



# The Messenger

A monthly publication of ALC

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

**February 2012**

## Looking ahead from the Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 22nd, our community of faith met to review the past year as well as look ahead to the coming year. It was a time to celebrate the hard work of our congregation led by our church council. A solid foundation has been prepared for the coming year.

The Call Committee brought their report of moving from the preparatory work of the Mission Site Profile through the approval of the Church Council of their work to the next step: preparing to interview candidates to be our Lead Pastor. This part of their work will take time and patience. Please continue to pray for them.

The budget for 2012 was approved. We celebrated a solid financial effort in 2011 giving us a good start for the coming the year knowing that there will be additional funding expectations with the calling of a Lead Pastor. Your continued support is what will make the difference.

A special thank you to all those who have served in the past year. Your commitment to serve has been a gift to American Lutheran. As the newly elected members our church begin their time of service, your prayers of support are requested.

Again, to our outgoing members of the council; Gary Brandt, Mike Christenson, Sharon Johansen and Barb Williams, thank you!

We look forward to our new members as they now begin their terms. Welcome aboard Sue Ellen Bone, Gary Brandt (repeat another term), Melissa Jensen and Denise Windschitl!



## HEALTHY CONGREGATION WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, MARCH 4th!



You're Invited!

As part of the orientation of our Church Council, we have invited Pastor Dave Wall who is trained to lead the Healthy Congregation program back to ALC. We will meet 8:30 -

12:00 Saturday morning (beginning with wake up coffee!).

Because this program will help us continue the process we have begun, ALL committee members, and anyone else who would be interested in working together to continue growing into the future at ALC are called upon to join in this workshop.

We have many challenges ahead and we are looking forward to the resources that will come as we make use of what is available in this workshop. PLEASE RESERVE THAT MORNING FOR A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO GROW THE MINISTRY OF ALC!!!

**REMINDER OF 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. Since we are beginning a new year, you are asked to once again fill out a communion card sometime during the year 2012. The ushers will be able to provide you with a card. Also, remember, 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.

*The Worship & Music Committee*

### COUNCIL OFFICERS SERVING IN 2012:

Council President - Tim Bickett  
Vice-President - Gary Brandt  
Treasurer -  
Secretary - Kris Besel



## *A Time and a Place to Grow Together*

For almost half a year now, SEEDS on Wednesday nights has been putting down roots. Thank you to all who have helped make this happen!

Throughout the month of January we were privileged to hear some of each other's faith stories. We had the chance to grow in faith by hearing each other's God-sightings. It's exciting to deepen our relationships with God together.



This February during Spirituality Time we'll get back to exploring some of your Faith Ponderings. We'll continue to have a full slate of offerings during Exploration Time, and delicious food at Dinner and Bar Time. We'll still strive to serve and be enriched by God and one another.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday, and SEEDS will take a little break as we return once again to our Lenten evening services (you can read about our Lenten schedule elsewhere in the Messenger). Keep your eyes open for news about an Easter Vigil service sponsored by SEEDS, and for SEEDS to start up once again after Easter. Thanks be to God for new growth in all seasons!

# LENT God is Faithful

During this season of Lent, we'll be getting back to our roots: God's promises and covenants. All through the Old Testament, God is faithful to His people, even when they don't return the favor. Throughout the next six weeks, we'll be immersed in God's promises, culminating in God's greatest promise: Jesus the Christ.

We begin with Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next five Wednesdays will feature Dramatic Readings delivered by members of the congregation that highlight God's covenant promises – the same stories that make up the rich story shared at Easter Vigil. These Readings will happen within the Holden Evening Prayer setting.

On Sundays your pastors will preach on the Old Testament lessons, again proclaiming God's promises of old that never fade.

We will study and learn together as a congregation by delving into the book of Judges. On Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings we'll explore this complex and even dark piece of Israel's history through a Bible study written by Pastor Ryan.

In the next Messenger you'll see our Holy Week schedule which will include this year an Easter Vigil service the Saturday before Easter, sponsored by SEEDS.

We hope you can be a part of our Lenten journey as we prepare ourselves for the Passion and Promise of Good Friday and Easter.

## Wednesdays in Lent:

5:00 pm – Lenten Meal

6:30 pm – Lenten Worship

Following worship: Adult Exploration, Chancel Choir, and shortened versions of Confirmation and WELL.



(Please note – JOY and Young Explorers will not meet during Lent.)

## **An Update from your Call Committee:**

Good news! The Call Committee has completed the Mission Site Profile, it was adopted by Church Council on January 19<sup>th</sup> and it has been submitted to the Synod Office. To arrive at this point the committee has met ten times, has taken its work of brainstorming, reflecting, sharing, writing, and editing seriously and has prepared a document which will be very helpful in the next steps of the call process.

On January 25, the day the profile was electronically submitted, a reply email was received from Pastor Joyce Piper, our Synod contact staff person, which read: “The ministry site profile is excellent and in “active” status now. I’ve sent it to several promising candidates today and look forward to hearing back from them in the next couple weeks about their discernment and possible openness for interview with your call committee.” More good news!

Now that our congregational profile is being shared with potential candidates within our Synod, and now that anyone who visits the ELCA website can see our “lead pastor” opening listed under “Ministry Opportunities,” many people will be reading and learning about who we are at American Lutheran in Worthington, MN. They will get a glimpse of our programs, our purpose, our gifts, our priorities, our community, our challenges, our expectations, our hopes. We do have a lot of good news to share!

The Call Committee will meet on January 29, which unfortunately is too late to report on in this article. Our goal for that meeting will be to plan the interview process – length of the interviews, questions to be asked, serving of a meal, etc. – all important aspects for getting to know the candidates and for allowing the candidates the chance to understand us. At our next meeting, we also will be defining the process for the congregation to identify names for consideration. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more good news!

Now that the discernment process will soon be intensifying for the Call Committee as well as for the pastors who learn about the ministry opportunity here at ALC, please join us in praying, praying, praying. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our work and open up hearts and minds for possible ministry here. Please pray for the next pastor who God is preparing for service at ALC. Knowing that you will is good news!

Karen Pfeifer

# Mission Trip Meeting



We will be having a Mission Trip Meeting on **Sunday, February 26th right after 2nd service (11:15ish).**

At this meeting we will be handing out paperwork for the mission trip along with other details. We will also have your account balances available. If you cannot attend this meeting please call Pastor Liz (507-360-7230) as soon as possible so that we can get the paperwork to you. We will have a Confirmation Camp meeting in April and will give you the details for that in the April Messenger.

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## Play and Pray

Our Middle School Youth Group, Play and Pray, will meet on **Sunday, February 12th at 11:30 am until 1:00 pm.** We welcome all kids in Middle School as we eat, talk, play, and pray! We look forward to seeing you in February!!

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Starting on **Wednesday, February 22nd** WELL will be changing a little bit. To accommodate the Lenten schedule WELL will start at 7:15 pm and go until 8:00 pm. We will still have food, we will still have fun, and we will still hang out. Look forward to seeing y'all!

## Romans & Christians

We are in the planning stages for our next battle of Romans & Christians with First Lutheran. Keep an eye out for details when we get them (we'll also text you with the date & time)!

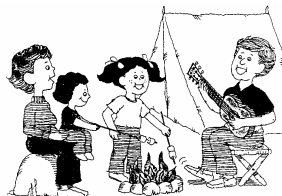
## Confirmation Class Schedule Change

Confirmation Classes WILL continue during Lent, however, we will be starting later (at 7:15ish - directly after the Lenten Service is over) and we will be ending around 7:45 pm. So, yes we will be having class throughout Lent, but it will be shorter! If you have any questions please contact Pastor Ryan (507360-7276).

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## Confirmation Camp Help

We are looking for a few volunteers (either parents or not) who would be willing to help us get to camp and get back from camp. The church will pay your mileage and we would be eternally grateful. If you would be willing to help please contact Pastor Ryan or Pastor Liz. Thanks!



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## Butter Braids Are Back!!!

Starting on Wednesday, February 8th, and going until Wednesday, February 22nd (Ash Wednesday) our youth who will be attending Confirmation Camp or going on the Mission Trip will be selling the amazingly delicious Butter Braids (back by popular demand!)! Butter Braids are available in 7 yummy flavors: Cinnamon, Blueberry-Cream Cheese, Cheese, Apple, Raspberry, and Strawberry-Cream Cheese, Cream Cheese, Caramel Rolls. They are a unique & delicious homemade frozen pastry loaf that you let rise and then bake to make a wonderful breakfast/dessert entree. They are on sale for \$11 each.



## Bowling/Camp "In"

Saturday, February 11th

**Bowling at 4:30 PM at Oxford Lanes**

After bowling, come to

American Lutheran for our Camp "In":

- Supper
- Games/activities
- Devotions

SignUp on Office Door

This event is FREE!!!



## Bible Land

**BibleLand** lessons during February will focus on "The Lord's Prayer" and "Job". These are challenging weeks for scheduling Station Leaders and we have several openings. If you have

Sundays available in February, please contact Sylvia to volunteer! Thank You!!!

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Release Time reminder: If there is a late start on a Tuesday, there is no Release Time

JOY will not be meeting the Wednesdays of Lent. Since Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22, our last February meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> and then resume on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Save the Date for VBS!!!  
The evenings of Tuesday, May 29  
through Friday, June 1



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# Because of You....

We have had several members of our church who have had major medical problems. We have had members of our church family have family members pass away this year.

Because of you, every envelope on our Sharing Tree was filled with money for flowers or gift certificates. Because of you, you volunteered to deliver 47 poinsettias, 5 gift certificates and lots of Christmas cards.

Thanks to Lora Lee Timm-Knuth for making the cards, and to Glad Henning for calling everyone so they would be home when we stopped by.



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## FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

### Stewardship

As we work on our Growing in Faith Garden; don't forget the Turnips! No garden is complete without "Turn Ups". Recently, we returned our Time & Talent Sheets. Now is the time to follow through with the commitments we've made to our Faith and our Church.



Please remember to Turn Up for Worship, Turn Up for Committee Meetings, turn up for Sunday School & Turn Up for Seeds on Wednesday nights. Remember to Turn Up with a smile, Turn Up with determination and Turn Up with a thankful heart. If we can all make an effort to do these small things every day; our Growing in Faith Garden will be abundant!



We Need the Following:

**HELP!!** Quilters need sheets to work with. If anyone has flat sheets (king, queen, full, twin) to donate that are used and ready to replace. Please consider ALC Mission Quilters!

Thanks. – The Quilters

## PASTORIAL CARE:



**A Loving Reminder:**  
*Please notify the church*

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY-January 8, 2012:** We welcomed new members to our congregational family : Joel Blanchfield, Mentors-Craig & Karen Pfeifer; Tim Gaul, Mentor-Leah Gaul; Regan & Lonnie Roloff-Mentors-Courtney & LeAnn Miller!



**THANK YOU** everyone who helped with the commitment to serve the evening meal at The Banquet December 27, 2011. The menu served to our guests was roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, cooked carrots, bread/butter, pear sauce and milk/coffee. This food was prepared by 12 volunteers on the afternoon shift. The evening shift of 45 adults, children and confirmation students served our guests, had dinner with them, did dishes and cleaned up the dining hall and kitchen. Approximately 434 guests and volunteers were served. This was truly a joint effort from our congregation working together to raise adequate donations and provide workers. Thanks to Pastor Ryan for all his help coordinating the evening volunteers. The Banquet is truly a worthwhile experience helping others and working together in Christian love. Thanks again from The Banquet Committee: Mammens, Dynes, Busses and Corrells.

## NOTES from the Church Office

**Your 2011 Contribution Statements** will be available in the church office through April 15, 2012, Monday through Friday only.

## STATISTICS

### ATTENDANCE

Jan. 1 - 171 (8:00 – 59; 10:15 –112)

Jan. 4 - 30

Jan. 8- 334 (8:00 –128; 10:15 –206)

Jan. 15 - 324 (8:00 - 137; 10:15 - 187)

Jan. 22 - 246 (8:00 –85; 10:15 –161)

Jan. 29- not available

### The Joy of Giving Report

#### **Total Receipts: \$28,958.82 (through January 22, 2012)**

Current = \$19,642.56

Current Non - Synod = \$774.50

Expansion = \$1,703.00

Special = \$5,090.50

Reimbursable = \$571.00

Christmas Off. = \$25.00

E.J. Scholarship = \$100.00

Rental House = \$550.00

Altar Flowers = \$200.11

Undesign. Mem. = \$50.00

Endowment Fund = \$230.15

Sound System = \$12.00

Malaria Project = \$10.00

**Simply Giving = \$9,298.66  
(as of January 26, 2012)**

Current = \$8,037.24

Expansion = \$495.59

Special = \$765.83

Noisy Offering

for December- \$80.40

for January - not available



## Miscellaneous Information

### *February Lectionary Scripture Lessons*

#### **February 5 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

#### **February 12 - Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

#### **February 19 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

#### **February 22– Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

#### **February 26 - First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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## February Worship Helpers

### ACOLYTES

- 5 - (8:00 a.m.) Gage Langerud, Evan Eggers  
(10:15 a.m.) Rachel Koller, Kendall Schmitz  
12 - (8:00 a.m.) Madisyn Miller, Mackenzie Juneneman  
(10:15 a.m.) Carter Ponto, Karter Honius\*  
Communion Servers: Whitney Jensen, Andrew Johnson  
19 - (8:00 a.m.) Grayson Christensen, Max Langerud  
(10:15 a.m.) Kendrick Bickett, Jacob Prunty  
22 - (6:30 p.m.) Grayson Christensen, Max Langerud  
26 - (8:00 a.m.) Cassidy Bruns, Allie Bruns  
(10:15 a.m.) Alyssa Johnson, Amanda Martinez, Taylor Hastings\*  
Communion Servers: Aubrey Anderson, Nicole Prins  
29 - (6:30 p.m.) Kendrick Bickett, Jacob Prunty

### READERS

- 5-(8:00 a.m.) Irene Morrison (10:15 a.m.) Kieth Olson  
12-(8:00 a.m.) Kathryn Sackett (10:15 a.m.) Ginger Sellberg  
19-(8:00 a.m.) Mark Shepherd (10:15 a.m.) Karen Skog  
26-(8:00 a.m.) Roger Lester (10:15 a.m.) Randy Thompson

### COMMUNION HELPERS:

- 5 - (8:00 a.m.) Sorensen Family, Jesse & Carolyn Leopold  
(10:15 a.m.) Bob & Ginger Sellberg, Mary Voehl, Erlin Weness  
19 - (8:00 a.m.) Scott Langerud, Mike & Lisa Peterson, Tamara Petersen  
(10:15 a.m.) Tim Bickett, Mike Christensen, Karen Hanbury,  
Judi Hoevet  
22 - (6:30 p.m.) Scott & Sue Rose, Jim & Barb Williams

### COMMUNION PREPARATION HELPERS

- 1 - Fill/Clean-Up: Pat Sailor  
5 - Saturday Fill: Sue Rose  
Refill: Sheryl Kucker  
Clean-Up: Clasine Lester  
8 - Fill/Clean-Up: Margaret Walker  
12 - Fill: Susan Obermoller; Clean-Up: Marj Olson  
15 - Fill/Clean-up: Connie Wienrank  
19 - Saturday Fill: Meredith Schaubert  
Refill: Sue & Jim Johnson  
Clean-up: Joyce Soderholm  
22 - Ash Wednesday Fill/Clean-Up: Lola Lindquist  
26 - Fill: Jan Peterson; Clean-up: Shirly Wieme

### SENIOR CHARIOT DRIVERS

- Feb. 5 - 8:00 a.m. - Gary & Mary Brandt (376-9259)  
10:15 a.m. - Brad & Sheryl Hoekstra (376-5740)  
Feb. 12 - 8:00 a.m. - Burt & Diane Levine (376-6909)  
10:15 a.m. - Margaret Browen (727-6667)  
Feb. 19 8:00 a.m. - Loren & Jeanne Goettsch (372-5697)  
10:15 a.m. - Dave & Jo Haugan (376-3471)  
Feb. 22 6:30 p.m. - Gene & Donna Cargin (372-2785)  
Feb. 26 - 8:00 a.m. - Jim & Barb Williams (372-2510)  
10:15 a.m. Margaret Browen (727-6667)

### COFFEE SERVERS

- 5 - Brad & Sheryl Hoekstra, Harlan & Pam Handevitd  
12 - Carol Fleming, Verne & Val Correll  
19 - Dave & Jo Haugan, Dough & Judy Knuth  
26 - Scott & Sue Rose, Greg & Barb Raymo

**ALTAR COMMITTEE:** Jo Haugan, Sheryl Kucker,  
Marj Olson, Shirly Wieme

**BUSY BAGS** - Margaret Browen

### **FEB. HOMEBOUND COMMUNION VISITS:**

Janelle Saufley - Flory Muller, Grace Stoever  
Gloria Hibma - Sally Konald, Marv & Jean Zinnel  
Lola Lindquist - Katherine Vosberg, Pete Duinkerken  
Kieth Olson - Leora Enninga, Viola Renken  
Connie Voss - Catherine Scurr  
Barb Williams - Bernard & Amanda Shepherd  
Pastoral Staff - Agnes Fellger, Steve Held, Rhonda  
Hibma, Alice Krueger, Beverly Scharlepp, Izzy Kuehl,  
Phyllis Almberg

### NURSERY

- 5 - (8:00) Tammy & Rachel Koller;  
(10:15) Kara & Kody Honius  
12 - (8:00) Karen Pfeiffer & Adrianna Engler;  
(10:15) Tara, Amy, & Betsy Thompson  
19 - (8:00) Tammy & Kasey Solma;  
(10:15) Alesha & Gavin Carstensen  
26 - (8:00) Lori Glawe (10:15) Stacey Kremer

### GREETERS

- 5 - (8:00 a.m.) Loren & Jeanne Goettsch  
(10:15 a.m.) Chris & Stacey Kremer  
12 - (8:00 a.m.) Dennis & Dee Hale  
(10:15 a.m.) Scott & Heidi Langerud  
19 - (8:00 a.m.) Harlan & Pam Handevitd  
(10:15 a.m.) James & Anne LeBrun  
22 - (6:30 p.m.) Dave & Jo Haugan  
26 - (8:00 a.m.) Darwin & Sharon Johansen  
(10:15 a.m.) Steve & Sharon Lynn  
29 - (6:30 p.m.) Wayne & Dea Klumper

### SOUND SYSTEM

- 5 - Rich Besel  
12 - Bob Wieme  
19 - Doug Obermoller  
22 - Doug Obermoller (Ash Wednesday)  
26 - Craig Pfeifer

### CAMCORDER

- 5 - Mark Demuth  
12 - Bob Demuth  
19 - Bob Wieme  
26 - Greg Kvilhaug

**COUNCIL HOSPITAL VISITATION** - Kris Besel

**LUTHERAN WOMEN HOSPITAL VISITATION** –  
Elaine Hovland (Feb. 6-12); Connie Voss (Feb. 13-19);  
Anne LeBrun (Feb. 20-26); Kathy Harberts (Feb. 27-Mar 4);

### USHERS

**Team 8 (8 a.m.):** Ronnie Noerenberg, Dave Haugan,  
Shawn Noerenberg, Greg Kvilhaug, Scott Langerud,  
Gage Langerud, Max Langerud, Alex Langerud, Kasey Solma

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

**FINANCIAL COUNTERS** - (Team 5) Verne Correll, Val  
Correll, Sharon Johansen, Darwin Johansen, Susan Johnson

### BIRTHDAY CALLERS

Tim Bickett (February 1-15)  
Lenai Engler (January 16-29)

# February 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30 Men's Fellowship 8:45 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Quilt Tying 5:00 SEEDS & 6:30 Confirmation Mentor Mtg	2 10:30 Bulletin Deadline	3 6:30 McPrayer	4 9:00 HR Reserved
5 8:00 & 10:15 Worship/Comm. 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland/Sunday School 10:15 Children's Church	6 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off  2:00 Leah Circle (Jan Egeland) 9:00 ALC BB Game	7 8:45 Elementary RT 9:30 Mary Circle - Judi Hoevet  6:30 Esther Circle 6:45 Bell Choir 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	8 6:30 Men's Fellowship 8:45 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Quilt Tying 1:00 Martha Circle 5:00 SEEDS	9 8:30 WACMA  10:30 Bulletin Deadline	10 6:30 McPrayer	11 4:30 Bowling/Camp "In"
12 "Quiet Offering Sunday" 8:00 & 10:15 Worship 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland/Sunday School Exec Mtg following 2nd Service 11:30 Play & Pray (MS)	13 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off	14 8:45 Elementary RT  5:30 Stewardship Committee 6:45 Bell Choir 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	15 6:30 Men's Fellowship 8:45 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Quilt Tying 5:00 SEEDS	16 Shetek Pastors' Mtg. 10:30 Bulletin Deadline  6:00 All Committee Night 6:30 Church Council	17 6:30 McPrayer	18 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast
19 8:00 & 10:15 Worship/Communion 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland/Sunday School 10:15 Children's Church Commissioning Sunday	20 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off  Offices Closed 5:30 Personnel Cmte 7:00 ALC BB Game	21 8:45 Elementary RT <b>Messenger Deadline</b>  5:30 Endowment Committee 6:45 Bell Choir 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	22 6:30 Men's Fellowship 8:45 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Quilt Tying 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service Following service: Chancel Choir, Confirmation & Adult Ed	23 10:30 Bulletin Deadline	24 6:30 McPrayer	25 11:30 FH Reserved
26 8:00 & 10:15 Worship 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland/Sunday School/Adult Ed <b>Noisy Offering Sunday</b>	27 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off  6:00 ALC BB Game 6:45 Worship & Music	28 8:45 Elementary RT  6:45 Bell Choir 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	29 6:30 Men's Fellowship 8:45 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Quilt Tying 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:30 Lent Worship Following service: Chancel Choir, Confirmation & Adult Ed	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>SEEDS (Schedule through Feb. 15th)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00-6:30 Dinner</li> <li>• 5:30-6:15 Spirituality Time</li> <li>• 6:15-6:30 "Bar Time"</li> <li>• 6:30-7:00 WELL eats</li> <li>• 7:30-8:30 Chancel Choir</li> <li>• 6:30-7:30 Exploration (Nursery, Young Explorers, JOY, Confirmation, Adult Explorers)</li> <li>• 7:00-8:00 WELL</li> </ul> </div>		
	Please tune into radio stations 730 AM or 93.5, 95.1 FM for cancellations of events due to weather.					

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# LUTHERAN WOMEN

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February 2012

## New Officers Elected

Thank you to the following women who have agreed to serve as officers for the Lutheran women's organization for the coming year.

Diana Kvilhaug	Co-Chairpersons
Sharon Lynn	
Lora Lee Timm-Knuth	Secretary
Lori Dudley	Treasurer
Shirly Wieme	Recognition
Marie Weeks	Mission Action
Carole Wiese	
Clasine Lester	Mission Community
Karen Pfeifer	Mission Growth

*Please offer them your support this year.*

## Kitchen Cleaning Soon

Twice a year, our church kitchen gets a needed cleaning by the women (and men sometimes) of the church. Members of Mary Circle are organizing the morning. The date has yet to be decided so watch the bulletin for the date and time. **Everyone** is invited to join them in the kitchen for a few hours of cleaning and conversation – treats, too.

## Women's Yearbook in Production

*Every year a new Lutheran Women's yearbook is printed and sent to all households in the March newsletter. This yearbook contains names of officers, Circle information, meetings and special event dates, committee chairpersons and important schedules for our many activities such as preparing communion and making hospital visits. Committee Chairpersons will soon be drafting their schedules for the year. In February, the church secretaries will type the yearbook for us. Be watching for your important Lutheran Women's yearbook.*

## Health Kits Project Continues

24 personal care kits have been completed by the SEEDS participants and are boxed and ready for delivery to the warehouse in Minneapolis. Thank you to Loren and Jeanne Goettsch for delivering these for us. Items needed to complete more kits are:

27" X 52" dark colored bath towels  
bath size bars of soap in original wrapper

Please place these items in the drawer of the Information Center. **THANK YOU!**

Our thanks go out to Grant and Maureen Sorensen for providing toothbrushes for inclusion in these personal care kits. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Ecumenical Lenten Service and Luncheon

ALC is hosting a community Lenten service and luncheon on Thursday, **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. The noon worship service is open to community members of all ages. The 12:30 luncheon in the Fellowship Hall is being coordinated by our Lutheran Women's organization with help from men and women of the congregation. **Please stop at the sign-up sheets located at both entrances to the church and offer to bring food and/or work at the meal.** The lunch will include BBQ sandwiches, salads, bars, and beverages. THANKS to all who plan to help!

## Keep Saving T-shirts

Yes, we will have another diaper sewing day in the spring, so keep saving those large adult-sized T-shirts of any color. They can be short or long sleeved, even with a few stains. It would be appreciated if you could store them at home until spring approaches; but if not, they can be brought to the Information Center in the narthex.

## Little Dresses for Africa

A second mission action project that will soon be implemented is the "Little Dresses for Africa" project. Children's dresses are created from pillowcases and trimmed with lace and rick-rack. Samples of the dresses have been shared with board members and were enthusiastically received. If you enjoy sewing, this may be just the project for you! Be watching for upcoming details about this fun project and how you can be involved.



## Shetek Conference Women's Gathering

Our annual Shetek Conference Women's Gathering will soon be on our agenda. At the present time, we do not know the date and gathering place. But this is always an informative and enlightening day of speakers, worship, and networking with women across our Conference. Be watching for more information to follow in our March newsletter. And please consider attending this meaningful event.



### Exciting Kick-Off for Malaria Net Project

Last fall it was announced that American Lutheran women would be beginning a new outreach project entitled "Nothing But Nets." We learned that millions of people suffer and die each year from malaria. We learned that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is committed to raising \$15 million in an effort to eradicate this disease. We learned that malaria is preventable and treatable. And we learned that a healthier future is possible with our help by supplying mosquito nets, which protect families while they sleep.

The women of our church received a *very* generous memorial from the Gladys Pederson family in the amount of \$1500.00. Consideration was given as how to use this money to benefit the most people. It was decided to purchase 150 malaria nets and give our malaria net project a grand kick-off. The women's Executive Board would like this to be a congregational project and are challenging the members of our church to match the initial purchase of 150 nets. What an exciting idea! For just \$10.00 dollars, any member of the congregation may purchase one malaria net. Be watching in the upcoming weeks for the malaria net that will be on display to signal the kick-off of this life-saving project of the Church. And our thanks go to the Gladys Pederson family for their help in initiating this important project.



#### Special Thank You

*Thank you to Julie Nystrom as she completes her year as Co-Chair of our Lutheran Women's organization. Thank you to the rest of the officers who agreed to serve another year which is greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your service to the ministry of the women of ALC!*

#### Scandinavian Smorgasbord Update

New figures were reported by the Lutheran Women treasurer concerning the net profit for the event. Lori reported that our total income was \$6,048.19 which was the highest in several years! This includes the matching funds of \$800 dollars from our faithful partner Thrivent. What a successful day! THANKS to all members who organized the event and worked to ensure the Smorgasbord's success.

#### Next Lutheran Women's Board Meeting

Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

President, Julie Nystrom, opened the meeting with devotions based on 1 Peter 4:8-Love covers a multitude of sins. Eleven members were present. The November minutes were approved as read. Treasurer, Lori Dudley, reviewed the budget as read at the November meeting. The balance remained the same. The profits from the Smorgasbord increased \$368.00 from the previous year. The church committee handling Wills, Gifts and Memorials divided undesignated donations between maintenance and the ALCW. The board brainstormed how the money could be used to benefit the most people. A gift received from the Gladys Pederson family was also discussed and an announcement will be made soon. Lora Lee read thank you notes from the following: Shetek Lutheran Ministries for the \$100.00 gift, Hospice Cottage, Inc., Lutheran World Relief for \$300.00, Southwest Crisis Center for \$100.00, Operation Bootstrap Africa for \$200.00, Shalom Hill Farm for \$100.00, Lutheran Campus Ministry of MN for \$100.00, House of Hope, MN, for \$100.00, and ALC youth who helped serve the Smorgasbord for \$100.00. Four second graders wrote thank you notes for the Bibles they received. The family of Barbara Karsten expressed their gratitude for our support at the time of Barb's death

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Carol Wiese reported for Mission Action. The project, "Little Dresses for Africa", is one of the upcoming service projects that the congregation will be asked to participate in along with the Malaria Net project. Plans are to launch these sometime in February. Continue to save extra large and larger t-shirts for diapers. The SEEDS group could use regular size bars of soap, in original wrappers, for Health kits. Quilters be thinking and working on quilt items to donate to the Shetek quilt auction in June. Sheryl Kucker shared a crib quilt she has completed. Karen Pfeifer, Mission Growth chair, is working with circle representatives to set up committees for the coming year. The yearbook is a reference for women serving in various capacities and accuracy is important. Please report any changes in name, address, phone number, or email to the church office, or a board officer, as soon as possible. Shirley Wieme, Recognition chair, has ordered Bibles for the second graders. **OLD BUSINESS** Thanks to everyone who made the Christmas Salad Buffet a success. Officer names for each circle should be turned into the church office ASAP.

**NEW BUSINESS** The election and installation of new officers for the 2012-2013 ALCW board is as follows: Diane Kvilhaug- President, Sharon Lynn-Vice President, Lori Dudley-Treasurer, Lora Lee Timm-Knuth-Secretary, Carol Wiese and Marie Weeks-Mission Action, Clasine Lester-Mission Community, Karen Pfeifer-Mission Growth and Shirley Wieme-Recognition. Some changes were made to the L.W. time table for the 2012-13 years. Confirmation is scheduled for the fall so recognition planning will be moved to the summer months. New member meetings are helpful and will be scheduled as new members come into the congregation. Mary Circle will do kitchen cleaning on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcomed to join in! A date for the Ecumenical Lenten Lunch is not available at this time. Sign up sheets for food and workers will be on tables at both church entrances as the time nears. A motion was made and approved to purchase a new Nesco roaster oven for the kitchen. Carol Fleming will do the ordering.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Kitchen Cleaning  
Synod Convention-Spicer MN on June 15 and 16.  
The next board meeting-March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30  
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Lora Lee Timm-Knuth, secretary