

# Messenger

## Summer Worship Series



### J is for Salt

Sunday, July 7  
Scripture: Genesis 50: 15-21

### A is for Alabaster

Sunday, July 14  
Scripture: Mark 14:3-9



### Y is for Yeast

Sunday, July 21  
Scripture: Luke 13:18-21

### H is for Hemorrhage

Sunday, July 28  
Scripture: Mark 5:25-34



### L is Last Sunday

Sunday, July 28  
This is Pastor Anne's last Sunday as a pastor at ALC. Her last day in the office will be July 31, 2024



Worship & Preaching Series  
June, July, & August  
*from the book*

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Explore Bible stories that are not usually a part of the Revised Common or Narrative Lectionaries.

The series comes from a new publication, *A Is For Alabaster*, by preacher and teacher, Anna Carter Florence. Dr. Anna currently preaches at Columbia Theological Seminary and is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church. This series comes from "Church Anew."

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# SHETEK SUMMER CAMP

**Hello Families**  
For those of you registering to attend Shetek summer camps, please note that ALC will reimburse you for **half of your child's fee**. Here's how it works:

- Register your child for camp and pay the total fee.
- Turn in your receipt(s) via Email, showing your total payment(s), to the office at: [office@worthingtonalc.org](mailto:office@worthingtonalc.org).
- American Lutheran Church will send you a reimbursement check for half of your paid fees(s).

We will send reimbursement checks at the end of the summer when we get the campers list from Shetek.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the Church Office, Pastor Jeremy, or Kristin Appel.



## 4th Sunday Noisy Offering

July 28

Our noisy offering will support Every Meal a weekend food assistance program that helps feed Worthington students.



Bring your change for a great cause!




July 2-24  
Prayer Shawl Meeting  
Wednesday,  
July 17  
@ 1:00pm  
at Pastor Anne's Home

### CARD MINISTRY



TO: Building Debt

*Debt*

## REDUCTION MINISTRY

Gift Cards are available at the Welcome Center on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Available in the Church Office during office hours.

From: ALC Members





***Because of YOU...Ministry at ALC is shared.***

American Lutheran Church is blessed! The signs are all around us – PASTORS who preach the Gospel and lead us in worship and learning; STAFF that support the pastors and focus on their area of ministry; a well-maintained FACILITY that provides us space for worship, learning and fellowship; and grateful MEMBERS who respond by getting involved in our shared ministry and putting their faith into action. We are all called to be servants, and together we serve God through our varied talents.

Every spring, we as members have the opportunity to complete the Time and Talent sheets and offer to share in various congregational and community ministries. This year, the Time and Talent mailing arrived in member’s homes at the beginning of May. To date, **92** members have volunteered to help with all aspects of ALC’s ministries. **THANK YOU** to all who have done so! You are greatly appreciated!

Please know it is **not too late** to complete yours if you haven’t done so! Extra Time and Talent sheets are available at entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please take a minute, pick one up, and decide how you could share in the ministries that surround us. You can put your form in the Sunday offering plate, drop it off at the church office or mail it back.

Here are a few of the areas where volunteers are still needed:

USHERING – at either 8:00 or 10:15 worship service.

PREPARING COMMUNION AND CLEANUP – filling, refilling, cleaning up.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVER – in Gathering Room or Fellowship Hall.

If you decide to volunteer for any of these, please know that you will receive a call and appropriate training for the task.

***THANK YOU! Because of You...Ministry at ALC is shared!***

**Stewardship Corner: God Has Made Us His Stewards**

As God’s stewards, our first assignment was given to us in genesis 1:28: “God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’ “ God delegated us as his representatives to rule the Earth in his place. We have been given dominion over God’s creation. Because God has retained his ownership of all things, we are merely stewards who are responsible and accountable to God.

Prayer: Lord, Thank you for the awesome and challenging privilege you have been given to be a steward of your creation. To think that the God of creation is giving me this opportunity is very humbling and exciting. Grant me faith to honor you in all I do. In christ’s name I pray. Amen  
Blessings on your stewardship journey!

## JULY WORSHIP HELPERS AND LEADERS

**Ushers 9:00 AM** (Team 3 & 5) Shauna Carroll, Russell Obermoller, Dave Nerem, Mark & Kay Prunty

**Altar Committee:** Marj Olson, Shirly Wieme  
Sue Rose

**Busy Bag Monitor:** Kathy Sackett

**Church Lockup:** Erlin Weness

**Financial Counters** (Team 4) Linden Olson & Grant Sorensen

### **Greeters:**

**July 7 - 9:00** | Paul & Marlys Busse,  
Jerry & Mavis Sandstrom

**July 14 - 9:00** | Roxann & Alfred Polzine,  
Roger & Clasine Lester

**July 21 - 9:00** | Gary & Lola Lindquist,  
Dennis & Gloria Hibma

**July 28 - 9:00** | Jerry & Kathy Sackett

### **Communion Servers:**

**July 7 - 9:00** | Jill & Jozie Cuperus,  
Bruce & Karen (Host) Juber

**July 14 - 9:00** | Marv Isder,  
Gordy & Lori (Host) Heitkamp

**July 21 - 9:00** | Mike & Lisa Peterson,  
Rod Obermoller, Nancy Marco (Host)

**July 28 - 9:00** | Grant Sorensen,  
Greg & Barb (Host) Raymo

### **ALC BY THE NUMBERS:**

#### **A SNAPSHOT IN TIME**

The report of the monthly budget reflects the income and expenses. Changes occur daily.

This budget is a brief overview of our financial gifts to God's church. We continue to meet our fiscal obligations. Each one of us is encouraged to give to support God's ministries.

### **May 2024**

#### **Box 1 Income**

\$35,649.39

#### **Year to Date Box 1**

\$174,850.51

#### **Budget 2024**

\$545,000.00

#### **Building Loan Balance**

\$276,353.00

Thanks for your generosity!

Worship Date	Worship Participants		
	9:00am In-Person	Wed. Night	Online as 6/25
May 26	116	NA	271
June 2	135	NA	311
June 9	121	NA	407
June 16	137	NA	224
June 23	113	NA	218





## Summer Salad Event

On Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, several women from our congregation, their guests, and women from neighboring Lutheran congregations gathered for a delightful evening for our annual Summer Salad Event! The Fellowship Hall was creatively decorated to reflect our theme for the evening, "My Story – The Faith Story of an Immigrant". After enjoying a delicious variety of salads and breads along with dessert and wonderful fellowship, we moved to the Sanctuary for a presentation from Tah So Collah, our guest speaker for the evening. Tah So shared her family's story of fleeing the dangers of Burma to a refugee camp in Thailand, where she was born, then coming to Worthington with her family in 2009 when she was 10. A free-will offering was collected at the tables during the meal to benefit the Southwest Crisis Center. Many thanks go out to the following people who helped make this evening special:

- Esther Circle and the Mission Growth Committee for the decorations
- Martha Circle for setting up, serving the meal and providing the delicious punch
- LW Board members and Circles for providing the delicious array of salads and breads
- Mission Growth Committee for providing the dessert
- Diane Chapa for devotions
- Kris Besel for serving as MC
- The Mission Growth Committee for planning and preparing for this event (those members are Marj Olson, Judi Hoevet, Jean Bastian and Karen Pfeifer)
- Mary Circle and friends for clean-up
- And lastly, thanks to all of you who attended and made this evening a great success!



## Scandinavian Smorgasbord

Plans will soon be underway for the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Scandinavian Smorgasbord. Once again, we look forward to your help and participation to make this event a successful fundraiser for our Lutheran Women's Organization's important work. We ask for your prayers as we move forward with the planning process, turning to God for help and guidance in our decision making. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!



## Shetek Quilt Auction

Thanks to everyone who attended the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Shetek Quilt Auction fundraiser to benefit the Summer Camp Ministry at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, which was held on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, thanks to the members of our Shetek Quilt Auction Committee for providing the cute theme basket, "Blazing Star", to our Lutheran Women's Organization for donating \$300, and to all who contributed in any way to make this year's fundraiser another great success! More details will be shared in the next newsletter.

### New Mission Action Project

Be watching for a new "Mission Action Project" coming this fall. Our Lutheran Women's Board will be selecting one of the Lutheran World Relief Kits as a focus project. We will be asking for donations to complete as many kits as possible in time for the SWMN Synodical Convention, which will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN. Watch for information in the coming months to see how you can help make a difference in the lives of people less fortunate.

### Time and Talent Sheets

If you have not already done so, **NOW** is the time to consider **how you can serve** in the coming year (September 2024 to August 2025) by filling out your intentions using the mailing you received in June. Or stop by the office if you do not have your mailing. Once again, you will notice the Lutheran Women's items are designated with an asterisk and incorporated into the main Time and Talent sheets. The many ministries of the Lutheran Women depend on members just like you. Take time to reflect on your interests and skills and the ways you can share the gifts God has blessed you with. **As you lean into Christ's light, consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you and where you can create space for God in your life and in the lives of others by volunteering to serve!** Together, let's lean into Christ's light and celebrate God's amazing love and generosity with our time and talents!

**Flourish** – "...if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday." -Isaiah 58:10.

Isaiah is speaking of correcting a common misunderstanding among religious folk: that the way to please God is to fast and pray. Many places in scripture do give instructions about fasting, praying and other forms of worship. But there are far more that say God most wants us simply to care for others!

*Dear God: Remind us of your love and inspire us to share that love with those in need, that we might offer fit worship of you and grow in faith and life. Amen*

**Next Lutheran  
Women's Board Meeting**  
Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.



# CHILDREN & FAMILY

Check out the fun we had at "What a Mess!" Community Kids' Camp!  
We learned that Jesus loves "messy" people!





## Campfire Conversations: All ages welcome



Gather around the fire! A summer fellowship event on the first Sunday Night of the month for Campfire Conversations on July 7 at the Church, 6:30-9:30pm.

Bring your instrument, lawn chair, smart device, and join us for worship, devotions and a sing along. Smores or campfire delicacies will be provided as well as a good time!

If you would like to host a group please let Pastor Jeremy know. Our hope is that people feel free to gather, and celebrate the joy of summer together.

There will be a gathering on August 4th from 6:30-9:30pm as well.



# Mission Trip 2024



July 2024



14 Keeley Island Drive  
Slayton, MN 56172  
507-763-3567  
camp@shetek.org  
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](mailto:Katie@shetek.org) or 507-763-3567 for more information.

## Still time to come to the lake!

- Register at [shetek.org](http://shetek.org) or 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 \$2,000,000  
\$1,627,000  
81%  
FUNDRAISING BRICK

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!