

MISSION STATEMENT

American Lutheran Church attempts to always be a warm and caring place by -

! WELCOMING everyone to our Church.

! CARING about our community.

! SHARING our faith with others.

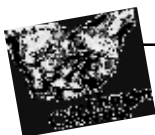
! GIVING of our time, talent, and treasure.

! GROWING in God's Word.

Listen
Hear
Understand
Grow

The ALC Church Council Members listed are here to listen and to

serve: Sharon Lynn, President; Scott Langerud, Vice-President; Doug Obermoller, Secretary; Mike Christensen, Treasurer; Lyle Gadda; Pat Remme; Cindy Frederickson; Dick Rickbeil; Janelle Saufley; Gary Brandt, Sharon Johansen and Barb Williams.



The last Sunday of each month we will be receiving a **NOISY OFFERING** to benefit World Hunger. This will be in addition to our regular offering. We invite you to share your loose change in the cans our kids pass and know that the clinking and clanging we'll hear will ultimately bring hope to someone in need. Let's make a difference together!!

THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF ALC MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM in the Heritage Room. We invite congregation members to bring concerns, ideas and other topics of discussion to the committee meeting. Staff members have been asked to encourage members to use this avenue as their time is valuable in other areas. Please consider using this as a communication tool. Also, please contact the church office ahead of time to be placed on the agenda.

one LORD,
one Faith,
one Baptism....
EPHESIANS 4:6

·President Sharon Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Secretary's Report: Approved minutes as corrected for those absent.

Correspondence: Letter from missionaries our congregation supports. Thank you from Shetek LM.

Ministry Team Report: Bible Land working well, completing 5th year. Gearing up for VBS end of May, again evening schedule, have +50% of staffing committed. All ages roller skating this Sat. at Sheldon, and elementary activity to be scheduled in April.

Treasurer's Report: Approved Treasurer's report subject to audit. February was decent month comparing receipts versus expenses.

Committee Reports: reviewed committee reports

Approved each scholarship committee to designate their own treasurer.

Approved the maintenance committee to undertake improvements to women's bathroom in basement using low bidder using designated funds in Wills Gifts and Memorials.

Approved the maintenance committee to undertake concrete improvements as mandated from city during last inspection.

Unfinished Business: Approved the benevolent recipients and level of contribution for 2009.

New Business:

- Approved adding additional insurance coverage for Employment Practices.
- Approved Mike Christensen as authorized signee for congregation checking accounts.
- Top priority projects from survey were Basement Bathrooms and Tuck Pointing with overwhelming response followed by Building Soffits and Sound System in Sanctuary.
- Council retreat Saturday at Ben Lee's 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Try to be there

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- Approved Overeaters Anonymous using facilities for meetings on Tuesday nights.
- Council serves at confirmation banquet – this will be April 22 – sign up at next meeting

Closing Notes:

Next executive meeting is April 8, 2009 at 12:30, Heritage room.
Next council meeting is April 16, 2009 at 6:30 PM, Heritage room.
Pat Remme has hospital visits and devotions for April
Closing prayer by Pastor Mike

Adjourned at 9:25 pm

Submitted by Doug Obermoller, Secretary

GIVING SACRIFICIALLY

A husband and wife who were traveling around the world saw a boy in Korea one day pulling a crude plow in a field, while an old man held the plow handles and directed it through the rice paddy. The husband was amused by the sight and took a snapshot of the scene.

“That’s very curious,” he remarked to the missionary who was their interpreter and guide. “I suppose they are poor.”

“Yes,” said the missionary. “That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money, so they sold the only ox they had and gave the money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves.”

The husband and wife were silent. Then the wife said, “That was a real sacrifice.”

“They did not call it that,” said the missionary. “They thought it was fortunate they had an ox to sell.”

The two tourists had not much to say, but, when they reached home, they took the photograph to the church and told the pastor about the incident. “We want to double our pledge to the church,” they said, “and give us some plow work to do. We never knew that gratitude or joy or sacrifice really meant until now.”

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

BECAUSE OF YOU



Each March, Food Share directs the largest food drive in the state (known as the March Campaign) and restocks about 300 food shelves across Minnesota. Half of the groceries distributed at Minnesota food shelves each year are generated by the March Campaign.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY is part of this program and American Lutheran once again answered the call and challenge to raise funds to feed needy families. This year the need is greater than it has ever been in the past. American Lutheran provided funds for one month of operation. Because of American Lutheran Church's continued support for the March Campaign, American Lutheran has been nominated to receive an award from Minnesota Second Harvest.

Second Harvest Heartland is a food bank that warehouses and distributes grocery products to 1000+ non-profit agencies and programs. Second Harvest gets its products from manufacturers, wholesalers, government commodities, and individuals. MANNA FOOD PANTRY uses Second Harvest Heartland to stock their shelves. They are able to purchase over \$9 worth of food items for every \$1 of financial donation.

Besides this, some products are purchased locally. Items such as fresh eggs, milk, bread, baby food, and meat are purchased from local businesses. One in 10 Minnesota families struggled to find food in 2008. For more information check out www/2harvest.org.

American Lutheran has shown once again that CELEBRATING GENEROCITY benefits more than just ourselves.

DO YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE CHURCH?

Church office: 376-5264.

If we are not in the office, leave a message on our voicemail.

Church Fax Number: 376-5475

Church website: www.frontiernet.net/~aloffice

Church Council: alcouncil@frontiernet.net

Staff Email Addresses:

Pastor Mike: pastormz@frontiernet.net.

Pastor Ryan: pastorrr@frontiernet.net

Pastor Liz: pastorlr@frontiernet.net

Jeff: alcjeff@frontiernet.net

Sylvia: alcsylvia@frontiernet.net

The office: aloffice@frontiernet.net

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

If you have a concern or suggestion you would like to relate to one of the committees of the church, you are invited to contact the chairperson of that committee. **Committees, please inform the office concerning those holding the officer positions in your committee along with the time you plan to meet.**

Budget/Finance - Greg Raymo

Child In Our Hands - Carol Fleming (usually 2nd or 3rd Tuesday afternoon)

Church Council - Sharon Lynn (Third Thursday, 6:30 p.m.)

Endowment Committee - Erlin Weness

Library Board - Diane Levine & Shirly Wieme (as necessary)

Long - Range Planning

Loyalty & Evangelism - Jim & Betty Christensen

Maintenance - Dave Nerem

Nominating - Royce Boehrs (as scheduled)

Parish Education - Lori Rosenberg (Third Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.)

Personnel – Verne Correll (Monday before Church Council, 7:00 p.m.)

Safety Planning - Lyle Gadda & Jeff McNickle (First Monday, 7:00 p.m.)

American Lutheran Scholarship - Dale Carlson

Etta Janssen Memorial Scholarship - Dave Cole (Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.)

Stewardship - Kieth Olson (Second Tuesday, 5:45 p.m.)

Technology - Marlyn Mammen, Chad Mammen, Royce Boehrs (as necessary)

Volunteer Coordinator - Karen Pfeifer

Volunteer Maintenance - Don Fleming, Gary Prins

Wills, Gifts, Memorials - Barb Raymo (Third Thursday, 6:30 p.m.)

Worship & Music - Diana Kvilhaug (Fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m.)

Youth Council—Shelly Leopold (First Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.)

First Communion

The following students had First Communion on Maunday Thursday, April 9.

Aubrey Anderson
Bailey Andersen
Makensie Carstensen
Mark Demuth
Kendra Dorn
Will Dudley
Katie Eggers
Tori Elsing
Myah Holinka

Kody Honius
Whitney Jensen
Andrew Johnson
Morgan Metz
Marissa Pham
Nicole Prins
Tracy Prins
Clara Solma
Jordan Steinle
Matt Their
Betsy Thompson
Allison Vote



PASTORIAL SERVICES

Baptisms:

Emry Jo McCuen, (born February 24, 2009), daughter of Josh and Kylie McCuen, was baptized at American Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 5, 2009. Sponsors for Emry were Blake Heronimus, Tanner Heronimus and Kayla Clarke.

Carter Dean Selberg, (born February 18, 2008), son of Chad and Michelle Selberg, was baptized at American Lutheran Church on April 11, 2009. Sponsors for Carter were Angie Selberg and Vicki Selberg.



Shetek Lutheran Ministries will be hosting a day of service and fellowship for men on Saturday, April 25. The event will start with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the camp, followed by a brief worship service, then explanation of the tasks to be tackled that day. Lunch will be served as well as dinner, with a closing devotion at 5:30 p.m. Guys are welcome to arrive the night before. There will be some card games and introductions around 8:00 p.m. Guys are encouraged to come with a few tools of their own. Cost for the event is \$15—for meals, or \$20 if you include overnight accommodations. You can register by calling the camp directly at 763-3567. Contact LaMont Kucker or Dennis Weeks with any questions.



“Great Outdoor Lutheran XI” Fundraiser will be held on Monday, June 22, 2009 at Slayton Country Club. The day begins with registration, coffee & rolls from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The 18 hole Scramble Tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. The day concludes at approximately 3:00 p.m. with refreshments, door prizes and awards. The entry fee (your charitable gift to Shetek) of \$70 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, logo ball, refreshments, and a special Shetek gift. Contact Dennis Weeks if interested.

Military Prayer Concerns:

Bradley & Penny Feltman
Rt. 1 Box 245-0
Ludowici GA 31316

Sgt Matthew Johnson
Willmar MN 56201

LCPL Obermoller Nickolus
VMA - 311 det B ordnance
Unit 43017
FPOAP 96610-3017

Austin Getzel

CPL Nick S. Williams
2nd Amphibious Assaults Battalion/
Bravo Company
2nd BLT 3rd Section
Unit 73575
FPO, AE 09509-3575

Master Sgt. Williams Scott A.
PSC 76 Box 2
APO AE 09720

Dale Noerenberg
420 Seminole Rd
Hampton VA 23661

If there are others in the military to be remembered, please let the church office or a member of the Loyalty and Evangelism Committee know.



From Child In Our Hand Committee:

PARENTING FROM A PEW (Faith Formation for Young Children)

Even as your little one is working toward independence, they still crave snuggle time with you. Whispering is an attention-grabber for your curious child. Whisper in their ear, quickly alternating ears with each name in this game. “Mommy loves you! Daddy loves you! Sister loves you! Grandpa loves you! Include godparents, neighbors, pets and even favorite stuffed toys. End by placing your nose to their nose and remind them, “Jesus loves you best!” As their language skills develop, they can fill in names of loved ones, and will delight in identifying “Jesus” as the one who loves them most.

Congratulations to the following students who were confirmed at the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, April 26, 2009:

10th Graders

Stephanie Behrens
Ellen Dudley
Ian Fleace
Marin Korthals
Kerrona Petersen
Chelsea Schmitz
Amy Thompson
Zachary vonHoldt

9th Graders

Kristen Andersen
Zoe Baerenwald
Nicole Henrichs
Mic Holinka
Megan Juber
Gabby Petersen
Ricky Prins
Whitney Prins
Carly Schippman
Nicholas Steinle
Kari Suby
Mandi Vote



**COMMUNION CARD
INSTRUCTIONS**

The Synod requests a count of American Lutheran members who commune at least once during the year. It is therefore necessary to fill out only one communion card each year recognizing your having communed here at ALC. (This can be done at any time during the year. - Please make sure you do sign the one time during the year.) Ushers will have communion cards available at the Information Center in the Narthex.

If you desire a visit by one of our pastors and wish to convey that by using a communion card, please feel free to do so at any time.

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God spoke to this couple through their experience in Korea about the joy that comes from giving. In His Word, God speaks to all of us about the importance of giving. Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). He also said, *"Freely you have received, freely give."* (Matthew 10:8). If we choose not to give faithfully and generously, we forego the blessings that God gives to those who give cheerfully. There is no better time than now to examine your level of giving, and, if need be, to take a leap of faith and increase your giving. In the words of Winston Churchill, *"We make a living by what we give; we make a life by what we give."*



- 1- Mrs. Darlene Iverson
Mr. Marc Janssen
Jocelyn Horn
- 2 - Mrs. Nancy Junker
Mrs. LuBertha Klitzke
Mr. Dave Nerem
- 4 - Mr. LeRoy Hurlburt
Mr. Dale Fellger
- 5 - Mr. Ken Clark
Mrs. Shelly Bird
Mr. Josh vonHoldt
- 6 - Mrs. Vernietta Hansberger
Mrs. Roxann Polzine
Andrew Johnson
- 7 - Mrs. Martha Naab
Kirsten Aljets
Kendra Dorn
Alec Langerud
- 8 - Mrs. Jackie Cole
Gabby Petersen
- 9 - Mrs. Ginger Sellberg
Mr. Jesse Leopold
Mrs. Carol White
Mr. Jeff McNickle
Miss Ellen Dudley
- 10 - Mr. Jerry Wiertzema
Mrs. Vicki Selberg
Luke Ponto
Kaylee Tostenson
- 11 - Mrs. Alesha Carstensen
Madison Schmidt
- 12 - Mrs. Sandra Noerenberg

- Jesse Ling
- 13 - Mrs. Gloria Lindquist
Mr. Marty Rickers
Mrs. Jackie Hieronimus
Andrew Martinez
- 14 - Mr. Bill McCuen
- 15 - Mr. Brian Korthals
- 16 - Mr. Orville Hokeness
Mr. Paul Glorvigen
- 17- Mrs. Margaret Willardson
Miss Abby Wathier
Mr. Jonathan Henrichs
- 18 - Mrs. Jeanene Townswick
Mrs. Sharon Hoefker
Mr. Gary Boyd
Mrs. Amy Their
Miss Courtney Bradley
- 19 - Mr. Paul Larson
Adrianna Engler
- 20 - Mrs. Barbara Boltjes
Mr. James Brewer
- 21 - Jordan Steinle
- 22 - Mrs. Jean Schwartz
Mrs. Melinda Eggers
Mrs. Tami Henning
- 23 - Ms Joanie Nagorski
Mr. Jason Behrens
- 24 - Mrs. LaVerna Feltman
Mrs. Mary Mueller
Tori Elsing
- 25 - Mrs. Randi Hubert
Mr. Ethan Hohensee
- 26 - Mrs. Alice Krueger
Mrs. Barbara Soregaroli
Mr. Ron Prins
- 27 - Mrs. Cammie Dorn
- 28 - Mrs. Mildred Oldham

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- Mr. Erlin Weness
- Ms Dawn Naab
- Mrs. Jessica Quintanilla
- 29 - Mr. Marvin Zinnel
- Mrs. Keri Murphy
- 30 - Mr. Gerald Dale
- Mr. Dennis Aaenson
- Kamryn Miller
- Nickolas Martinez
- 31 - Mr. John Dynes
- Mrs. Margaret McCuen
- Mrs. Monica Horn
- Mr. Travis Sievers
- Miss Paige Collin
- Mr. Adam Munkel



Congratulations to our high school graduates:

- Whitney Behrens
- Courtney Bradley
- Jr. Brewer
- Robbi Collins
- Joe Dickey
- Anneli Dudley
- Michael Henrichs
- Nate Holden
- Matthew King
- Seaira Kramer
- Alex LeBrun
- Myra Naab
- Tyler Obermoller
- Andrea Russell
- Jacquelynn Schippman
- Jacob Smith
- Sarah Suby
- Michael Vorwald
- Taylor Weiland

SHETEK NEWS:



Mark Your Calendar

- Spring clean-up Day - May 2 & 16
- First Day of summer camp - June 7
- Fish 'N' Fun Day - June 7
- G.O.L.F. XI - June 22
- 23rd Annual Quilt Auction - June 27
- Worship Service Chapel - June 27

Call Shetek Lutheran Ministries for any questions (507-763-3567)



"GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS."
LAMENTATIONS 3:23

May Worship Helpers

ACOLYTES

- 3 - (8:00 a.m.) Mark Demuth, Ethan Miller
(10:15 a.m.) Kendra Dorn, Hannah Naab
10 - (8:00 a.m.) Ellen Dudley, Marin Korthals
(10:15 a.m.) Mitchel Duffy, Mark Landberg
17 - (8:00 a.m.) William Dudley, Coltin Klosterman
(10:15 a.m.) Katie Eggers, Tori Elsing
24 - (8:00 a.m.) Nicole Henrichs, Clara Solma
(10:15 a.m.) Mic Holinka, Todd Peterson
31 - (8:00 a.m.) Morgan Johnson, Morgan Jensen
(10:15 a.m.) Myah Holinka, Kody Honius

GREETERS

- 3 - (8:00 a.m.) Troy & Gayla Aljets
(10:15 a.m.) Martin & Dorothy Aaser
10 - (8:00 a.m.) Jeanne Townswick, Dorothy Hoeft,
(10:15 a.m.) Duane & Cindy Anderson
17 - (8:00 a.m.) Bob & Sandra Demuth
(10:15 a.m.) Jim & Barb Williams
24 - (8:00 a.m.) Robert & Margaret Willardson
(10:15 a.m.) Tim & Stacy Bickett
31 - (8:00 a.m.) Paul & Marlys Busse
(10:15 a.m.) Gerould & Darlene Iverson

READERS

- 3 - (8:00 a.m.) Donna Getzel (10:15 a.m.) Dorothy Aaser
10 - (8:00 a.m.) Hollie Hibma (10:15 a.m.) Judi Hoebet
17 - (8:00 a.m.) John Koller (10:15 a.m.) Dan Horn
24 - (8:00 a.m.) Roger Lester (10:15 a.m.) Melissa Jensen
31 - (8:00 a.m.) Irene Morrison (10:15 a.m.) Nancy Marco

ALTAR COMMITTEE: Jo Haugan, Sheryl Kucker, Marj Olson, Shirley Wieme

COMMUNION HELPERS:

- 3- (8:00 a.m.) Scott & Sue Rose, Vern & Jean Bastian
(10:15 a.m.) Mike & Deb Stoll, Randy Thompson, Mary Voehl
17- (8:00 a.m.) Martin & Dorothy Aaser, Dale & Joanne Carlson
(10:15 a.m.) Ron & Kris Vorwald, Nancy Zaske, Judy Benson

LUTHERAN WOMEN HOSPITAL VISITATION – Nancy Junker (May 4-10); Shirley Kass (May 11-17); LeAnn Miller (May 18-24); Anne LeBrun (May 25-May 31);

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COUNCIL HOSPITAL VISITATION - Sharon Johansen

BIRTHDAY CALLERS

Sharon Shubert (May 1-15), Larry & Joan Reker (May 16-31)

FINANCIAL COUNTERS - (Team 4) Don Basche, Grant Sorensen, Gerry Erstad, Linden Olson, Dave Skog, Nancy Zaske

BUSY BAGS - Kristen Appel

COMMUNION PREPARATION HELPERS

- 3- Saturday Fill: Rachel & Dennis Aanenson
Refill: Cindy Anderson, Judy Benson
Clean-Up: Paula & Jason Behrens
- 6- Fill (& if possible, clean-up) Barb Karsten
- 10- Fill: Marlys Busse
Clean-up: Naomi Evensen
- 13- Fill (& if possible, clean-up): Jean Bastian
- 17- Saturday Fill: Jean & Vern Bastian
Refill: Pat & Larry Boots
Clean-Up: Pam & Harlan Handevitd
- 20- Fill (& if possible, clean-up): Joyce Soderholm
- 24- Fill: Joanne Carlson
Clean-up: Dorothy Hoeft
- 27 - Fill (& if possible, clean-up) Tara Thompson

Confirmation Communion Assistant Schedule (10:15 a.m. Service)

- 10- W: Mitchell Duffy (A) Mark Landberg (A)
R: Theron Miller Jordan Steinle
- 24 - W: Hannah Naab Nicole Russell
R: Morgan Metz Nicole Prins

SOUND SYSTEM

- 3 - Craig Pfeifer
- 10 - Nick Steinle
- 17 - Bob Wieme
- 24 - Rich Besel
- 31 - Nick Steinle

CAMCORDER

- 3 - Mark Demuth
- 10 - Bob Wieme
- 17 - Greg Kvilhaug
- 24 - Bob Demuth
- 31 - Sandy Demuth

USHERS

Team 8 (8 a.m.): Ronnie Noerenberg, Dave Haugan, Shawn Noerenberg, Greg Kvilhaug, Don Fleming, Scott Langerud, Kasey Solma

Team 5 (10:15 a.m.): Randy Thompson, Bob Sellberg, Bob Williams, Darren Ponto, James LeBrun, Mark Prunty, Kay Prunty, Doug Jensen

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NURSERY

3- (8:00) Kari Sauerbrei (10:15) Lori, Ellen, & William Dudley
10 -(8:00) Shauna Pham & children (10:15) Tara, Betsy, & Amy Thompson
17 -(8:00) Lori Glawe (10:15) Mark & Kay Prunty
24 -(8:00) David & Hollie Hibma (10:15) Keri Murphy, Zoe Baerenwald
31 - (8:00) Jayne & Morgan Johnson (10:15) Genny Turner, Kara Honius

COFFEE SERVERS

3 - Library Board
10 - Scott & Sue Rose, Shirley Pietz, Mrs. Bette Gubrud
17 - No Coffee, Senior Brunch
24 - Verne & Val Correll, Don & Carol Fleming
31 - Ray & Glad Henning, Brad & Sheryl Hoekstra

SENIOR CHARIOT DRIVERS

Sunday, May 3rd – Gene & Donna Cargin (372-2785)
Sunday, May 10th – Mark & Marcia Shepherd (376-9819)
Sunday, May 17th – Kieth & Marj Olson (376-5040)
Sunday, May 24th - Dennis & Dee Hale (372-2786)
Sunday, May 31st - Dale & Joanne Carlson (372-2252)

May Lessons

May 3rd - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

May 10th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

May 17th - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 24th - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17; 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

May 31st - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek 37:1-14; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16 4b-15

ATTENDANCE

March 29 - 322 (8:00-175; 10:15-147)
April 1 (Lenten Service) - 221
April 5 - 171 (8:00-no service; 10:15-171)
April 9 - (Maundy Thursday) - 245
April 10 - (Good Friday) -188
April 12 - 659 (6:30-127; 8:30-261; 10:15-271)
April 19 - 343 (8:00-162; 10:15-181)
April 26 - 453 (8:00-145; 10:15-308)



The Joy of Giving Report

March 29 - Total = \$7306.52

Current = \$3737.02
Expansion = \$537
Special = \$276.50
Reimbursable = \$45
Design. Mem. = \$500
Manna Food Pantry = \$1646
Camperships = \$80
Lenten Off. = \$485

March 29 - Total = \$413

Manna Food Pantry = \$413

March 31 - Total = \$240

Manna Food Pantry = \$240

April 5 - Total = \$7158.82

Current = \$5116.76
Expansion = \$243
Special = \$327
Reimbursable = \$132
Lenten Off. = \$690
Rental House = \$500
Altar Flowers = \$50.06
Manna Food Pantry = \$100

April 5 - Total = \$433

Reimbursable = \$433

April 12 - Total = \$13278.01

Current = \$10204.51
Expansion = \$592
Special = \$389.50
Reimbursable = \$300
Endowment Fund = \$358
Lenten Service = \$1374
Library Fund = \$10
E. J. Scholarship Fund = \$50

April 19 - Total = \$6229.30

Current = \$5680.80
Expansion = \$327.50
Special = \$171
Reimbursable = \$25
Lenten Offering = \$25

April 26 - Total = \$4450.02

Current = \$3961.49
Expansion = \$216
Special = \$187.50
Reimbursable = \$60
Altar Flowers = \$25.03

Simply Giving = \$9384.68

(as of April 27, 2009)

Current = \$7776.26
Expansion = \$501.59
Special = \$856.83
ALC Scholarship Fund = \$250

Noisy Offering for

March, 2009 - \$180.76

Noisy Offering for

April, 2009 - \$227.31

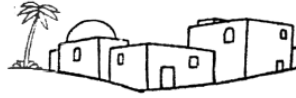
PANCAKE FUNRAISER
for Innirasorn Panthaphaphim
on Sunday, May 10, 2009
at 9:00 a.m.
at American Lutheran Church

Children/Family Ministries News

May
2009

Important May dates:
BibleLand kids sing on **May 10th** (Mother's Day) at both services. Choose which service to attend.

Last BibleLand—**May 17th.**
VBS STARTS SUNDAY, MAY 31ST AT 5:30.



Bible Land

Our last lesson of the year is "The Last Supper". BibleLand will meet on May 3, 10 and 17.



- New friends
- Amazing crafts
- Wild games
- Lip-smacking food
- Mind-blowing Bible adventures
- Incredible music

This Dock Rocks!

Crocodile Dock will last from
Sunday, May 31st through Thursday, June 4th
The fun begins at 5:30 PM with a kid-friendly meal
and ends at 8:30 PM.

To register participants and/or to volunteer, go to:
<http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/alcwgtg>

Contact information:

Sylvia Andersen
Phone: 507-376-5264
Cell: 507-208-8597

email: alcsylvia@frontiernet.net



Just for **KIDS**

A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

"_ 3 h _ 1 v _ 2 b _ 2 _ 2 n r _ 2 m _ 3 nd _ 2 d _ 4
y _ 4 _ 5 r s _ 3 nc _ 2 r _ 2 f _ 1 _ 3 th, wh _ 3 ch
f _ 3 rst l _ 3 v _ 2 d _ 3 n y _ 4 _ 5 r gr _ 1 ndm _ 4 th _ 2 r
L _ 4 _ 3 s _ 1 nd _ 3 n y _ 4 _ 5 r m _ 4 th _ 2 r
_ 2 _ 5 n _ 3 c _ 2 _ 1 nd, _ 3 _ 1 m p _ 2 rs _ 5 _ 1 d _ 2 d,
n _ 4 w l _ 3 v _ 2 s _ 3 n y _ 4 _ 5 _ 1 ls _ 4."

2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."



Lutheran Women



May 2009

Gifts for Confirmands



The Lutheran Women organization presented 20 Confirmands with a gift at the annual Confirmation Banquet on Wed., April 22nd in the Fellowship Hall. Each student received an inspirational devotional book written by teens for teens. On Confirmation Sunday, April 26th, each student also received a corsage or a boutonniere from Lutheran Women. *We congratulate these young people as they publicly proclaim their faith.*



Shetek Conference Spring Gathering

American Lutheran hosted a successful Shetek Conference Gathering on Saturday, April 18th with 90 women attending. *Many* people worked to ensure a meaningful day for all participants - our LW officers; our Circle members who helped greet, usher and serve the food; Cindy and Aubrey Anderson and Kari Russell who shared their musical talents; those who prepared the delicious salads for lunch; members of Grace and Emmanuel Lutheran who brought food for coffee breaks; and our guest speaker, Cheryl Darnall, who spoke about her experience as an R.N. at Children's Hospital in Omaha. She serves along with a team made up of social workers and doctors as they pioneer a new approach of taking care of children with lifelong major medical problems. Enabling children to return home to experience as full a life as possible is the hope of this caring program. *Thanks to all who help in these and other ways! Thanks for showing our hospitality to neighboring women from our conference.*



Women's Yearbooks

Are you using your new Lutheran Women yearbook that arrived in your March newsletter?? Remember to look through it, not only to see the calendar of events for the year, but also to find out when you work in the nursery, prepare communion, fill busy bags, etc. The office has more if needed.

Mission Trip to Tanzania



Vernietta Hansberger says, "**THANKS,**" to those who have helped her prepare for a mission trip to Tanzania May 10-28. She asked for needed items to take on the trip, and she received an abundance! These items are already packed in a 50-lb. box:

- Over 100 pair of eyeglasses
- Over 100 baseball caps
- 125 packets of gauze and several rolls of tape
- 100 cloth book bags for school children in the town of Singida (made by Vernietta and friends)

On the straps of the book bags and on the underside of the brims of the baseball caps, she wrote two messages in their Swahili language, "God is Love" and "Praise God."

\$1,085 has been donated for the purchase of \$5.00 mosquito nets, as well. *Malaria causes premature death in Tanzania, killing one out of four people.* Our cash gifts will purchase 217 mosquito nets, saving the lives of 54 people.

\$400 has been donated for the purchase of two \$200 cows which will help families support themselves.

(Gifts were received from Lutheran Women, Loyalty and Evangelism Committee, two Circles and many individuals.)

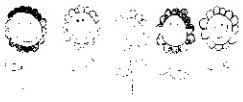
Vernietta asks for our prayers of safety, support, and encouragement for the group of 14 as they serve as ambassadors for Christ in hospitals, infirmaries and communities in Tanzania.

Two Projects Completed!!

Recently completed with *great* success were two Lutheran Women projects:

Diapers - Additional t-shirts were recently sewn into diapers, making 100 our new total of diapers made. These will all be collected at the upcoming convention of the SWMN Synod Women. Honduras is their destination.

Health Kits - 55 completed kits were assembled with all the donations. *That's great!* These will also be collected at the upcoming women's convention and distributed around the world through Lutheran World Relief. **THANKS!**



Summer Salad Buffet

Mark Tuesday, June 9 on your summer calendar for a fun 6:00 meal and program in the Fellowship Hall for all the women of ALC and guests.

Our guest speaker will be Jan Lindaman of Westbrook, recipient of the 1995 Minnesota Mother of the Year award. She will be sharing her humorous story of life on the farm and the need for prioritizing time in a presentation entitled, "Realize the Moment." Jan is known as the "Erma Bombeck of Farm Country." *You won't want to miss her!*

No tickets are necessary...just come. Thanks to the various circles and the Lutheran Women Board who are planning this summer event. Watch for more details next month. June 9th is the day!

Graduates Brunch in May



Graduating senior high school students will be honored at the Graduate's Brunch in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 17th at 9:00. Members of Leah Circle will be coordinating the event along with help from the congregation. As women of the church, we are proud of our young people and their accomplishments. We wish them well in the future!

Next Lutheran Women Board Meeting

Monday, May 4, 6:30



Remember our Projects

Thanks for your help with our other LW projects. Keep them coming!

- Campbell Soup labels
- Education Box Tops
- Plastic milk jug caps
- Cell phones
- Soap

Any of these items can be brought to the Information Center in the narthex at any time. Keep collecting t-shirts for our diaper project, too. Could you please collect them at home for a few more months? *Thanks!*

King's Aid Collection



May is the month for our annual collection for clothing and household items to be delivered to King's Aid (small group of farmers near Frost, MN.) King's Aid distributes the items to needy mission sites along the Texas/Mexico border.

Items to bring: Good usable clothing of all sizes, good usable shoes (tied or bagged), quilts, bedding, dishes, pots and pans, children's books, soap.

How to pack: All items can be boxed together. Use sturdy small to medium-size cardboard boxes. Tape the boxes shut.

When and where: In May, bring clearly marked "King's Aid" boxes to the church basement under the office area. (Go down the stairs from the office entry door and turn right.)

Cash donations: Cash is always welcome to help with transportation costs. Direct your donations to either Mission Action co-chairs, Carole Wiese or Marie Weeks.

Trailer/Truck needed: Could you provide a vehicle to transport our donations to Frost in early June? It needs to be enclosed, such as a horse trailer. Again, call Carole (727-6555) or Marie (376-9180.)

Volunteers needed: The loading day has not been determined, but will be in early June. What for the date! On that day, we will need workers to load up the vehicle. Mission Action representatives for the Circles are asked to find 1-2 people to help.

Have fun cleaning your closets!!



Shetek Cookbooks

Here's a *great* Mother's Day gift idea! How about a fantastic cookbook containing delicious recipes from great cooks from area churches?? The Shetek Lutheran Ministries Cookbook is just what you need. Shirly Wieme will be selling them on Sunday, May 3rd in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. They are only \$5.00 and a fun way to support the camp.