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WINDOM, MN Church



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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.

Saturday, August 3rd
5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, August 4th
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion

Saturday, August 10th
5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Sunday, August 11th
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Second Sunday Noisy Offering
9:00 AM Worship w/ Noisy offering

Saturday, August 17th
5:30 PM Chapel Service w/ Holy Communion-To be held in the Sanctuary

Sunday, August 18th
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM Worship @ the Lake

Saturday, August 24th
5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, 25th
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, August 31st
5:30 PM Chapel Service



Pastor's Message

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

-Ephesians 2:4-7

We learn to say “It’s not fair” early on in life. And that statement is true. Around fifteen I realized it was true for me in the opposite way, in that I fully realized how much God goes over the top to continually bless me when I don’t deserve it while so many others need God’s help more than me.

Ephesians says God shows us immeasurable riches and kindness; that has been my experience my whole life. Compared to the majority of the world I’ve had an easy life. I’ve still had struggles like a bout with depression, living for years below poverty lines, making really stupid and sinful choices, times of hating God, and a good number of brushes with death. And through all of it, God has blessed me with immeasurable riches and kindness even when I was dead through my trespasses (sin).

God brought people into my life who have changed me. God healed my depression. Random food would show up when we needed it. A couple bucks would appear to keep rent paid. And for all the terrible decisions I’ve made that should have derailed my life, if not killed me, I’ve gotten off really easy compared to most others.

Once again God’s immeasurable riches poured onto me June 22nd when a bunch of strangers, including at least one atheist, showed up to my house to drop off over a hundred sandbags. I remember thinking, “I don’t know a good chunk of these people, they don’t owe me anything, I don’t worship with the majority of them, why are they doing this?”

They did it because God has shown me immeasurable riches and kindness despite my being dead in my sin. Once again God has saved me as I currently stand back feeling guilty for all those homes that got flooded that needed it more than mine.

I don’t know why God blesses me more than most others. I’ll be honest: I don’t like it or want it. I told my pastor that when I was a teen and she told me, “If God is blessing you abundantly, then use it to help others.” I also understood her to be telling me to be grateful.

It has been my experience that God is the one who saves, rescues, and is kind. Not our jobs, not society, not insurance, not the government, not FEMA, not even friends and family. God uses all those things (and more), most of the time without them even knowing it, but they’re not the source of immeasurable riches and kindness, they’re just the object being used at the time.

With all that God has done for me I find I can’t not love God. I can’t not be Jesus’ servant. I can’t not worship and sacrifice my income to God because God has done so much for me and just keeps giving more all the time. God is relentless and is “not fair” in the opposite way.

I don’t know why I’ve received immeasurable riches and kindness, other than I know it’s vastly undeserved. But I do know that going out of your way to serve Jesus, to worship him, pray to him, sacrifice to him, even when it’s difficult, always yields vastly more than you put in. Test it out and make it a point to actively listen and watch for God and I’m willing to bet you too will experience God’s unfair immeasurable riches and kindness.

Worship and Music Notes

Jane Cartwright, Coordinator

August 3-4, 2024

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78: 23-29
Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6: 24-35

Worship Notes:

Saturday, 5:30 pm - Chapel Worship
Sunday, 9 AM - Holy Communion
VBS Students sing at 9:00 am worship
Recognition of VBS staff
Temple Talk: ALC Block Party Info

Worship Notes:

Saturday, 5:30 pm- Chapel, Holy Communion
Sunday, 9 AM- Pick Up Choir practice 8:25 am
County Fair Bakers Share -
Skylight Ct 10:00 am

August 10-11, 2024

1 Kings 19: 4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4: 25- 5:2
John 6: 35,41-51

August 17-18, 2024

Proverbs 9: 1-6
Psalm 34: 9-14
Ephesians 5: 15-20
John 6: 51-58

Worship Notes:

Saturday, 5:30 pm - Holy Communion,
Recording worship for KDOM...
Sunday 9 AM- Worship at the Lake
Shetek Summer Highlights
with ALC campers

Worship Notes:

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

August 24-25, 2024

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34: 15-22
Ephesians 6: 10-20
John 6: 56-69

August 31 -Sept 1., 2024

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Worship Notes: Labor Day Weekend

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

Ushers:
Jay Mickelson
group

Noisy Offering:
Comfort
Cupboard

It's Vacation Season, please consider signing
up on the Worship / Music bulletin board for
Readers
Holy Communion Assistants



“ IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

PICK UP CHOIR!

Like to sing?
Not a member of ALC Choir?
Come join us
Sunday, August 11th
as we sing “Beautiful Savior”
(ELW 838)

Practice beings at 8:25am
in the sanctuary.

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**BAKING COOKIES or BARS
FOR JUDGING AT THE COUNTY FAIR?**

As a wrap up to County Fair season, Skylight Court would like to invite bakers to bring a *dozen* cookies or bars on Sunday, August 11th to serve during coffee hour.

We would love to celebrate and sample your selections. Want to share your recipe? Drop off a copy at the church office or bring it that day.

For more information contact Jane Cartwright.




Join us for 9am Worship
on Sunday, August 4th
and listen as our
VBS Kids share songs
from their special week!



WORSHIP AT THE LAKE!

We have 3 designated times for worshipping at Tegel's Park / Lion's Pavilion this summer! Find your way out to Cottonwood Lake for 9:00 am worship.

July 21st August 18th
September 8th - Rally Sunday

Bring a chair or sit at a picnic table.
A special thank you to those individuals who have sponsored these worship dates!

August

Christian Ed/Youth & Family

2024

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

AUGUST SUMMER STORYTIMES!

****2:00-3:30pm****

Monday, August 12th
for next year's 1st-3rd Graders
and
Thursday, August 15th
for next year's 4th-6th Graders

Email Tera to sign up your child!
teraalc@gmail.com



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YOUTH SUMMER STUDY OPP WITH TERA

Those FINISHING 7th-9th Grade-

DISCIPLES DIG DEEPER

AND...

Those FINISHING 10th-12th Grade-

ABIDE - STAYING CONNECTED

One Time Only This Month

AUGUST 14TH AT NOON W/LUNCH

Teen Summer

Breakfast Club



Let's have Breakfast & Bible Study!

Second Wednesday Morn of Each Summer Month

June * July * August

8:00-9:00am

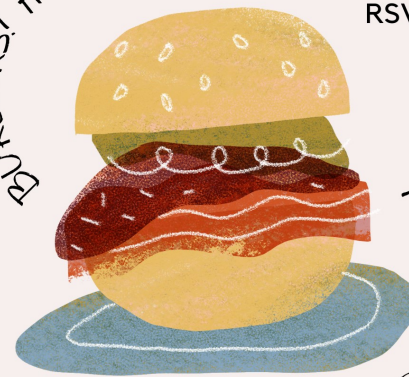
Skylight Court

RSVP to Tera * Friends Welcome!

YOUTH GROUP BACK TO SCHOOL GRILLOUT!

BURGERS! HOT DOGS!

Friends Welcome!
RSVP to Tera!



MUSIC! YARD GAMES!

Kent & Tera Elness House

725 Verona Avenue

Sunday, August 25th

5-7pm

WALKING WITH JESUS

2024-2025



**WON'T YOU PLEASE, WON'T YOU PLEASE,
PLEASE WON'T YOU TEAM-TEACH...
A WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS?
WE SO HOPE YOU WILL! ♥ TALK TO TERA!**

**TEACHER MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH
6:30PM IN SKYLIGHT COURT**

WALKING WITH JESUS

2024-2025



**NURSERY - 6TH GRADE
WEDNESDAY SCHOOL 5:30-6:15PM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15-11:00AM
SEPTEMBER - MAY**

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
WINDOM**

Women's Bible Study



JUMP!

...learning to walk by faith not sight

Wednesday, August 14th

5:30-7:30pm

American Lutheran Church Skylight Ct.

**Bring your Bible, a notebook/journal,
and an appetizer to share!**

Bottled Water & Tableware Provided

The one-night event is written & led by Tera Elness

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH: 7PM—CONFIRMATION SMALL
GROUP GUIDES MEETING.**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH: 7PM—CONFIRMATION STU-
DENT AND PARENT MEETING.**

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

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

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

YOUTH

2024 SUMMER ALC YOUTH FUNDRAISER

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, AUGUST 23rd 9AM-MIDNIGHT SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th 9AM-7PM

\$40 for one day or \$60 for BOTH days Want to come early?

Join us Thursday, August 22nd 1pm-10pm for an additional \$10

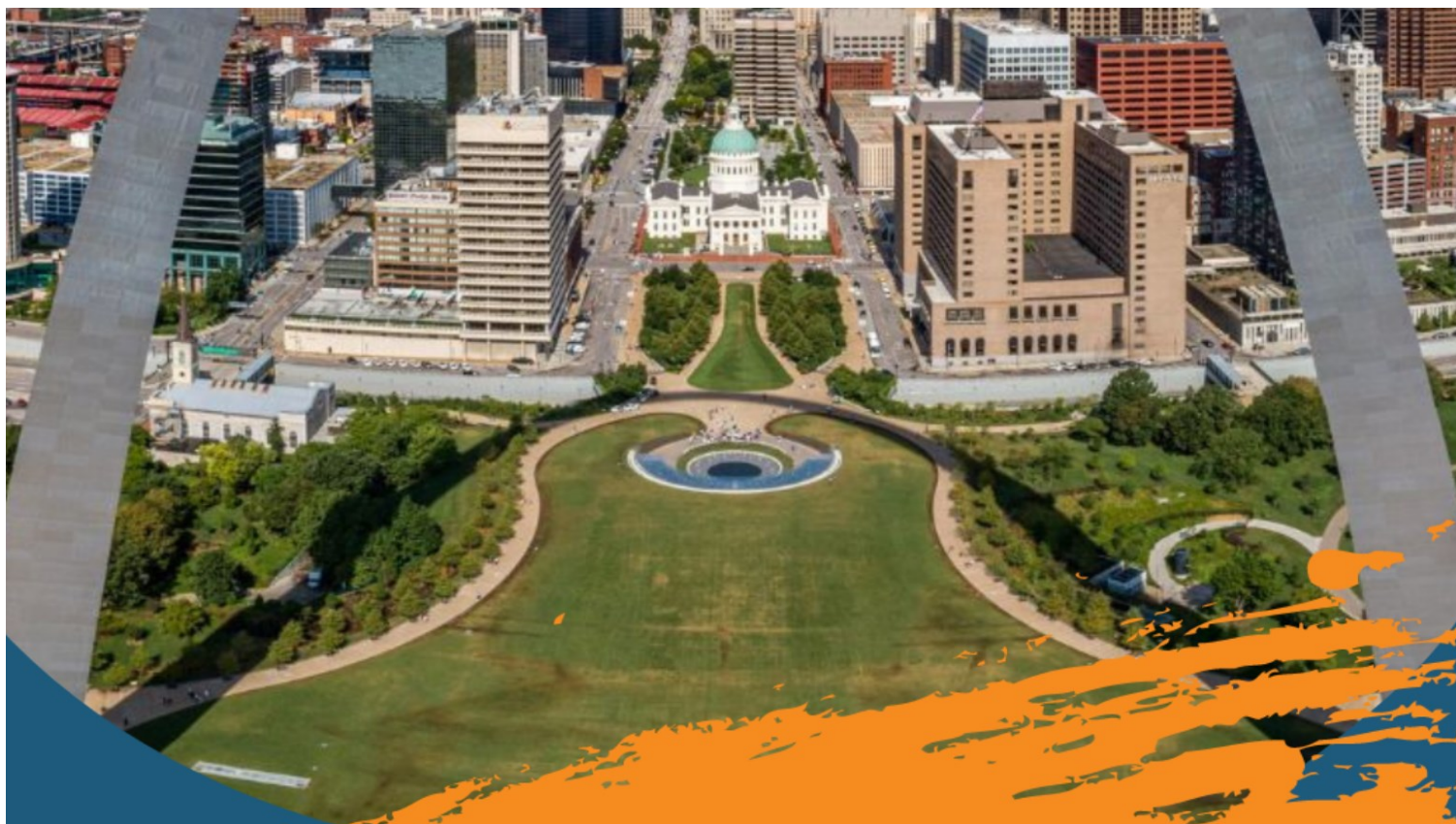
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARY MOHLENCAMP AT MARYMOHL@RCONNECT.COM (507)822-1179

PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALC YOUTH MAIL TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN, ATTN: WENDY PIGMAN

NAME: PHONE: ADDRESS: CITY: ZIP: EMAIL:

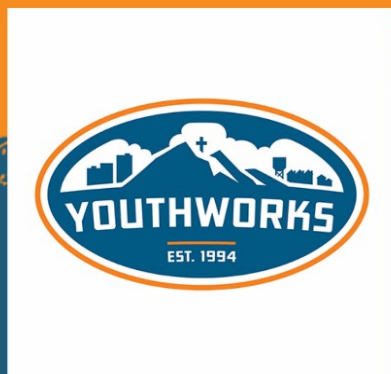
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YOUTH



ST. LOUIS, MO

Fall Retreat

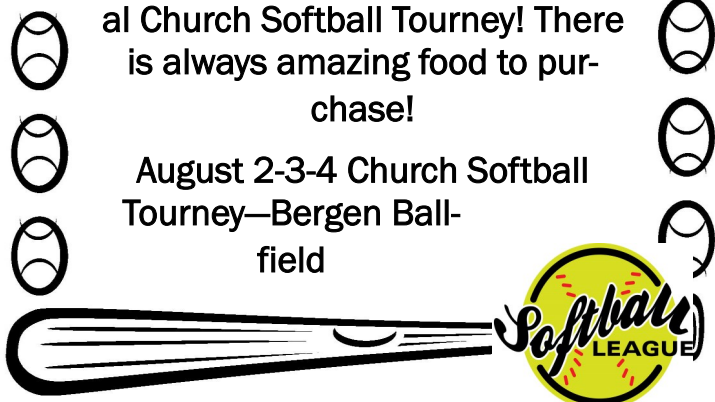


9TH - 12TH GRADERS
*** MEA WEEKEND * OCTOBER 17TH-20TH ***
THURSDAY-SUNDAY
*** estimate trip cost \$500**
SEE TERA IF INTERESTED!
MINIMUM OF 8 YOUTH NEEDED TO GO!



You don't want to miss the Annual Church Softball Tourney! There is always amazing food to purchase!

August 2-3-4 Church Softball Tourney—Bergen Ball-field



School SUPPLY DRIVE
For Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Let's fill 100 backpacks for children around the world!

ON SALE NOW

We can buy Supplies in bulk! Therefore:

Place donation marked "LWR School Supplies" in the offering plate or bring to office

A \$10 Donation will buy:

- 22- 70 count Spiral Notebooks (400 needed) OR
- 40 - 12" Ruler with centimeters (100 needed) OR
- 30 - Pencil Sharpeners (100 needed) OR
- 120 - Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens (500 needed) OR
- 52 - Unsharpened Pencils (500 needed) OR
- 14 - Kid's Blunt Cut Scissors (100 needed) OR
- 20 - 2-1/2" Pencil Eraser (100 needed) OR
- 20 - Boxes of 24 count Crayons (100 needed)

OR Place purchased supplies in Donation Box in the Skylight Court

Thank you to Carolyn Janssen for her continued ministry of sewing the backpacks!!!

Sewing for Graduating Seniors

THE YOUTH AND FAMILY BOARD would like to start a tradition of giving our graduating High School Seniors a handmade quilt as their senior gift. We would like to start planning now to ensure that the quilts are done by Senior Recognition Sunday next May.

We are looking for those who like to sew, iron, or just be part of the fun! There will be a job for you even if you don't sew! In order to accommodate all ages and schedules, sewing times will be offered in the evenings and/or on the weekends. Please be watching for an initial meeting date in the very near future!

JOIN US FOR A BLOCK PARTY

'Free!'

In the parking lot!

Yard games!

Burgers, Hot dogs, chips, cookie and drink!

Sponsored by The Church In Society Board of American Lutheran Church

SUNDAY AUG. 11 | AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 906 PROSPECT AVE. WINDOM, MN | **5-7PM**

Men's Group

Cribbage and Pizza!

Thursday, August 18th 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

Good to Know

MID-YEAR MEETING NOTES FROM JULY 21, 2024

Tune in to ALC's

Worship Broadcasts:

Sundays at 10:30 AM
on KDOM 103.1 FM

Thursdays at 10:00 AM
& 6:30 PM on Windom
Cable TV, Channel 22

Did you know that you can see services on the **ALC WEBSITE**? Don't miss out.

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

LSS Meals | Windom

ALC Day at LSS Meals!

The 2nd Thursday of the month.

Show your ALC pride and have a great meal with others at the Community Center! Anyone can come and dine in on this or any other day, **just call the day before at 831-6161 to make a reservation.** If you are 60 years old or older, there is a suggested donation of \$5-\$8.75 per meal, or what you can afford. For those younger than 60, the cost is \$8.75. Come, eat and enjoy! The LSS Meals program is a program of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. By the way, there are 3 ways to benefit from this program: Dine In, Meals on Wheels, and curbside pickup. Call to sign up for which ever you are interested in.



The July 21, 2024 ALC of Windom Church's Mid-Year Meeting was called together by President John Shamp at 10:11 am.

A quorum of 50 congregation members were present in person.

Opening prayer was provided by Pastor Sarah Tade.

The secretary's report from January 28, 2024 was approved as printed. MM/S/C (Jean Johnson/Sharon Thompson)

President John Shamp gave a review of the ELCA Synod Assembly. The review is also available in the Messenger.

President' Report given by John Shamp

1. Past flood- very grateful for the many members who served as volunteers.
2. The church was available for several Wellness Checks during the flood and recovery.
3. Youth happenings and those attending has grown and a thank you should be given to Tera Elness for doing an amazing job with our children and youth programing.
4. Financially as a congregation we are doing well, but need to find a way to increase monies. We thank those who have been willing to step forth and help ALC meet its financial responsibility.

Treasurer's Report given by Kevin Heggeseth

1. Our giving is up. Very grateful.
2. We have borrowed \$41,000.00 from ourselves as of today.
3. Expenses are also up; 72% of expenses are in budget staffing.
 - a. \$30,000 of Tera Elness salary is paid out of the Trust Fund.
4. Property Insurance also went up and the increase was not expected. Increased \$11,000.
5. We pay bills 3 times a month.
6. Questions?
 - a. Page Kern asked what the deductible on the property insurance is? Keith Pohlman, head of the Property Board could not recall, but that information would be given at a later date.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report:MM/S/C (Karen Skarphol/Sharon Thompson)

Meeting was adjourned, 11:35 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vice-President, Sheryl Hanefeld

GLOW

GLOW

Gals Living Our Witness

in August

GLOW MEETING

Sunday, August 4 @ 10:15 AM
ALC Meeting Room

All Women are SO VERY WELCOME!!!
For GLOW to GROW and continue,
we need YOU and new ideas!

Since July of last year we:

SERVICE PROJECTS:

- * SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR DONUTS
- * LWR QUILTS & KITS
- * CHEER BOX QUILTS
- * HOLIDAY FAIR
- * ICE CREAM SOCIALS
 @ MIKKELSEN MANOR
 & SOGGE
- * MONETARY DONATIONS TO
 LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND
 WORDWIDE ORGANIZATIONS

OUTINGS & EVENTS:

- * WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
- * CHRISTMAS PARTY
- * SHETEK QUILT AUCTION
- * VISITED PIPESTONE MONUMENT
 AND MICHELLE WEBER'S STUDIO
- * ATTENDED WOMEN'S
 SHETEK CONFERENCES AND
 SWMN SYNOD CONVENTION

Calendar Reminder:

Sept. 28
Shetek Conference Fall Gathering
Speaker: Tera Elness

A Women's Ministry of the American Lutheran Church

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM
July 2024 MEETING

The July 9, 2024, ALC of Windom Church Council meeting was called to order by President John Shamp at 8:01 PM.

In attendance: Pastor Adam, John Shamp, Kevin Heggeseth, Wendy Ahnupkana, Sheryl Hanefeld, Kelly Kleven, Karen Skarphol, Jake Voth, Tanaya Renquist, Keith Pohlman, Nick Trotter, Cory Pohlman

Devotions and opening prayer were provided by John Shamp.

No correspondence notes were shared.

The secretary's report for June was approved as printed. MM/S/C (Keith/Jake)

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

The Pastor's reports were reviewed.

Old Business:

1. Nothing to report

New Business:

1. Mid-year meeting on 7/21/24 after service in the pavilion at Cottonwood Lake - topics of discussion will be the budget, increase of insurance, Synod Assembly attendee to speak, what occurred first 6 months of the year and what the next 6 months will potentially look like, offering

Board Reports:

1. Worship & Music - no meeting this month, Wednesday worship begins 9/11/24
2. Spiritual Life & Fellowship - no present members
3. Discipleship/Marketing & Stewardship - fall ditch clean 9/22/24 (10/5/24 alternative date)
4. Properties - fence and tree removal is in-process, a roof/skylight leak needs to be looked at, the bus needs some work done on it
5. Budget & Finance - reviewed the budget, paid bills
6. Christian Education - VBS with 63 kids currently registered and 25 staff & helpers, 9/8/24 will kick off the 2024 Sunday School year
7. Youth & Family - send-off for kids and adults heading to New Orleans, 8/4/24 Family Kahoot night, Hot Dog night at the Square and will serve ice cream for free will offering to benefit the flood relief
8. Church in Society - The Banquet serving is 7/25/24, Block Party on 8/11/24
9. GLOW - no present members, serving ice cream at Sogge Home on 7/16/24 at 2:00pm

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 7/22/24:

Income: \$ 298,096

Expenses: \$ 332,664

Borrowed: \$41,000



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

CHURCH RECORDS:

Deaths: Ernest Grunewald

Milo Holmen

Baptisms: No baptisms this month.

MEMORIALS:

Renovation Fund – In memory of Donald Abild, Shirley Gentry, Rita Amundson & Milo Holmen.

Video/Media Fund – In memory of Milo Holmen

*In Loving
Memory*

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, 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

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.

August 2024



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www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Welcome to the new Shetek Hiking Club - our monthly gathering to explore trails all across southwest Minnesota! Hike with us once a month throughout the year to meet new friends and explore our region. Hikes range from easy to strenuous, and include state parks and trails, county parks, and more. Let's move and learn together! Contact Katie at Katie@shetek.org or 507-763-3567 for more information.



Golf Tournament Rescheduled to Monday August 5. Let us know if you can make it.

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

Wish List

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

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/>

Goal	Current Amount	Percentage
\$2,000,000	\$1,627,000	81%

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!