

THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

January 2016

A Few January Events

~Tuesday January 5~

7:00 PM Mission Trip Meeting

~Monday January 11~

10:00 AM GIFTS

~Thursday January 14~

~Monday January 18~

Shining Light Mission trip!

~Sunday, January 24~

Annual meetings at:

Bethlehem, Knife River, Faith
and American
during regular worship

~Wednesday January 27 and

Wednesday February 3 ~

4:00-5:00 PM

Mandatory rehearsal for 7th-9th
graders for the Lenten Worship



Gifts of people

Individuality

Epiphany!

Mission trip

From the Bishop

Annual meetings

Good News of Great Joy

Samaritan's Supper

Love one another

Happy New Year!

Lent rehearsals begin, 7th-9th graders



Prairie Lutheran Parish



"Four Congregations, One Prairie"

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Ross

9:00am Sundays

Knife River Lutheran Church

Hwy 8 South of Stanley

9:00am Sundays

American Lutheran Church

Stanley

10:30am Sundays

Faith Lutheran Church

Palermo

10:30am Sundays

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Gifts wrapped in people

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope and pray that you are still celebrating the birth of Jesus as you are reading this! When I attended the pastoral leadership conference in Arizona, one of the leaders said something like, “The gifts of God come wrapped in people.”

We’ve all probably just spent a lot of time shopping for, wrapping, giving, and receiving gifts. The message of Christmas is that God gives us the best gift of all—a savior—in human form. God gives us the best gift of all, and in the form of a person.

God also gives us the gift of each other. There are so many people in our lives and communities who are gifts to us, and we can be gifts to one another. On December 13, visitors from Heart River Lutheran Church came to all four of our congregations. They wanted to say thank you for the gifts our parish has given to them—financial support, quilts, and even a new college scholarship for one of their students! They felt deep gratitude for the gifts they had received.

The gifts of God come wrapped in people.

And also, their presence was a gift to us. It was so heartwarming to hear stories from the ministry that God is doing at Heart River Lutheran Church, which is located on the Youth Correctional Center in Mandan. Essentially, this is a jail for kids aged 12-18. These are teenagers who have gotten into trouble of some sort, whose lives weren’t following a positive track. But even in this dark place, God is present in the form of people. Each Sunday at 10:00 AM, a congregation of people of all ages from the Bismarck-Mandan area joins together with about 40 teenagers in green scrubs. Together, this unlikely group of people worships God together. I am grateful for the gift we can be to them and they to us.

As we look to 2016, let’s reflect on ways in which we can be gifts to our community. Each of the four congregations of Prairie Lutheran Parish is and continues to be a gift to the people of Palermo, Ross, Stanley, and far, far beyond—even all the way to the Central African Republic! As we look ahead into the New Year, here are a few ways in which I am excited and hopeful that we can grow in our service to the community:

Rebuilding flooded homes in San Marcos, Texas

I can hardly wait for our mission trip to San Marcos, Texas. I am thrilled that each of the congregations in our parish are participating by sending members on the trip, supporting the trip financially, or both. Our parish has come together for service to our neighbors in Texas. Praise God!

Continuing and Growing our Befrienders Ministry

Many of our members are homebound, and therefore unable to attend church on Sunday mornings to visit with others and receive communion. This can be a lonely life. Our Befrienders ministry brings the gift of Holy Communion and the gift of company. Are you called to be a Befriender?

Samaritan’s Supper

With the increasing needs in our community, all the churches in our area have come together to try out serving a meal to families in need every Tuesday at the Golden Age Club. I’m excited about this new mission opportunity, and hope our congregations will fully support this work of loving and serving our neighbors in need. Let’s see where the Spirit leads us in 2016!

-Pastor Carolyn Philstrom

Individuality

Every now and then, I come across something that strikes me sideways. Being caught off-guard is a moving, disarming experience. The expected becomes the unexpected and the world, for a moment, seems brand new.

It was that feeling that I got as I was doing some reading this past month. The book is “The Cost of Discipleship” by Lutheran martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The words are about being an “individual”, and these words struck me sideways:

“Through the call of Jesus men [and women] become individuals. Willy-nilly, they are compelled to decide, and that decision can only be made by themselves. It is no choice of their own that makes them individuals: it is Christ who makes them individuals by calling them. Every [woman and] man is called separately, and must follow alone.”

They caught me off guard because often, when I think about the Church, I think about *koinonia* - community. I think about who we are called to be together. I think about who we are as a community. Usually I see individualism as a modern day societal force that we as Christians must struggle against. When Bonhoeffer wrote about the call of Jesus making women and men into individuals, it was strange... but I think it also might be true.

Bonhoeffer’s words come from his discussion on one of the most difficult passages in the Bible for me: Luke 14:26.

“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.” These are tough words. Jesus says we must hate? I thought Jesus was about love? Doesn’t hate lead to the Dark Side of the Force? (*I see you out there, Star Wars nerds.*)

Then I thought about my friends back in Omaha. They are *hipsters* (but don’t tell them I said that!). “Hipster” is a term for a modern sub-culture that values, above all else, individualism

and self-expression. But the thing is, for all of their “individuality” hipsters look incredibly and predictably similar.

Hipsters are a perfect emblem of our American society. We live in a society that stresses individualism and being who you are and showing who you are, in a big way, through your purchases. But even though our society stresses individualism—what it creates is a group of people who are all sadly the same. We are universally busy and our lives (and houses) are filled with too much stuff. We are all busy consumers, trapped in our own little worlds. Little worlds that look frightfully similar to one another, even with all our “individuality”.



Jesus calls us to be true individuals. As followers of Christ we are called to step out and away from the sameness of the world and to walk what is a truly different path. In answering that call, we are moved to say that the primary focus of our life is not our family, not our friends, not even ourselves, but rather God and God’s call upon our lives.

The call of Jesus is a call to let go of the bonds to this world. We are called to let go of all the ways we prove to the world and to ourselves what great individuals we are. We are called to step into what can be a truly frightening individuality where there just I and Thou, me and God.

The call of Jesus is spoken to a crowd, but it is answered by individuals. The individual must be the one to answer Christ’s call. You are the only one who can. No one else can do it for you. But in answering that call, you receive everything.

Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.”

-Pastor Rory Philstrom

Mission trip news

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who have generously donated towards the mission trip! Special thanks to Knife River Lutheran church for the generous sponsorship! We have 31 people going on the trip. Please pray for your Prairie Lutheran Parish missionaries as we prepare to travel to San Marcos, Texas, to rebuild badly flooded homes.

Shining Light Mission Trip Participants:

All participants, please attend our final planning meeting on Tuesday January 5 at 7:00 PM at Knife River church.

Daren Wing	Jana Enger	Audrey Dazell
Christine Wing	Dylan Enger	Jesse Locken
Tony Wing	Caitlyn Enger	Rita Locken
Carmen Wing	Carson Enger	Aubrey Locken
Abby Wing	Rory Philstrom	Aspen Locken
Ben Wing	Carolyn Philstrom	
Brent Anderson	Carol Johnson	
Nixie Anderson	Ron Aadnes	
Jacob Anderson	Brady Aadnes	
Jud Anderson	Stacey Goodall	
Coy Anderson	Brooks Goodall	
Lynn Grabow	Shayna Dazell	
Marlene Grabow	Waylon Dazell	

January Youth News

Thanks for a great time in confirmation class! December 16th was our last day of confirmation classes, here's what is next:

Wednesday January 27 and Wednesday February 3:

4:00-5:00 PM

Mandatory rehearsals for Lent Services
for 7th-9th graders

Wednesday February 10:

Ash Wednesday 5:30 PM supper and 6:30 PM service
Mandatory attendance for 7th-9th graders

Wednesday February 17—Wednesday March 16:

Mandatory worship leadership for 7th-9th graders
at Wednesday Lent services
5:30 PM supper, 6:30 PM worship

January Sunday Worship Leadership

ALC: Maura Mills, Coy Smith (acolytes)

Hannah, Quentin, Ryan (communion servers)

Bethlehem: Tyson Pappa, Logan Lapica

Knife River: Shayna Dazell

Faith: (none signed up)

If you are unable to serve for when you signed up,
please find a replacement!



January Gospel Seeds

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office

New Year's Resolutions...

Are you planning to make any New Year's resolutions? Maybe to eat more veggies, read a book a month, spend more time with friends – do any of those strike a chord?

What about your congregation, might you consider a New Year's Resolution? What if your congregation were to resolve to see ways to be God's presence in your community? We are a gathering of people who come together to hear God's word of forgiveness, grace and mercy; we taste God's gift of grace in the wine and bread; we pray for those who are sick, lonely, just married or starting a new phase in life; then we are sent back into God's world. As we walk out the door, faith in Christ is not put on a shelf, instead it is here – in God's world - where our faith is lived out.

How about taking up a resolution that you will look for living faith all week long, asking, "Where did God show up, this week?" As Lutherans we understand that Christ has set us free from sin, death and evil. Since we are free we can joyfully serve our neighbors. Where do you see people living their faith? How about inviting other members of your congregation into conversation about the work they do and how they see it connecting with their faith? What does it mean to be a retired person who lives their faith? What about a stay-at-home mom or dad?

On the road...

In the past six weeks or so synod staff have been on the road, traveling across the synod. We recently spent time at Camp of the Cross with congregations seeking to renew their congregations. Beth Anderson traveled with two of our synod youth to Nebraska to be with ELCA high school students from across this country thinking about life and faith. Mark and Beth were in Dubuque, Iowa interviewing one of our seminary students as she continues to progress toward ordination. Sherie and Mark were in Newburg and then in McClusky helping to set priorities as interim pas-

tors began their work with two different parishes. Lisa was in Beulah worshipping with the people of Zion. Beth led worship in Benedict and Max on the morning they voted to call Erin Gullickson as their new pastor. These are just a few of the stops along the way, there were many more. It is a blessing to be able to be with you in your church – we would love an invitation to come and be with you – all you have to do is ask

Living in God's Abundance...

If you have not set your theme for Lent you might want to consider engaging the synod's Bible Study "Living in God's Abundance". Lent is a perfect time of year to consider all of the gifts that God has graciously provided us.

Renewed for Christ Centered Ministry...

Our next Renewal Cohort is scheduled to begin March 11-12, 2016 at Upper Missouri Ministries. Synod staff will walk with a group of up to 6 congregations who are interested in a prayerful, scripture-centered process of discerning God's preferred future. Call me if you would like more information.

Recent Changes...

- Rev. David Maxfield is serving an interim at Gloria Dei Lutheran, Williston.
 - Rev. Chuck Galloway is serving an interim at Prairie Hope Ministries which includes Maxbass, Newburg and Westhope.
 - Jodi Lorenz, AIM, has begun ministry with First and Trinity, Tioga and Ray & Epping Lutheran Churches.
 - Rev. Steve Olson, a retired pastor who is originally from Bismarck and has moved back has begun at interim at Goodrich and McClusky
 - Rev. George Schuessler is now serving as pastor of Zion, Berthold and Carpio Lutheran
 - Rev. Susan Anderson was ordained on November 22, 2015 and installed to serve as pastor of Trinity, Napoleon and Trinity, Kintyre
 - Erin Gullickson has accepted a call to serve as pastor at Concordia, Benedict and Our Savior, Max and will be ordained January 3, 2016 at Camp of the Cross
 - Rev. Muriel Lippert has resigned her call to Good Shepherd and West Prairie, Williston and shortly after the first of the year will begin as an interim pastor at First Lutheran, Williston
 - Rev. Desiree Uhrich has accepted a call to serve as Senior Pastor at Christ Lutheran, Minot
- We are thankful for all of the faithful people in these congregations and the leadership of the rostered leaders involved.

New Year's Blessings - Bishop Mark Narum



Bishop Mark Narum

And I am
sure of this,
that He who
began a
good work
in you will
bring it to
completion
at the day
of Jesus
Christ.

Philippians
1:6



Parish News JANUARY



Parish - Recent Funerals

December 4 - American Lutheran

Mildred Elaine Kulland

*"Whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8b*

Parish - Recent Baptisms

December 13th

Bethlehem Lutheran Member

Cade Christopher Schneider

Son of

Mari & Christopher

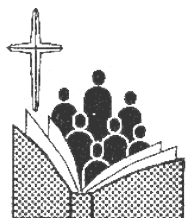
Godparents

Adam & McKenzie Jarmin

Congregational Annual Meetings

We begin the new year with our annual meetings. Please remember to pick up your annual report prior to the meeting so you have time to review it. We look forward to reviewing 2015 at the meeting.....

....and planning for 2016.



Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Together 4 Prayer

Will meet Wednesday, January 6th

9:30 at Father Gary's (rectory).

All are welcome.

Parish Men's Bible Study

Will not meet in January. We will resume our Bible study in the spring.



GIFTS
Growing In Faith To Serve

In December, Pastor Carolyn arranged a tour of the Food Pantry for our GIFTS group. We will meet on Monday, January 11th at 10:00 - Join us for this time of fellowship and learning.

Mountrail County Food Pantry

Our numbers have increased by quite a bit!!

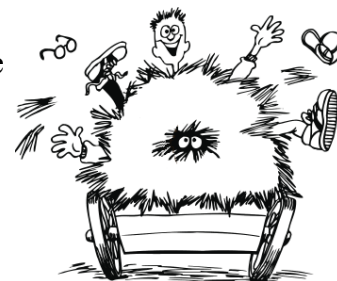
We served 65 households, 188 people, of which 70 were children. Our average food basket was 87.70 pounds, and we provided 5700.5 pounds of food to our community! Our group of volunteers has increased and we appreciate each of you willing to give of your time! If you would like to volunteer to help at the food pantry, please contact Mary at 628-2925.



Thank you to all from our parish who bought gifts for the Giving Tree this year. The Giving Tree is a project of the Stanley Women of Today with assistance from the American Banking Center. This project has been a part of the Christmas tradition here in Stanley for almost 30 years. According to Pat Fern, 81 families were served with 175 children receiving gifts.

The Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Thank you goes to Nancy & Jerry Rudolph for allowing the Confirmation carolers to use their trailer for the hay ride to go caroling. Also thanks to Lynn Grabow for being the driver! A wonderful time was had by all!



Continued from American Lutheran report

In Memory of

Louie Anderberg
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Alan Colbenson
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Mildred Kulland
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Luke Meiers
Larry Feiring
Lyne Enget
Margy Strobeck
Roy Dunham
Phyllis Campbell
Marlene Henning
Olga Sather

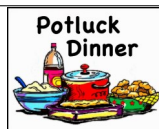
Donor

Marion Johnson
Wm.Jr. & Anna Marie Whitmore
Gladys Meyer
Norma Kjellberg
Meyer & Diane Kinnoin
Evonne Piepkorn
Earl Rogstad
Norma Kjellberg
Valborg Johnson
Marion Johnson
Janet Reile
Valborg Johnson
Dolores Woessner
Norma Kjellberg
Gary & Sue Evenson
Earl Rogstad
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Pat Jensen
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Remember to check out our Website and Facebook page for new pictures and events happening in the parish.

<http://prairielutheranparish.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PrairieLutheranParish>



Parish Potluck & Fellowship
January 31st - Please join us



Sunday Schedule:
Bethlehem: 9:00
Knife River: 9:00
American: 10:30
Faith: 10:30



JANUARY 2016



Our worship
 service is broad-
 cast each Sunday
 at 1:00 p.m. on
 TV Channel 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Sunday Worship!	4 ALC 10:00 Quilting Wee Care Resumes	5 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study 2:00 Faith Aft Study 7:00 PM Mission Trip meeting at Knife River	6 9:30 Together-4-Prayer at Father Gary's (rectory) 3:00 Faith Eve Study 3:45 ALC Church School	7 7:00 PM Bethlehem Council	8 Pastor's Sabbath 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	9
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10 Sunday Worship! 9:00 Knife River Mission potluck Family brunch Bethlehem Sunday School ALC-Contemporary Serv.	11 ALC 10:00 Quilting 10:00 GIFTS at ALC	12 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Centennial Court Bible Study	13 3:45 ALC Church School	14 Knife River Mission trip Jan 14-18th Pastors on Mission trip	15 Pastor's Sabbath	16
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17 Sunday Worship! Bethlehem Sunday School	18 ALC 10:00 Quilting Meal Delivery-ALC Serving Group	19 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	20 3:45 ALC Church School	21	22 Pastor's Sabbath 8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel Noon - Scroll deadline	23
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24 Annual meetings Sunday School at Faith, Knife River & Bethlehem Faith - potluck dinner Council - Faith & K.R.	25 ALC 10:00 Quilting Pastors at First Call Education 25-27	26 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	27 3:45 ALC Church School 4:00 7th - 9th graders Lent Service rehearsal 6:30 ALC Council	28 1:00 Scroll assembly by Bethlehem Lutheran	29 Pastor's Sabbath	30
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31 Combined Parish Worship & potluck White Serving Group meets at ALC
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Regular Weekly Activities
 10:00 A.M. AIAnon on Saturdays at ALC
 5:00 P.M. Cub Scouts on Mondays at ALC
 6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts on Mondays at ALC
 7:00 P.M. Weight Loss on Tuesdays at ALC
 8:00 P.M. A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC

American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.



2015 is now in the history book and 2016 coming over the horizon. The women of the church have had another successful year. We are always open to your suggestions and a change in officers is welcome. There is an article written by Laurel Jones, Secretary of the Western North Dakota Synodical, "Living as a Community of Women," posted on our bulletin board. Stop and take a look.

The spaghetti dinner/free will offering and quilt auction went great. Thanks to everyone who helped out and purchased quilts. Pastor Carolyn you did a great job auctioneering the quilts. Thanks again! A donation was made to Heart River and Upper Missouri Bible Camp. Thanks to Jim for removing the doors between the Fellowship Hall and the hallway.

Starting January 2016, the Serving Groups will be changing decoration around the church and fellowship hall. Suggestions will be put on separate sheet along with the monthly work group sheet. Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

Marilyn Evenson, Pres.

Delores Bratton, Sec.

Sharon Aas, Vice Pres.

Susan Halden, Treas.

In Memory of

Alan Colbenson
Alan Colbenson
Alan Colbenson

Building

Wee Care

Donation
Phyllis Campbell
Larry Feiring
Chloe Vachal
Bob Jorgenson
Luke Meiers
Phyllis Campbell
Phyllis Campbell
Roy Dunham
Roy Dunham
Roy & Mildred Dunham
Roy Dunham
Roy Dunham

Donor

Stan & Joyce Vachal
Meyer & Diane Kinnoin
Ray & Sandy Anderson

Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger
James & Susie Trana
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Arlo & Faye Borud
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Stan & Joyce Vachal
Amy Strasser
Marichel Mariscal
Janinne Paulson
Gene & Carol Hanson
Edna Ost Dahl

ALC Serving Groups - The serving group is posted on the church bulletin. The groups will continue to meet the LAST Sunday of the month previous to the month they are scheduled to serve. For example, the White Serving Group will meet Sunday, January 31st following worship services.

White Group

Serves in February

Nancy Brown
Ken & Cleo Bykonen
Rod & Connie Essler *
Zach & Erin Essler
Brad & Amy Farhart
Maren Feiring
Gene & Carol Hanson *
Kelly & Denise Hanson
Kyle & Marianne Hanson
Nichole Janz
Dale & Mary Kilen
Don & Verlee Kjoson
Quintin & Heather Lee
Wally Lee
Don & Connie Longmuir
Marichel Mariscal
David & Renae Minton
Mark & Sheila Morgan
Dave & Barb Nesheim
Deloris Oja
Gordon & Connie Patten
Tom & Akela Raile
Chad & Sarah Rismon
Jane Rismon
Brent & Naomi Rodenhizer
Bruce Rodenhizer
Alex & Katie Sandeen
Tom Simmers
Betty VanVugt
Cliff & Judy Skaar
Tanya Skaar
Yanci Smith
Korey & Valerie Stammen
Andy & Amy Steiner
Jim & Tara Swegarden
Arden & Janis Thompson
Cristi Trulson

Red Group

Serves in January

Rudy & Ardyce Alvstad
Chris & Annie Baumann
Wayne & Konni Bohrer
Arlo & Faye Borud *
Brad Borud
Joanne Colbenson
David & Tammi Colbenson
Jeff & Karen Colbenson
Arnie & Alex Dralle
Brett & Lindsey Ellvanger
Jerome & Rhonda Erie
Julie Erie
Michelle Gamble
Aaron Gandrud
Lynn & Marlene Grabow *
Shelby Grabow
Dan & Katie Harwood
Pat Jensen
LaVerne & Sherry Laib
Lynn & Carol Mehus
Gary & Jenette Nelson
Scott & Dawn Nelson
Phil & Cassandra Petz
Cory & Jamie Rice
Scott & Jackie Rudolph
Matt & Shi Stone
Wade Tulson
Austin & Abi Vachal
Beau & Kim Vachal
Lowell & Judy Vedaa
Stan Wright

Communion Assistants

Jan 3 Steve & Sarah
Jan 10 Betty & Stacy
Jan 17 No Communion
Jan 24 No Communion
Jan 31 Jeremy & Nellie



January 2016
Red Serving Group

February 2016
White Serving Group

March 2016
Blue Serving Group

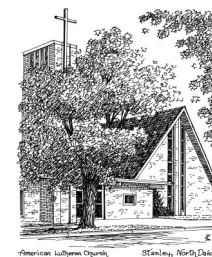
April 2016
Gold Serving Group

May 2016
Green Serving Group

June 2016
Purple Serving Group

July 2016
Red Serving Group

August 2016
White Serving Group



Power Point
Projectionists
1st Katie/Sarah
2nd Kelly/Dawn
3rd Kaye
4th Karen
5th Please
volunteer

Memorials continued on page 11



* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

January Greeters:

January 3rd: Jubal & Deann

January 10th: Jake Germundson &
Henry Sorenson

January 17th: Matt & Sara

January 24th: Alan & Debbie

January 31st: Combined Worship

January Ushers: Jason & Andie



January dates to remember:

1/7- Bethlehem Council meeting 7:00

1/17-Pastors are gone with the Shining Light mission trip

1/24- NOTE THIS DATE CHANGE! Annual meeting has been switched to this date as pastors are gone the 17th.

In December we welcomed two new members through Holy Baptism. Cade Schneider, son of Mari and Chris, was baptized December 13th. Sponsors are Adam and McKenzie Jarmin. Also this month, Tim Moore was baptized by Pr. Rory in a private ceremony. Please lift up these newest members in prayer. May we, as a church, fulfill the promise we made to teach them and help them grow to know and love Jesus!

If anyone has information they would like displayed on the church sign, please let Barb Roise know. Thanks!

Reminder that we have purchased an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and it is in a case by the main floor restroom. We will be having training on how to use this device. Also, there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board to determine interest in holding a CPR training class.

Last month we were blessed with a visit from Brandee and Shera (diaconal minister) of Heart River Lutheran church, Mandan. Bethlehem supplied Brandee with an \$800 scholarship to attend BSC last semester. Brandee, 19, shared her story with us; including that she is a recovering addict, her Mom didn't think Brandee would live past 18, she was incarcerated at YCC (the youth correctional center in Mandan). Through Heart River's presence and weekly worship on the campus, Brandee came to realize that there was hope for her and that she was a loved child of God. Brandee never thought college was a possibility for her; and she expressed her deepest gratitude for the support our congregation has shown her. She hopes to work towards a 4 yr degree in addiction counseling. God has a plan for Brandee...



Happy New Year!

Sunday School News

We will kick off the New Year with classes starting again January 10th. No classes January 3rd and 31st. Please think of any service projects or events we could participate in during January or February. Happy New Year!

Barb

WELCA Hi-Lites

We will continue to work on our "Cancer Center" collection of gifts. For January, you will find a list of ideas on the bulletin board. One gal gave an envelope filled with gas stamps, this is one very good idea!

Thank you to everyone who helped serve the coffee hour in honor of Ruth and Terry's marriage. CONGRATULATIONS!! A special thank you to Janice for cutting the cake.

"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." 1st Corinthians 13:13

WELCA will meet the 1st Sunday in February to look at our goals for 2016.

Tuesdays at Ten Bible Study

Tuesday at Ten Bible Study celebrated Christmas with a large group from Centennial Court on Tuesday December 8th. We gathered in the "newly painted" commons area and Nancy lead us with scripture readings as she lit each advent candle; Hope, Love. Peace and Joy. Sande lead the group in singing Christmas carols with faithful Norma on the piano ... We also had coffee and goodies ... Thanks to everyone who participated. Our ministry with the folks at Centennial continues to be both fun and heart warming. They are beautiful people, willing to share their life stories. All are welcome to join us anytime. Our normal gathering time is Tuesdays at Ten at the church, with the second Tuesday at Centennial Court.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm. To give you a future with HOPE..

Jeremiah 29:11

Wishing you a blessed New Year!!

Diana

★ "God's House on the Plains" ★



Faith Lutheran Church

Happy New Years to all my Readers

As your reporter, I want to thank all my ladies for the news when I call or catch them at church. Their response always is "Is it that time already?"

Iva and I also want to thank all our readers throughout the year for reading in church. Greatly appreciated. Thank you to Len for putting up our nativity set this year. That always adds something to the season. (A very important something.) Thanks goes to Barb for helping me decorate the church. Eileen, I'll catch you next year along with us.

January 5 at 2:00 Afternoon Bible Study will meet. Phyllis is the hostess at her home along with a group study.

January 6 at 3:00 Evening Bible Study will meet. Edna is the hostess at her home along with a group study.

January 24 Our congregational annual meeting is set during the regular church service time with a potluck dinner afterwards. Also the council will have a short meeting after the big one.

A flower with it's meaning: Chrysanthemum - cheerfulness & Optimism.

Enjoy the month!

Debbie



In January our Sunday School will meet on the 24th at 9:30. Our Christmas program was a huge success. Thanks to everyone that helped put the program on. The kids done a bang-up job! Thanks also to the helpers in the kitchen to get ready for the potluck dinner afterwards.

Thanks to the City of Palermo for the bags of candy that was handed out after the program. Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed watching the program. It's people like you who make it fun to put a program on. *Monica*

See the kids on January 24th. Happy New Year!

Kathryne

Church Servants for January

Work:

Vicki, Ch
Iva & Della

Altar and Greeters:

Debbie & Monica



Coffee Servers

3rd - Sarah
10th - Iva
17th - Barb
24th - Annual Meeting/potluck
31st - Combined Worship

Readers

3rd - Iva
10th - Phyllis
17th - Eileen
24th - Lori
31st - Combined Worship



Fellowship Meal

Potluck this month!
January 24th
at
Faith Lutheran
January 31st
at
American Lutheran



January 2016

JANITORS for January are Roger and Michelle Harstad.
Thank you!

WELCA – There will be **no** WELCA meetings in January and February. Will meet again in March.

MISSION WORSHIP & BREAKFAST is on Sunday, January 10th, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a potluck brunch and a special *send off* for all of the ones going on the Shining Light Mission Trip to San Marcos, Tx, to rebuild a home damaged in the flood there. They leave on January 14th and return on January 18th. We all wish them well as they go about God's Work with their hands and safe travels.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR KNIFE RIVER CONGREGATION is scheduled for Sunday, January 24th, at 9:00 a.m. following a brief worship service. Coffee and goodies will be served following the meeting. Council meeting at 10 a.m.

COFFEE SERVERS - following our worship services are needed. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the basement of the church and your willingness to serve is much appreciated.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE – Sunday, January 31st, at ALC at 10:30 a.m. This will be special Sunday as the Shining Light Mission participants will be giving a report of their trip to San Marcos, Tx. It will be exciting to hear their stories! Potluck dinner will be served following the service.

THANK YOU – to all who helped decorate the Christmas tree in the church and also to Mike and Shelly Craft for doing the tree in the basement. It all looks so festive.

THANK YOU – to the Sunday School for the message they gave us in their Christmas Program. You are a very special part of our congregation. Also thanks to Christine Wing for all her work in putting the program together and organizing it all. You are all appreciated!

May you all be filled with Peace and Joy in the New Year!

Marie



Thanks to everyone who helped in making the Christmas program so much fun again. Thanks to all the kids for their participation in their performance at the nursing home and at the church. They make it very entertaining!

We will not be having Sunday school the 3rd or 17th of January. Sunday the 10th will be a family service and we will be preparing to leave for our mission trip the following week. We will have Sunday school on the 24th.

Thank you to all who have been so supportive in many different ways as we have planned for this mission trip. With out all of your support we would not be able to make it happen! God bless all of you! Happy New Year!

Christine



San Marcos, Texas
Here we come!

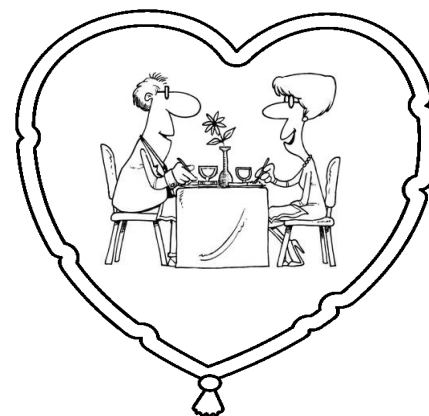
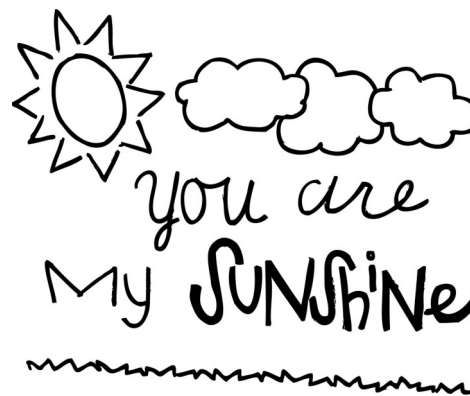
Congratulations to all those celebrating this month!

- 1 - Alex Skarsgard, Michelle Goodall
- 2 - Debbie, Haugen, Gary Evenson, Keri Skaar
- 3 - Julie Roehrich, Chad Rolfe, Terry Ortloff
- 4 - Tim Johnson, Leah Aadnes, Monica Sem
- 5 - Curt Hemstad, Eric Mell, Logan Longmuir, Kolton Longmuir, Jason Roise
- 6 - Bill Evenson, Jason Iverson, Quayde Lee, Melissa Bristol
- 7 - Anna Marie Whitmore, Gavin Fry, Annie Brown, Landon Jones
- 8 - Dana Johnson, Bryan Bohrer, Dusty Reynolds, Dayne Bruhn - Glaholt
- 9 - Kurt Edwards, Mark Halvorson, Nevaeh Cathleen Charnetzki, Evelyn Halvorson
- 10 - Edna Hanson, Rian Smith, Evan Craft, Jared Anderson
- 11 - Chad Peterson, Evolet Lydia Raile, Ginny Anderson
- 12 - Lesley Trulson, Joshua Crowder
- 13 - Amanda Peterson, Myles Evanson Kulstad
- 14 - Lynn Mehus, Riley Iverson
- 15 - Andrew Henning, Greg Bruhn, Velma Enger, Travis Johnson
- 16 - Don Kjoson, Kathy Mork, Mazzie Mills
- 18 - Jace Anderson, Brent Anderson
- 19 - Dawn Nelson, Shelby Grabow, Logan Aadnes, Taya Niemitalo
- 20 - Bill Stevens, Todd Klein, Troy Klein, Kermont Hollekim
- 21 - Gary Johnson, Ray Fox
- 22 - Brianna Nelson, Hayley Dralle, Geraine Johnson
- 24 - Brandon Hauge, Linda Halvorson
- 25 - Dave Hynek, Layton Bruhn, Nickolas Bruhn
- 26 - Jaret Wirtz, Derek N. Dunham, Dan Johnson, Kevin Kvamme
- 27 - Shelly Aadnes, Ashley Abrahamson, Dennis Halvorson, Diane Olson, Barb Jones, Pauline Walker
- 28 - Eugene Hanson, Don Giese, Tanner Johnson, Gary Craft
- 29 - Austin Vachal, Lillian Meiers
- 30 - Zack Essler, Alexander Mell, Marie Stettner
- 31 - Sophie Meckle



January Anniversaries

- 3 - Duc & Renae Thiel
- 16 - Rand & Diane Olson
- 19 - Jerimey & Nikki Bruhn
- 21 - Keith & Taina Karow



Birthday & Anniversary List

If you see errors or note omissions regarding members of your congregation, please let your church reporter or John know.

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