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Our Vision:

People experiencing a life-giving relationship with God.

Mission:

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

Values:

Relationships

God. Each other. Creation.

Belonging

Affirmed. Included. Valued.

Faith

Active. Inquiring. Hopeful.

Worship Schedule

Saturday, January 4th

5:30 PM Worship

Sunday, January 5th

Epiphany

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 8th

6:30 PM Worship w/ Holy Communion & Noisy Offering

Saturday, January 11th

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

Sunday, January 12th

Baptism of Our Lord

Second Sunday Noisy Offering

9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy Offering

Wednesday, January 15th

6:30 PM Worship

Saturday, January 18th

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

Sunday, January 19th

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, January 22nd

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, January 25th

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, January 26th

Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday January 29th

6:30 PM Worship



Pastor's Message

A New Year - A New Start!

You won't find references to a **tool box** in the Bible, but its an image that I've often had for the Christian life. As we navigate our lives and our relationships, our faith has tools for whatever needs a tune-up. Here are a few things in the tool box:



Forgiveness *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4.34* It takes energy to hang on to grievances, and yet we do, sometimes for years. Then, when we get the chance, we avenge the wrong that was done to us. Does it really feel good to get even? What if we forgave, learning from the bad interaction, and then moved on, now made free? That is easier said than done, but it's one of the most important tools in the toolbox!

Humility *Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. 1 Peter 5:6-9a*

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves let each you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2.3-5

Humility is part of the servant life that Jesus modeled and that he invites us into. Practice it, because most of us don't come by it naturally.

Any new start that is worth anything has its source in God. May this prayer that David prayed be your prayer as you begin the new year:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Psalm 51.10

Blessings to you, in Christ our Lord. Pastor Sarah

Passed on from a friend, source anonymous.

Tips to live by!

Compliment three people everyday.

Watch the sunrise, at least occasionally.

Be first to say "hello".

Live beneath your means.

Treat everyone like you want to be treated.

Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.

Forget the Joneses.

Never deprive anyone of hope. It may be all they have.

Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.

Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.

Don't forget a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.

Keep your promises.

Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.

Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.

Leave everything better than you found it.

Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.

When you arrive at your job each morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.

Don't rain on other people's parades.

Never waste an opportunity to tell someone that you love them.

Worship and Music



Worship and Music Notes January, 2025



Jane Cartwright, Coordinator



Epiphany, an eye opening experience, is celebrated January 6, 2025. This is the day marked by the 3 Magi, Kings or Wise Men's, arrival after following the star which lead them to the baby Jesus . Jesus is revealed to the world,



Jan. 4-5, 2024

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-18



Jan. 8-12

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17,21-22



Jan. 15-19

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Cor. 12:1-11
John 2:1-11



Jan. 22-26

Nehemiah 8:1-10
Psalm 19
1 Cor. 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Service Notes:

Ushers:

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

Holy Communion:

- Sunday, Jan. 5 and Jan. 26 9:00am
- Wednesday, Jan. 8, Jan 22, 6:30pm
- Saturday, Jan.11 and Jan. 18 5:30pm

Noisy Offering:

- GLOW quilts! The quilts made by
- GLOW members are sent locations in
- the US and overseas.

**ANNUAL MEETING WILL FOLLOW
WORSHIP ON JANUARY 26TH. PLAN ON
ATTENDING.**

Check out the Worship Bulletin board!

Scripture readers
Holy Communion Assistants

Please consider Signing up this month

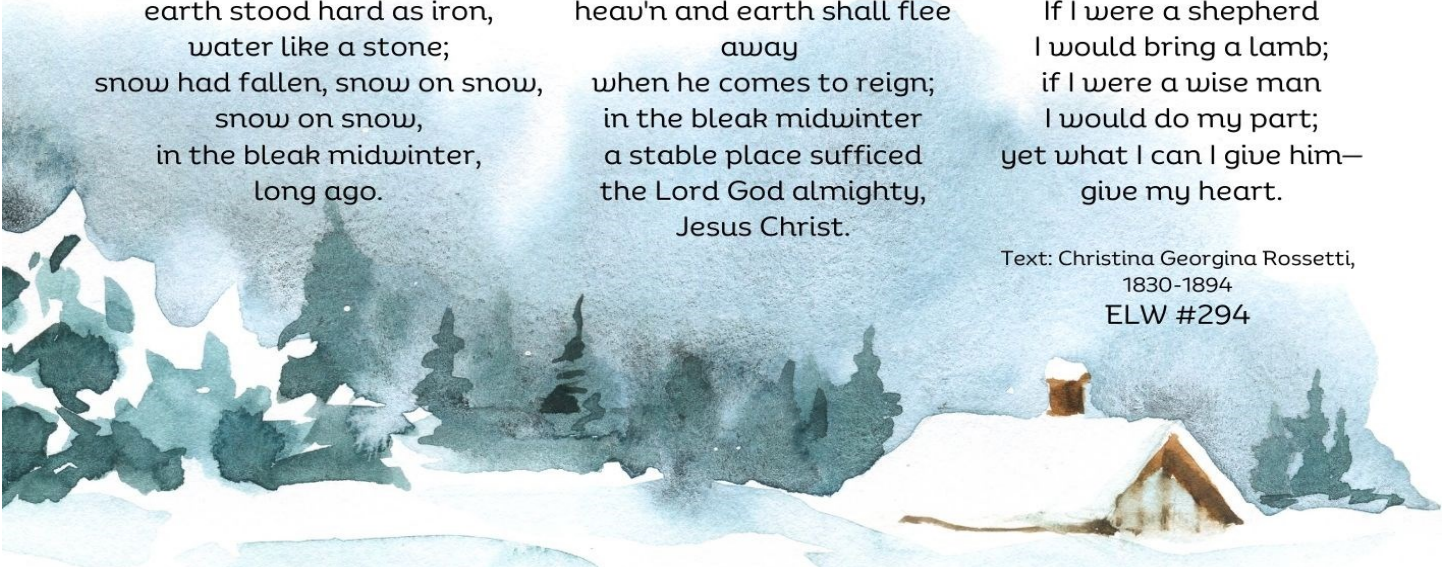
- Choir rehearsal will resume on
- Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025 (5:30pm)
- Bell choir rehearsal will resume on
- Monday, Jan. 27, 2025. (6:30pm)

In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee
away
when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty,
Jesus Christ.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—
give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti,
1830-1894
ELW #294



Christian Ed/Youth & Family

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

WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL

DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

DURING REGULAR CLASS TIMES
WS 5:30-6:15PM/SS 10:15-11:00AM

PLEASE JOIN YOUR STUDENT(S) IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

ATTENTION 6TH-8TH GRADERS!

FEARLESS (GOD'S VERSION)
PSALM 46: 1-3

OVERNIGHT TRIP!
FEBRUARY 8TH-9TH, 2025
LEAVE SAT@8AM, RETURN SUN@5PM
COST IS \$75
-INCLUDES THE EVENT, THREE MEALS, HOTEL, & TRANSPORTATION-
ACCOUNT MONEY MAY BE USED!
STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED UP WITH TERA NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND.

Welcome Back!

January '25 WS/SS Schedule!

January 8th/12th	Walking with Jesus!
January 15th/19th	Simeon & Anna!
January 22nd/26th	The Boy at the Temple!
	<i>WS 3rd Gr. Kraft/SS 1st & 2nd Kraft!</i>
January 29th/Feb.2nd	Donuts w/GrownUps!

Jr High/Sr High Youth Group
7th-12 grade

Winter FUN DAY!

Sunday, February 2nd

Open Skating *and/or* Learn How to Play Racquetball/Racquetball Games

1:00-3:00PM
Windom Arena | Cost: FREE!
FRIENDS WELCOME!

Church Activities

Lutefisk Supper

Saturday, January 11th, 2025

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Serving 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
906 Prospect Avenue
Windom, MN

(parking lot on the corner of Miller Ave. & 10th Street)

MENU INCLUDES: LUTEFISK, MEATBALLS, LEFSE AND MORE
SECONDS TABLE WILL BE OFFERED
RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED BY JANUARY 8TH

Limited tickets available at the door

Adults \$15.00 --- Ages 12 and under \$7.00

Tickets available following church services on
Sunday's or by calling the church office at 831-1794



Good to Know

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

Altar Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 2pm

Quilting for Graduating Seniors-If you would still like to join in making quilts, please do! As a reminder, you do not have to have quilting experience. There are people willing to teach you OR if you would just like to help and not learn how to sew and quilt, there is cutting and ironing and many other things that you can help with! Please don't be shy to join! It will be a great time of community and fellowship! We will be meeting **twice in January**. The first date is **Sunday, January 5th from 3p-6p**. The second date is **Sunday, January 26th from 3pm-6pm**. Come when you can, stay as long as you would like!

****The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26th at 10:00am! Please plan to attend! ****

As the weather gets colder and the chance of snow becomes greater, please remember to check the church Facebook page or the website for weather related announcements!

As far as Wednesday Evening activities, if school is canceled or gets out early that day due to weather, then all Wednesday evening activities are also canceled.



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.



Let's Learn Together!

Adult Learning

MAKE A STATEMENT!

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

UPCOMING DATES AND TOPICS

1/12/25- Church in Society

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

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



Dates: 1/12/25

Time: 10:15am

Place: Meeting Room

Wednesday Night Suppers

JANUARY 1ST- NO SUPPER, CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 8TH- Tator Tot Hotdish, corn, bread

JANUARY 15TH- Creamy Chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread

JANUARY 22ND- Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, green beans, bread

JANUARY 29TH- Walking Tacos, fruit cups

Photo Directory update-

The printed photo directory will be available after the first of the year! The online version will be launched then as well. We will have an instructions at that time on how to access the online version!

GLOW and More!

*January
Lutheran World Relief
Quilting & Kit Assembly*

Let us Sew!

*1st & 3rd Tuesdays thru April
January 7 & 21*

Starts @ 9:00 until 2-ish

Come in out of the cold and find warm fellowship amongst our Quilters and Kit Makers! No experience necessary! Come for an hour OR bring a sack lunch and come for the day.

Questions?
Call Jackie Turner: 822-1633

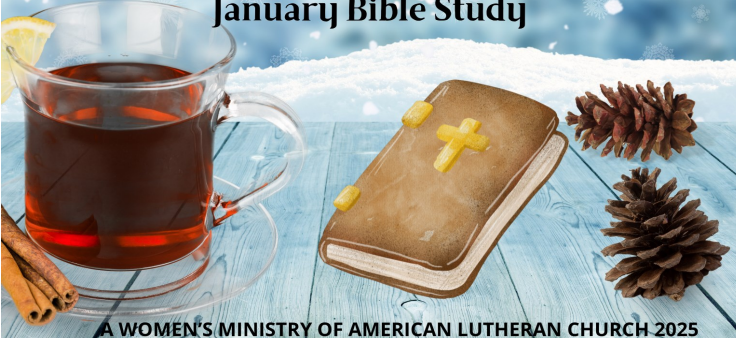
A WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025

GLOW
Bible Study

Thursday, January 16 @ 2:00 pm
ALC Meeting Room

Jan/Feb Gather Magazine
Session One

See Melanie in the office for a copy of the January Bible Study



A WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming Andrea and Meadow Gullickson to our church family! Andrea and Meadow became members on December 22nd. They come to us from Glenwood Lutheran Church.

January Acolyte Schedule

Sunday, January 5th — Penelope Roberts, Melinda Schunk

Wednesday, January 8th — Macie Carlson, Bella Borer

Sunday, January 12th—Morgan Roskamp, Ruby Baloun

Wednesday, January 15th—Elli Steinbrink, Gretta Smith

Sunday, January 19th—Elli Kleven, Mackenzi Meyeraan

Wednesday, January 22nd—Brynley Spielman, Olivia Joyce

Sunday, January 26th—Penelope Roberts, Ruby Heggeseth

Wednesday, January 29th—Kenzi-Ella Johnson, Lillian Doescher



*Against
Odds*

Women's Bible Study!

Monday, January 6th
5:30-7:30pm
American Lutheran Church
Skylight Court

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

Please bring a pen, bible, journal,
and an appetizer to share! ♥

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM
December 2024 MEETING

Church Council Minutes, December 10, 2024

ALC of Windom Church Council Meeting was called to order by President John Shamp at 8: 03 PM.

Attendance: Kay Evers, John Shamp, Robyn Rahn, Sheryl Hanefeld, Kevin Heggeseeth, Nick Trotter, Brandon Roskamp, Keith Pohlman, Cory Pohlman, Pastor Sarah, Pastor Adam, Karen Skarphol, Kelsey Edwards. Guests for Backpack Program: Melissa Pletcher and Cassie Muske

Devotions and opening prayer were provided by Pastor Sarah.

No Correspondence

The secretary's report for November: (MM/S/C) by Cory Pohlman/Kay Evers

The treasurer's report for November: (MM/S/C) by Cory Pohlman/Keith Pohlman

Pastors' reports were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Building a Culture of Generosity - ALC has not met its goal, yet.

a. Hoping that the Discipleship/Marketing and Stewardship Board will help form an Ad-Hoc committee for the coming year to continue the building of a culture of generosity. Potentially bring this up at the Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Living Nativity is December 11th, 2024.

2. Staff Christmas Gifts

Pastors - \$200 each Staff - \$150 each

3. Custodial Update

a. Approved the revised Custodian Job Description

b. Approved the amended recommendation for a Part-Time Custodian

i. ALC Council recommendation is based on a 15 hour work week at \$16.25 per hour. There will be a 6 month probation period. (MM/S/C) Nick Trotter/Cory Pohlman

4. Annual Meeting is January 26th, 2025 with a Budget Presentation the week before on January 19th, 2025 at coffee hour.

5. Approved new members: Andrea Gullickson and daughter Meadow. (MM/S/C) Kevin Heggeseeth/ Cory Pohlman

6. Housing Expense Designation: Pastor Sarah Tade requested to designate \$3000 of her salary for the year 2025 as Housing Allowance for housing expenses and furnishing in the parsonage that she may incur. (MM/S/C) Brandon Roskamp/Cory Pohlman.

7. Pastor Sarah Tade requested to move 2.5 vacation days from 2024 to 2025 calendar year (c.f. Personnel Policy 8.1.2) (MM/S/C) Nick Trotter/Kevin Heggeseeth

8. Update on Shetek Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting by Kevin Heggeseeth.

9. Update on Augustana University by Pastor Tadea. Panel discussion was on an Interfaith dialogue

10. Backpack Program Proposal presented by guests, Melissa Pletcher and Cassie Muske.

a. ALC's responsibilities would be to become the fiscal host because we have a 501(3)(c) for Windom Area Schools. This would entail paying invoices to Second Harvest. Also, ALC will remain the physical host for packing and food storage. (MM/S/C) Nick Trotter/Cory Pohlman

11. The Nominating Committee reported that they are in good shape with a few positions still to fill.

12. The Proposed Preliminary Budget was introduced by Kevin Heggeseeth. (MM/S/C) Cory Pohlman/ Kevin Heggeseeth. Final Budget will be provided for council approval at the next meeting.

ALC FINANCIAL UPDATE

The American Lutheran Church financial books for 2024 will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31, 2024. The office will be closed in the afternoon. Please be sure to get all 2024 contributions in by this time.

Let's work together as a congregation to achieve the goal of meeting all of ALC's 2024 commitments. Thanks to all of you who help in reaching this goal!

CHURCH RECORDS:

Deaths : *No deaths this month.*

Baptisms: *Camryn Eli Evers, son of Elijah Evers and MaKayla Thomas.*

Macy Erin Vollan, daughter of Scott Vollan and Katie Elmer.

**MEMORIALS:**

Video/Media Fund – *In memory of Wanda Turner & John Holt.*

Missionary Fund – *In memory of John Holt.*

General Fund - *In memory of John Holt.*

In memory John & Violet Anderson.

Youth Fund - *In memory of Duane Pingeon.*

Van Fund – *In memory of Duane Pingeon & Cheryl Brugman.*

Scholarship Fund – *In memory of Cheryl Brugman.*

Renovation Fund - *In memory of Wanda Turner & John Holt.*

**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, scan the QR code, 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. Worship & Music: A lot going on, please follow the bulletin for upcoming events.

2. Spiritual Life & Fellowship: Lefse making is Jan. 9, 2025 @ 9 AM. Meatball making is Jan. 10th @ 9 AM. Help set up is Jan 11th @ 4:00 PM. Serving is from 5-7 PM.

3. Discipline/Marketing & Stewardship: Update on Carolyn's missionary sponsorship and positions that need to be filled.

4. Properties: no meeting

5. Budget and Finance: Paid bills on hold; borrowed to date \$68,000. Working on the final budget.

6. Christian Education: Getting ready for Christmas Program and Living Nativity. Filled 100 goody bags.

7. Youth & Family Board: Getting ready for Living Nativity. Fundraisers including gift wrapping events for Boundary Waters trip.

8. Church in Society: Sharing Center Collection was 240 lbs. and \$517. The gift sharing tree had 17 tags on them and they were all taken.

9. GLOW: Bible study next week and providing donuts for several coffee hours.

Canews and More!

January 2025



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Please join us for our upcoming events

Mark your Calendar

- January 12 Hiking Club
- January 15-19 Winter Quilt Retreat
- February 8 Family Winter Fun Day
- February 10 Hiking Club

Wish List

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

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!



Augustana Association Meeting, December 6th, 2024

Lindsey and Jane Cartwright and Pastor Sarah Tede attended the Association Meeting of Augustana University in Sioux Falls on 12/6/24. The event was held just across the street from the campus at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The day began with worship in the chapel. A senior student preached, and the Augustana Choir sang. The day's program was a panel discussion "Interfaith at Augustana"



As religious diversity within our community grows, Augustana University lives out its Lutheran identity through a posture of "rootedness" and "openness" that calls us to love and learn from our neighbors of diverse faith traditions. Hear what it means for a Lutheran Christian university to lean into interfaith curiosity and cooperation.

A delicious lunch was served, followed by the business meeting, and an update from President Stephanie Herseht Sandlin. Augustana is a university on the grow, hoping to reach an enrollment of 3,000 students in under graduate and graduate programs by 2030.

The day ended with the beautiful Vespers concert celebrating the Christmas season at Gloria Dei Lutheran.



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

Thank You!

Church in Society would like to say thank you to all who donated food items at the Thanksgiving Eve Service and at Living Nativity. Thanksgiving Eve service had 240lbs of food collected and \$519. Living Nativity had 157lbs of food collected and \$209.

They would also like to thank everyone who participated in purchasing gifts for the Sogge and Mikkelson residents. All tags were gone very quickly and everyone seemed to enjoy shopping for their resident!

Jane Cartwright and Lynn Leipold would like to thank everyone who participated in and attended the Sounds of Christmas! Food items were also collected at this event and there was 67lbs of food collected.

The Sharing Center sends their sincerest Thanks for what ALC does for them!

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.