

# Messenger

## August Ministry Notables

**Contemporary Coffee & Music:** On Sunday, August 13 at 9:15, there will be coffee and contemporary Christian music in the Gathering Space between worship services. This is a “coffee house” atmosphere to mill about, listen to music, and visit.

**Summer Celebration Worship: “At the Barn:** On Sunday, August 27 we gather at the Oberloh Barn on the east side of Worthington for our “At the Barn” worship service at 10am. See page 2 of this *Messenger* for more detailed information. The Barn is located at 1815 East Avenue, Worthington, MN.

### **Summer Preaching Series #FOR Continues.....**

**August 6, FOR gray (vs. black & white/right & wrong thinking)** Right and wrong. This is what Christianity is normally known for. What if the faith of Jesus wasn’t all that clear? What if Jesus came for those of us whose lives are messy?

**August 13, FOR you (vs. the version of you you think you should be.)** We all think there is a version of ourselves that is better than the one we are. Stop! God is for you. The Real you. The you RIGHT NOW.

### **Women, Kinship, & Coffee: All are welcome.....**



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#### Special points of interest

- Mission Trip Photos
- Confirmation Camp

## Congregational Life



**Reminder of Annual Communion Registration** – The synod requests a count of American Lutheran members who commune at least once during the year. To do this, please fill out the Communication Form slip included with your bulletin with your name, date and indicate that you have received communion. This is necessary to do only once a year and can be done at any time of the year. Thank you. *The Worship & Music Committee*

## Congregational Vitality Study: Pathways of Faith

In September, there will be an event called “Pathways of Faith.” At this event, there will be a guided conversation regarding the results of the Vitality Survey. At the Cottage



Meetings, thirty-six categories were whittled down to highlight key ideas regarding our congregational mission. At the printing of “The Messenger” details were not finalized. Watch the ALC’s communications to learn more as this ministry event develops.

## Summer 2023 CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Details for “At the Barn”  
on August 27 @ 10am.  
1815 East Avenue,  
Worthington

Location is at “The Barn” a gathering place created by Janice and Al Oberloh. Worship will be held “In the Round” with seating on the main floor and upper balcony. The Barn is accessible and air-conditioned.

Details are being planned for activities inside and outside. Check the weekly ALC E-News and the bulletins for specific information in mid-August. For now——Save the Date!

Menu  
TBA

In case of inclement weather or unhealthy air quality, this event may be held at American Lutheran. A text message and email will be sent out around 7:30am on August 27, if there is need to change locations.

\*\*\*\*Volunteer to park cars, serve the meal, clean, and assist with the various activities. Your participation is vital for this ministry event. Sign-up in the office or at the Welcome Center.

## Art & Craft Fair November 4, 2023

You are invited to share your talents as a painters, bakers, crafters, wood workers, and more.

The Annual Art & Craft Fair is a fundraiser for our building debt reduction ministry.

This is a time to celebrate arts and crafts, as well as baked goods. **New This Year**, we will serve BBQ Sandwiches.

*Come browse , shop, and eat lunch with us.*

Connie Voss is the leader for this event.

Please connect with her by phone 507-360-8362 or email her at [cmvoss10@gmail.com](mailto:cmvoss10@gmail.com)

In 2022, we combined our resources in this event and were able to dedicate \$4,600 for debt reduction. We are excited to do that again.

*Thank you all  
for all you do.  
Connie Voss*

## Walking in the Faith of Jesus: Serving Others



### Care for Kids Who Know Food Insecurity



Together, we sustain the state-wide program called Every Meal. Each week, during the 2022-2023 school year, 191 Worthington Intermediate School students received Every Meal food bags distributed by ALC members. Every Meal and ALC Leaders are asking us to directly support this program with a financial donation to sustain this program. ALC will apply for grants and fundraising events will be planned in the future. If you wish to contribute directly and immediately, send a check to Every Meal, 2723 Patton Road, Roseville MN 55113. Thank You! *Mission and Ministry Team*





## Important Notice: Special Congregational Meeting

A Task Force of Linden Olson, Craig Pfeifer, Pastors Anne and Jeremy, has been updating ALC's Constitution and Bylaws to correlate with the ELCA 2022 Model Constitution and to create flexibility for mission in our post-pandemic life and world. On Sunday October 15, there will be a special congregational meeting to have one of two necessary votes to ratify the updates. After the August Council meeting, copies of the updated documents will be available in the Church Office and at the Welcome Center.

God has plans and uses for our lives. When we abide in Christ, we will be fruitful. We will discover and follow his plan, and we will use the gifts He has given us in ministry to the people of the world.

## Youth & Family Ministry



### July 30th to Aug 4th- Confirmation Camp

We have young people attending Confirmation Camp at Shetek Lutheran Ministries during this week. Your financial support helps to cut the costs of the registration fee. Thank you for your generosity and prayers for our young people.

### Youth Works Delivers Fuel for Fun, Faith, & Service

In past years, ALC has worked with an organization called Group to facilitate mission and service experiences for our young people and some adults. This year, Pr. Jeremy connected with Youth Works for the mission trip, which created space for younger kids to experience service in Jesus' name in a different part of our nation. Below are a few snapshots of the July 13-22 trip to Charleston, WV. Thank you for your generous fiscal support of this vital ministry of ALC.



## Children & Family



As fall approaches, we're looking for helping hands and caring hearts to participate in our Children and Youth Ministry, as classroom or group leaders, assistants, and special guests (guest readers, craft helpers, holiday station guides, event helpers, chaperones, etc.).

Whether you can help once or several times, we're happy to find a place for your talents and generosity. Simply reach out to Kristin Appel or Pastor Jeremy...And if we call on you, we hope you'll prayerfully consider helping out.

Note: It's going to be a fun-filled year!

### Mark your Calendar:

**August 27:**

**"At The Barn" (student registration)**

**September 13:**

**Parent Information Night  
(Confirmation/Ignite)**

**September 20:**

**Wednesday Faith Formation begins**

**September 24:**

**Sunday school begins**

## Fall Programming Kicks Off **"At The Barn"** (August 27)



We're kicking off our programming year with some good, old-fashioned fun at The Barn! Join us for worship, lunch, and games (even a bouncy house)!

Also, register students for Faith Formation (Sunday school, Ignite, and Confirmation) and grab a fall schedule, along with information about the programming year.

Come for worship (including a backpack blessing) and stay for great food and lots of fun, August 27, at Al Oberloh's barn. Worship begins at 10am, with food, fun, and registration to follow.

We hope to see you there. If you're not able to attend, but wish to register for Faith Formation, reach out to Kristin Appel or Pastor Jeremy.



## Shetek Quilt Auction

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction of Shetek Lutheran Ministries was held on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and, thanks to the hard work and generous contributions from the many church communities of the Shetek Conference, the auction was once again a great success! A huge variety of quilts in various sizes and other items were donated for the auction with dollar amounts paid ranging from \$20 to \$1575! **Thank you** to our own Shetek Quilt Auction Committee, who put together a theme basket titled "Kitchen and Garden" for the Silent Auction, which sold for \$40. Also thanks go out to our Women's Organization, which made a donation of \$300 to the auction. SLM reports that a total of \$43,569, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest total ever, was raised to support their ministries!

**Thanks to those who attended and purchased items to help make the auction such a success!**

## EXCERPTS FROM A MEDITATION ON HANDS

Close your eyes.

Rest your hands on your lap.

Think of all the things your hands have done.

Our hands are not just for ourselves, but for others.

How often have they been folded in prayer?

How often have they given help to another?

Remember all the kinds of work they have done.

Remember the tears they have wiped away.

Remember the gentleness and love they have given.

When you extend your hand to another, it is not just bone and skin, it is your heart.

Think of all the places that carry your handprint and all who bear your "heartprint."

It is with these hands that we do the will of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You may now open your eyes.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!** (Author unknown)

## Dates for Your Calendar

- ♦ August (date to be determined) – Friendship Club hosted by Esther Circle
- ♦ September 21-24 – Twelfth Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA, Phoenix, AZ
- ♦ Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Annual Thankoffering Worship Service
- ♦ Month of October – Annual Scandinavian Smorgasbord Fundraiser

## Next Lutheran Women's Board Meeting

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.



## Scandinavian Smorgasbord

Preliminary plans are underway for our 38<sup>th</sup> annual Scandinavian Smorgasbord fundraiser, which again will take place during the month of October. The fundraiser will continue, as in the past few years, with monetary donations and special activities. There will be another Silent Auction of traditional Scandinavian goodies and a Food Sale featuring meatballs, lefse and baked goodies. More details will be coming soon!



## Operation Christmas Child/Shoebox Ministry

Our summer Mission Action Project, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD/SHOEBBOX MINISTRY continues through the month of August! Please help us fill the boxes using any of the following ways:

- Check out the red wagons located at the church entryways to pick up a list of ideas for items to donate and drop in the wagon.
- Pick up a box at the red wagon to fill on your own.
- Pick up a special envelope at the red wagon to use for a monetary donation.

This fall, during "God's work, our hands" Sunday, we hope to fill MANY BOXES with collected items to be distributed to children around the world. HELP US BRING JOY TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE!

## Update on Summer Salad Event

Around 100 people, including extra kitchen helpers, attended this year's annual Summer Salad Event on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Project Morning Star of Worthington was the recipient of the free will offering collected that evening, which totaled \$729.00!

**Thanks to all who attended for your generosity!**

## Esther Circle to Host Friendship Club

Every two years in August, ALC takes its turn hosting this monthly event for disabled adults from our area. This is a time for us to do God's important work of loving our neighbors by providing food and fellowship for approximately 100 guests! Esther Circle will be serving a delicious meal followed by fun activities for this important event.

**August 2023**



14 Keeley Island Drive  
Slayton, MN 56172  
507-763-3567  
camp@shetek.org  
www.shetek.org

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers**



Thanks for all those that help out with  
SOS (Sharing our Services) camp!



Thank you for another great Quilt  
Auction! We raised \$43,646!!

## **Mark your Calendar**

August 16-20 – Come see us at the Murray  
County Fair

September 30 – Pre-Marriage Retreat

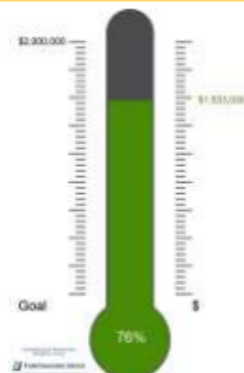
Register at [shetek.org](https://shetek.org) or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

## **Wish List**

- 17 foot Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- Office supplies – reams of paper
- Good Vacuums
- Volunteers

We met our Phase 1 goal!  
\$1,533,000 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/](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!**

# AUGUST WORSHIP HELPERS AND LEADERS

**Ushers 8:00 AM (Team 6)** Greg Kvilhaug, Scott Langerud, Alec Langerud

**Ushers 10:00 AM (Team 4)** Bruce Juber, Dave Skog, Marc Janssen

**Altar Committee:** Judi Hoevet, Connie Voss, Karen Pfeifer

**Busy Bag Monitor:** Kathy Sackett

**Church Lockup:** Paul Hanbury

**Financial Counters** (Team 2) Jean Bastian, Nancy Marco, Pat Remme, Mary Turner

Communion Servers Dates:	8:00am	10:00am
<b>Aug. 6</b>	Connie Voss, Mark Shepherd, Rod Obermoller	Mary Turner, Linden Olson, Nancy Marco
<b>Aug 13</b>	Bob & Sandy De-muth, 2 Youth	Karen Pfeifer, Laura Hoffman, 2 Youth
<b>Aug 20</b>	Harlan & Pam Handevitd, Russell Obermoller	Karen Hanbury, Jill Cuperus, Melissa Jensen
<b>Aug 27</b>	No 8:00 Service	Service @ Oberloh's Barn Roger & Clasine Lester, Nancy Marco

Greeters Dates:	8:00am	10:00am
<b>Aug. 6</b>	Mike & Lisa Peterson	Mark & Kay Prunty
<b>Aug. 13</b>	Steve & Lori Dudley	Erlin & Jean Weness
<b>Aug 20</b>	Jean Bastian	Diane Levine
<b>Aug 27</b>	No 8:00 Service	One Service at Oberloh's Barn Marv Isder & Mary Turner

## June Monthly Donations

Gift Card Income	\$	4,500.00
Parish Ed Income	\$	
Youth Fund Income	\$	478.00
Hospitality Income	\$	277.00
Box 1 Income	\$	77,932.83
Box 1 Income-Non Synod	\$	500.00
Box 2 Income	\$	5,161.19
New Youth Director Gifts	\$	3,214.00
Box 3 Income	\$	687.00
EJ Schol/ALC Schol/Col Learn	\$	5.00
Wills & Gifts	\$	10.00
Project Morning Star (Salad)	\$	759.00
Lutheran Women	\$	125.00
Campership	\$	400.00
Rental	\$	150.00

## Operating Finances June, 2023

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>94,199.02</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>49,691.18</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>44,507.84</b>

<b>Debt as of 1/1/23</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>790,148.37</b>
<b>Interest paid June 2023</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,449.65</b>

**Current Building Fund debt**      **\$ 640,948.37**

Worship Date	Worship Participants In-Person 8:00 am   10:00 am   as of 7/19/23 Online		
June 25	X	85	114
July 2	70	80	220
July 9	98	90	139
July 16	X	85	99