nick).

Building use agreement - Approved the updated member and non-member ALC usage agreements. MM/S/C (Kevin, Nick).
Funeral charges be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

New Business

MSP Committee – A motion was made to appoint Nancy Michalski, Travis and Gina Friewald and Wendy Ahnupkana to the Ministry Site Profile committee. MM/S/C (Karen, Keith).

Safety & Security program – tabled.

Background checks – It was recommended that background checks be done every three (3) years for people working with youth and vulnerable adults.

Brief description of Holiday Fair areas and duties will be added to board agendas in June so Boards can take a “piece of the pie.”

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.

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of May 27, 2025:

Income: \$218,795

Expense: \$242,859

Borrowed to date: \$15,000

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

CHURCH RECORDS:

Deaths : *Betty Twait*

Betty Kepler

Baptisms: *Cooper James Jurgens, son of Clint Jurgens & Tylor Kruse.*

MEMORIALS:

Video/Media Fund – *In memory of Gary Olson & Betty Twait*

Parking Lot – *In memory of Gary Olson & Betty Twait*

General Fund – *In memory of Irene Wiens.*

Renovation Fund – *In memory of Irene Wiens & Betty Twait.*

Youth Fund – *In memory of Irene Wiens, Gary Olson & Betty Twait*

Camperships— *In memory of Betty Twait*

Bell Choir—*In memory of Betty Twait*



*In Loving
Memory*

**Board Reports:**

Worship & Music – preaching schedule, worship at Tegel's Park, music licensing, Senior Recognition Sunday is May 18, Pentecost Sunday is June 8.

Spiritual Life & Fellowship – baptismal walk through, discussed taking over the Holiday Fair meal, new member brunch in September.

Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship – recap of Adopt-a-Highway, different temple talks for Wednesday & Sunday services, discussed integrating new members into congregational life, want to reach out to college students, have greeters at church doors on big event days, looking for a date to have a family day at Shalom Farm, discussed if there is interest in Lutheran Men in Mission, webinar on evangelism beyond the walls.

Budget & Finance – paid bills on hold.

Properties – walk through the parsonage, sealing of bell tower will be done, have Kato Roofing inspect the flat roof, new garage doors at the parsonage, sell old bus, start van maintenance fund.

Christian Education – Kelsey & Tera attended Rhythms of Faith Retreat, final night of Wednesday and Sunday School with food trucks was a great event, Shetek Day Play is July 16th, VBS is July 27-31, Rally Day is September 7th.

Youth & Family – quilts were made for 20 ALC graduates, Graduate Brunch May 18th as well as dinner for Graduates at Tera & Kent's house, Baccalaureate is May 21st, Duluth Mission Trip is May 28-31, Boundary Waters trip is July 13-18, August 10th ALC is sponsoring the movie, *Underdog*, through the Ministerial Association.

Church in Society – May Day baskets delivered at Sogge, Mickelsen and Pine View, The Banquet is Monday, July 7th, interested in helping with the Holiday Fair lunch.

GLOW – Bible study next month, done with quilts.

June 2025



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



We already have a lot of great quilts and other items. Don't miss out!

Wish List

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

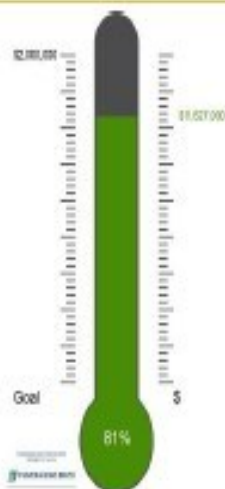


Still Time to Register for Camp

Mark your Calendar

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!