



# September 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!

### 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

### Saturday, September 6th

6:00 PM Chapel Service-in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, September 7th

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00 AM Rally Day Worship at the lake w/Holy Communion, Blessing of Backpacks, Installation of WS/SS Teachers and Helpers

### Saturday, September 13th

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

### Sunday, September 14th

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Noisy Offering  
9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy Offering

### Saturday, September 20th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

### Sunday, September 21st

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

### Saturday, September 27th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

### Sunday, September 28th

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00 AM Worship



# Pastor's Message

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’ -Matt 25:37

I was talking with my mom a while ago and she told me how she's always struggled with low self-esteem, which was an all-out shock to me. I asked her how she, of all people, could have low self-esteem. She mentioned how her sister had a master's degree and worked for Mayo Clinic. How that sister and her brother had these really amazing and well-paying jobs and how she didn't really accomplish anything just working for the newspaper's ad department.

I've been a pastor long enough that there isn't much that completely shuts me down in confusion anymore, but that did.

I've been munching on this for weeks now and this is what I see when I see my mom. She's always hated working for the paper, that's nothing new. She'd vent every night about how awful it was to work there. But every day she got up and worked that job, as awful as they treated her, because it paid well and she used that money to love and care for her family.

Go to my folks' house, they don't have a lot of nice stuff. She labored to make sure her kids were financially safe and had what they needed.

Her mom lived with Alzheimer's for years and it was bad. Grandma's last years were not grandma. Yet my mom was there every weekend caring for her mom. She'd answer phone calls from her during the week when Grandma didn't make any sense. She did all her finances, taxes, made sure she had good clothes; every little thing when Grandma no longer knew my mom and wouldn't have known if she'd stop showing up. That made a huge mark on my life watching that.

My brother and I weren't easy to raise. I remember her story of one time when we were particularly awful and how she was so lost that she went to our pastor and she talked of crying her eyes out and how powerful Pastor's prayer was; which made a huge mark on my faith life.

My mom rode 45 minutes into the cities in rush hour and back every day. When she got home she'd make us supper, she'd do the dishes, the laundry, and got us to where we needed to go and she never complained (for the record I was a terrible kid and should have helped out a lot more).

She did all of that because she loved her family at a godly level, and we knew it. My brother and I could tell her absolutely anything, which, to be honest, I don't know if she actually liked that. One time she said, “I can't believe you kids tell me all that you do. I couldn't tell my mom a fraction of what you tell me.”

She loved us so much and suffered for her family, to keep us on the straight and narrow, to make sure we would be able to survive on our own once we left the house, and one of the biggest reasons my brother and I are doing so well is because our mom got us to where we are.

In my munching these last couple weeks over my mom's statement of low self-esteem, Jesus' words above came to mind. “When did we ever serve you Lord? We haven't done anything good with our lives. We haven't done anything important. We haven't done anything to be praised or worthy of the spotlight. All we did was work a job and had some kids, what's the big deal? Why are you saying all these nice things about us?”

So, for my mom, and all y'all like her, whose eyes don't see what I see, whose eyes don't see what Jesus sees, know that we both see how much you sacrificed to bless others, and how your sacrifice has changed lives, and the world, for the better, despite your not seeing it. Your life has been spent humbly serving Jesus in his lowliness and the seeds you have scattered have borne much fruit.

Pastor Adam

## Worship and Music

### Sept. 6 – Sept. 7

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

Saturday, Worship **6 PM**

*Please note time change for this week.*

*Recording in the sanctuary.*

### **Rally Day Worship at the Lake**

Sunday, 9AM Worship

with Holy Communion, Blessing of Backpacks, Installation of W / S Staff

Worship and Music Coordinator

Jane Cartwright

September, 2025

*Be a Part of Building a Foundation  
for the Future*

### **Usher Team:**

Don Boltjes

Greg Hanefeld, Rahn Larson,

Rick Quade, Juhl Erikson,

Todd Schumann

Want to join a team?

Let the office know!

### **Bell Choir Begins:**

Monday, Sept. 8th, 7:00 pm

### **ALC Choir Begins:**

Wed. Sept. 10th, 5:30pm

### **Praise Band at Worship**

Sept. 10, 6:30 pm

Sept, 17, 6:30pm

### Sept. 10 – Sept. 14

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday Worship 6:30pm

Installation of Confirmation Guides

Saturday

Chapel Worship 5:30pm

Holy Communion

Noisy Offering: Everybody Eats

Sunday, 9AM

Noisy Offering: Everybody Eats

Bibles presented to 3 yr. olds and

Grade 3 students

### **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

### **Missing Worship?**

Check out

\*ALC Facebook page

\*alcofwindom.com

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

\* Cable Ch 22 Thurs.

### Sept. 17 – Sept. 21

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Wednesday Worship 6:30pm

Saturday, Chapel Worship

5:30pm

With Holy Communion

Sunday, 9AM Worship

### Sept. 24– Sept. 28

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Wednesday Worship - 6:30pm  
with Holy Communion

Saturday, Chapel Worship  
5:30pm

Sunday, 9AM Worship  
with Holy Communion

### **Did You Know?**

**Singing makes you feel better?**

**Singing provides oxygen to the  
body?**

**Singing builds community?**

**ALC Choir sings once a month.  
Come and make a joyful noise!**

***NOW is the Time  
to JOIN!***

*Dust off guitars, piano songs,  
and musical instruments!  
Speak with Jane Cartwright  
about providing music during  
worship!*

### **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

# Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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 2025-2026 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! ♥



Baptism



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/Youth & Family

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

## RALLY DAY AT THE LAKE!

JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP & KICK OFF  
A BRAND NEW WEDNESDAY SCHOOL/  
SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!

Sunday, September 7th  
9am Worship  
Pancake Breakfast served by the  
Lions Club to follow!  
Bring your lawn chairs!  
It's gonna be FABULOUS!

## back to School

Our **FIRST DAY** of Classes  
for all Wednesday & Sunday School  
Students will be-  
**WEDNESDAY SCHOOL: September 10th**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL: September 14th**

**DURING** your Child's First Day of Class,  
there will be a **PARENT MEETING** with Tera -  
WS Parents in the Sanctuary on the 10th  
SS Parents in the Fellowship Hall on the 14th.  
Parents, please plan to attend!

WED/SUN SCHOOL 2025-2026!

## GOD ROCKS!!

**NURSERY - 6TH GRADE**  
wednesday school 5:30-6:15pm  
sunday school 10:15-11:00am  
september - may

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**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WINDOM**

## 3 yr. old & 3rd grade Bibles!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

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



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**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## BACK TO SCHOOL

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WISH LIST!

GLUE STICKS!  
FILLER PAPER!  
WATERCOLOR PAINT SETS!  
PLAY-DOH!  
BIC BRITE LITE HIGHLIGHTERS!  
CLOROX WIPES!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CONSIDERING!**



## September Supper & Selfies!

**SENIOR HIGH  
(9TH-12TH)  
YOUTH GROUP AT  
MIMI & PAPA'S  
SELFIE PARK  
IN SOUTH WINDOM!**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH  
4PM- 6PM

MEET TERA & KENT AT THE SELFIE PARK AND  
WE'LL HEAD TO KWIK TRIP AFTERWARDS  
FOR SUPPER!  
PARK IS FREE, BRING MONEY FOR SUPPER.

WITH BACK TO SCHOOL APPROACHING,

WE ASK YOU TO SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD 7PM**—CONFIRMATION STUDENT AND PARENT MEETING.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH:** 9AM WORSHIP AT THE LAKE WITH RALLY DAY, HOLY COMMUNION, BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, INSTALLATION OF WS/SS TEACHERS & HELPERS! ALSO A YUMMY LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH:** 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. 3 YEAR OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES AT WORSHIP AND CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP GUIDES WILL BE INSTALLED AT WORSHIP.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH:** 3 YEAR OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES DURING WORSHIP. 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.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders & their Parents

*"Get to Know Your Bible Class"*

Wednesday School Students – Sept. 24th – Skylight Court  
Sunday School Students – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> - Fellowship Hall

Meet Tera during your regular  
Wednesday or Sunday School class time  
for a special class for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students *AND* their parents  
geared towards learning more and  
becoming familiar with your brand new bible!

(Pssst...there'll even be treats!)

## Good to Know



DMS Board needs some extra helping hands for cleaning up our Adopt-A-Highway section! They will be doing this on Sunday, September 28th 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.

### 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.

SEPTEMBER 10TH – WALKING TACOS!

SEPTEMBER 17TH – GOULASH

SEPTEMBER 24TH – SCALLOPED POTATOES AND HAM

### HEY CHURCH! CAN YOU HELP?

We are always in need of donations of hamburger, chicken breasts, milk, bread, & cookies. We are good for now on soup, ham, and noodles.

## ALC PRAISE BAND

LET'S MAKE MUSIC

TOGETHER

KARI SCHEITEL, LEADER



**Guitar players, vocalists, instrumentalists**

Practice 2 weeks / month

Wednesdays at 5:15 PM

Play for worship 2 times/month 6:30PM

For more information contact

Jane Cartwright



**ALC CHOIR**

*will gather once again on*

**Wed. Sept. 10th  
at 5:30PM.**

**All are invited!  
Weekly practice  
Sing once a month**

QUESTIONS: ASK JANE CARTWRIGHT FOR  
MORE DETAILS.



## GOOD TO KNOW

# Let's Make the Leise !!!

**Sept. 30 and  
every Tuesday in October  
8 a.m. - Noon**



# Holiday Fair Nov. 8

**No experience needed.  
We will train you!**



### WORSHIP AT THE LAKE!

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

Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

September 7<sup>th</sup> - Rally Sunday

Bring a chair or sit at a picnic table.

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

## QUILTING FOR GRADUATES

First session will be on  
Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
from 1pm-3pm

PLEASE BRING ANY  
FABRIC OR PATTERNS  
YOU LIKE  
TO OUR FIRST SESSION

# GIFTS FOR GRADS



We want to give our  
graduates a gift from  
the hands and hearts of  
their congregation.

If you cannot help in person,  
monetary donations and fabric  
are great!

How can you help?  
ANYONE can help with  
putting together the  
quilts! There is  
cutting, ironing, and  
tying to do.

## School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits

**Deadline**  
for  
DONATIONS IS  
SEPT. 15

**Let's PACK the KITS !**  
Tuesday Sept. 23 @ 9am  
Fellowship Hall  
Everyone Welcome!

**Supplies Needed:**

- Pencil Sharpeners
- Blue or Black Ballpoint Pens
- Unsharpened Pencils
- Kid's Blunt point Scissors
- Boxes of 24 count Crayons

Cash Donations would be appreciated  
and will be used to buy needed items to  
complete the kits.

Place donations marked "LWR School  
Supplies" in the offering plate or bring to  
the church office.



## GOOD TO KNOW



As you may have seen "floating around the Facebook world" there is an American Lutheran of Windom page. Please note that this is different than the page you are used to using 😊 BUT IT IS REAL! When the original page was created, it was created under Pastor Sarah and the page that she used to create it got hacked 😞 She could no longer get into that account that was attached to the original Facebook page to add anyone or delete the page, ect. With that being said, we had to create a new page. We will be "shutting down" the old page on September 5th. Please see the flyer below. Please call the church office if you have any questions!



### Shalom Hill Farm

*Spiritual Growth in All Seasons*

ShalomHillFarm.org  
Windom, Minnesota

#### SHALOM HILL FARM 30-YEAR CELEBRATION!

All are welcome to Shalom Hill Farm's 30-year Celebration on **Saturday, September 13th from 10am-4pm.**

This free celebration includes tours, walking trails, Kids Zone, scavenger hunt, labyrinth, exhibits and more. Also, there will be a free-will donation lunch at noon. The Celebration will also feature the original liturgy "Peace of the Prairie from 1:30-2:15. This will be a great family event for all ages!



"Thank you for attending the Block Party. It was a great success. It was nice seeing all of you there.

We appreciated the help we received setting up and putting away. We look forward to next year!"

**Coming SOON**

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
WE WILL NO LONGER BE USING  
**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH-WINDOM**  
FACEBOOK PAGE. PLEASE SCAN THE QR  
CODE BELOW TO GO TO THE  
**NEW FACEBOOK PAGE**  
**AMERICAN LUTHERAN OF WINDOM**  
OR GO TO FACEBOOK TO SEARCH THE PAGE.  
ALL PHOTOS, WORSHIP SERVICES  
AND OTHER POSTS  
WILL BE ONLY ON THE NEW PAGE  
**PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**

**NEW ALC Page!**

American Lutheran of Windom



CIS Board

# Holiday Fair!



## HOLIDAY FAIR 2025



**WHAT:** The 19th ALC Holiday Fair is coming!!!

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 8th, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** American Lutheran Church

**WHO:** Thanks to the following committee chairs:

BAKERY – Jackie Turner & Kay Evers

CRAFTS – Jane Cartwright, Kathy Hiley, Beth Scrivens

LEFSE – Karen Skarphol

LUNCH – Spiritual Life & Fellowship Bd & Church in Society Bd

PUBLICITY – Penny Raia

NEW & NEARLY NEW – ALC Youth and Family Bd and Youth workers

**WHO ELSE? EVERYONE!!!** We need you to donate, work and shop! The time is now to plan what you might like to donate – jams, jellies, pickles, candies, baked goods, crafts, rummage sale items (no large appliances, encyclopedias, reference books, or clothing, please) – AND where you might like to work. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and work in each area.

**WHY:** To raise funds for worthy causes and enjoy fellowship with each other and our neighbors.

The Church Council approved the following distribution of funds:

25% - Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign

15% - Lutheran Youth Organization

10% - Van Maintenance Fund

10% - Shetek Ondini Partnership

10% - Lutheran Disaster Response

10% - Windom Sharing Center

10% - ALC Building Maintenance Fund

10% - Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

The New and Nearly New (Rummage Room) is a fundraiser for the youth.

**SPREAD THE WORD!!!**

**HOLIDAY FAIR IS NOVEMBER 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Doors **WILL NOT** open prior to 9:30am

*Sign-up sheets for donations*

*and work times will be posted in October.*





## GLOW and More!

# GLOW BIBLE STUDY

in September

**September 11  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
@ 2 p.m.**

**Gather Magazine  
Sept/Oct/Nov issue  
"Money, Stewardship  
and Generosity"**

Copies of the Bible Study are  
available in the Church Office.

**GLOW is a Women's Ministry of  
The American Lutheran Church 2025**

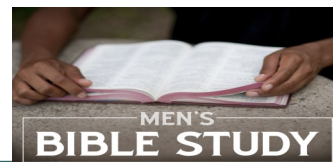
**BELL CHOIR** Practices on  
Monday evenings at 6:30pm.  
The **second** Monday of the  
month, practice is at 7:00 pm.

**Altar Guild will be meeting  
on the second Tuesday of  
each month at 2:00pm. Next  
meeting is September 9th at  
2pm! All are welcome.**

Did you know that  
you can see services  
on the **ALC WEB-  
SITE**? Don't miss  
out. Go to [http://  
www.alcofwindom.co  
m/](http://www.alcofwindom.com/) and click on the  
Media tab to watch a  
service that you might  
have missed.



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!!



## Men's Group

**Cribbage and Pizza!**

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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



## HOLLYWOOD HARMONIES

JOIN THE CHORDHUSTLERS WITH SPE-  
CIAL GUESTS "SPICE" (A WOMEN'S  
QUARTET) ON **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER  
13TH AT 3PM** IN THE AMERICAN LU-  
THERAN CHURCH SANCTUARY FOR A  
SPECIAL CONCERT. TICKETS ARE \$12 IN  
ADVANCE OR \$15 AT THE DOOR. Kids 12  
and under are FREE

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM KARL  
FREDERICKSON OR ANY CHORDHUS-  
TLER MEMBER.

There will be a social gathering after the  
concert in the Fellowship Hall!

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2025 MEETING

In attendance: Pastor Adam, Interim Pastor Steven Rye, John Shamp, Wendy Ahnupkana, Kim Armstrong, Kevin Heggeseeth, Nick Trotter, Keith Pohlman, Wendy Newman, Karen Skarpohl, Kelsey Edwards, Kay Evers, Brandon Roskamp, Paula Larson

Devotions and opening prayer were provided by Pastor Adam.

One correspondence note was shared.

The secretary's report for July was reviewed and a change needs to be made. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the wording for the July 8, 2025 secretary's report be changed at Old Business #3 to state that 25% go to Shetek Lutheran Ministries instead of Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp. MM/S/C (Nick/Kay)

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

The Pastor's reports were reviewed.

### **Old Business**

1. MSP - continued revisions are being made before finalization occurs

1. Holiday Fair - more discussion on where funds are going and if mini-bus fund is still needed

\*A motion was made, seconded, and passed that 15% will go to the Lutheran Youth Organization and 10% to the van maintenance fund. MM/S/C (Karen/Kelcey)

### **New Business**

1. Approval of janitor hours - A motion was made, seconded, and passed to change the janitorial hours to state "up to 20 hours per week". MM/S/C (Kim/Kevin)

2. Call Committee formation via an application process and/or phone interview

3. Other - N/A

### Board Reports:

1. **Worship & Music** - upcoming events discussed, Lutheran Youth Organization short of funds discussion
2. **Spiritual Life & Fellowship** - no one present
3. **Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship** - hosting a coffee hour, shipping cookies to college kids, Temple Talk in September, Emily Benson to speak on Dementia and Care Giving, September ditch cleaning date set for 9/28/25
4. **Budget & Finance** - paid bills on hold, July was a profitable month, renovations (bell tower, roofing, phone system) will be a bigger expense for August
5. **Properties** - no meeting this month, phone system will be upgrades, roof patching 8/18/25
6. **Christian Education** - recapped on VBS, Wed/Sun School teacher meeting 8/25/25 at 7pm, recapped on 7th grade movie night, Rally Day 9/7/25 with Lions Club breakfast and backpack blessing
7. **Youth & Family** - BWCA recap, Senior sendoff bible study, final summer breakfast club on 8/13/25, Youth grill out is coming, Scrapbooking Retreat set, youth-led ministry has been a positive experience, Boo BINGO 10/26/25, Senior Quilting 1st meeting in September
8. **Church in Society** - Block Party planning, Living Nativity meal planning, potential talk of helping with Riverfest
9. **GLOW** - Bible study 8/14/25 at 2pm, supplies or money still needed for school kits/backpacks, 9/30/25 Lefse making will begin for the Holiday Bizarre



ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of August 25, 2025:

Income: \$353,245

Expense: \$376,069

Borrowed to date: \$18,000



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

**CHURCH RECORDS:**

Deaths: Kathryn Voelker

Shirley Schoenenberger

Baptisms: Carson Mark Seidl, son of Colin & Emily Negen-Seidl.

**MEMORIALS:**

Parking Lot Fund – In memory of Gary Olson.

Chrisitan Education Fund – In memory Marilyn Sell.



Video/Media Fund – In memory of Marilyn Sell and Ernie & Gen Carlson.

**OFFERING OPTIONS:**

The ministry of our congregation continues in many ways! The options remain open for ways of contributing your offering. You may use on-line giving on our website [alcofwindom.com](http://alcofwindom.com), mail in your offering to PO Box 188, Windom, drop it off at the church or simply place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions regarding these options, please contact Wendy Pigman in the church office

**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**

This is an example of a ¼ inch trim around the stamp.



**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,

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## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear friends and partners in ministry,

August 2025

Greetings of peace from the risen Christ and from me as I serve on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (ELCG). For most of you receiving this newsletter, these are the last days of summer, and you may be traveling home from a vacation or from visiting family elsewhere. I have been traveling, too, meeting my goal of



*The congregation of Reformation Lutheran Church, Kimbia, going out to the "parking lot" after worship.*

visiting every active congregation of the ELCG. The last three were the hardest to reach because they are situated on two of Guyana's many great rivers: the Berbice and the Demerara, and they are accessible only by boat.

The congregations of the Reformation parish along the Berbice River are especially important for the ELCG historically because that is the region where the Lutheran Church began in Guyana in 1743. The original church building no longer exists and I have yet to visit the remains of Fort Nassau to see the historical marker commemorating it, but I was not far when I visited Reformation Lutheran Church in Kimbia, accompanied by the president and secretary of the ELCG.

In spite of their significance, these riverine congregations have found it challenging to stay connected to the rest of the church. Some have drifted into inactivity and closed their doors for lack of pastoral care over the years. The church is now working very hard to reestablish ties and to grow more pastors, deacons and lay leaders to ensure adequate care for all of its congregations. My work in helping the church to revive and strengthen its Lutheran Lay Academy is part of that effort to prepare leaders.

In the two years since it has reopened, however, the Lutheran Lay Academy has not had any students from the riverine congregations because of the difficulty of travel. But now that the internet has reached these areas, it is possible for members of the congregations there to study online. So, during my visits with them, I was glad to announce that the committee that directs the Lutheran Lay Academy has decided that, beginning in 2026, our courses will be entirely online. We will do our best to supply the information and encouragement needed for the congregations along the rivers to enroll students in the Lutheran Lay Academy next year.

In the meantime, dedicated lay people, deacons, and pastors of the ELCG take turns traveling by motorboat to the various congregations. I went with retired pastor Gloria





Sampson to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Sand Hills one Sunday. In the photo above, you see her blessing the children of the congregation, some of whom are being carried by other children.

One of the riverine congregations has adopted an ecumenical approach to ensure pastoral care for its members. Mt. Olivet Church, in Kwakwani, the furthest south of the Lutheran congregations, has become a Lutheran-Anglican-Catholic church, served alternately by visiting clergy and lay leaders from those three denominations. The members attend, no matter which liturgy they will be using that day.



*Crossing the river to Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Kwakwani. Ours is the white car, muddy after the dirt road.*

In all of these travels, I am very grateful for the company of your minds, hearts, and prayers, and I am honored to be a living, breathing, physical sign of your connection with your brothers and sisters in Christ in Guyana.

*Carolyn*

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*The congregation of Mt. Olivet*

P.S. In addition to prayer, here are ways to support me financially.

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