

# THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

February 2016

## A Few February Events

~Wednesday February 3~

4:00-5:00 PM

Mandatory rehearsal for 7th graders for the Lenten Worship

~Wednesday February 10~

5:30 Supper (American Serves)

6:30 Ash Wednesday worship

Following worship: PLP council

~Wednesday Feb 17~

5:30 Supper (Bethlehem Serves)

6:30 Worship 7th-9th graders leading

~Wednesday Feb 24~

5:30 Supper (Faith Serves)

6:30 Worship 7th-9th graders leading

~Monday, February 22~

10:00 AM GIFTS Bible Study

All are welcome!

Mission trip a success!

2016 PLP Calendar  
**Lent Begins**

**Ash Wednesday**  
**From the Bishop**

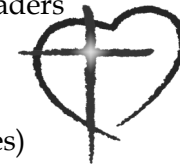
**Annual meetings held**

**Welcome, new council members!**

**Samaritan's Supper**

**Love one another**  
**Happy Valentines' Day!**

**7th-9th graders lead Lent worship**



**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

(701) 628-2550

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## *When The Waters Rise*

Dearest Church,

Thank y'all (Pastor Carolyn picked up a new word in Texas!) for all the support for the Shining Light Mission trip! So many individuals and congregations gave generous financial gifts. So many people were encouraging us, praying for us and cheering us on. We can't say it enough: Thank you!

The trip was awesome, and although we were pretty worn out on our first day back at home, both of us were already missing our fellow travelers. We wish we could have stayed even longer! Speaking from the Pastors' point of view: it was an entirely awesome and meaningful trip, and we're ready to go back! One individual from the group commented, "I don't think there was one person on the trip who wouldn't do it again."

Here's a brief recap, with some pictures we want to share:



On Memorial Day this past year, in a very strange fluke, two storm fronts came together near the San Marcos, Texas area. About 18 inches of rain fell in one night, and drained into the Blanco River and little rivers and creeks in the area. Because there was so much debris washed into the river, it got caught on a bridge, forming a debris dam. The water built up, and finally when the dam broke, a 40 foot wall of water went gush-

ing down an already flooded river. This picture shows a large tree that was uprooted. We were told that 300 and 500 year

old trees were washed away. 12 people lost their lives.

And so we were blessed to be there to be a part of God's healing, just like the rainbow God sent Noah after the flood. On our first day, we helped a man, Mike, who lost almost everything, including his vehicle, his home, and most of his belongings. His house was so ruined that he had to tear it all down and burn it.

*To the Right:  
Remains  
of Mike's  
home.*



We sure had our work cut out for us! Mike had already accomplished a lot on his own, but when we arrived he told us that up to this point he had been working entirely by himself to rebuild his house. We were able to do lots of work there like insulating and sheetrocking, as well as cleaning up some of the remaining debris that was washed into his yard. Parts of our group ended up being at Mike's for 3 out of our four work days. This was a major project, and Mike appreciated it. But what he seemed to appreciate the most was the companionship. Up to this point he had worked alone, now he had a



whole group of people willing to jump in. He relished the opportunity to share his stories and his life with us. Our willingness to join him spoke louder than any amount of work we were able to do.

Our crew was so big that we had to split up. While some worked at Mike's, others were at a total of three other homes. Our kids did a great job as well, helping out *El Buen Pastor*, an Hispanic church consisting of mostly elderly members, and also a food pantry. They learned how to sing "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish and were fascinated to get to know



people and hear their stories. We worshiped together with that Hispanic church on Sunday morning, hearing the Gospel in both English and Spanish. Our kids even provided special music and got to show off their new language abilities.

Some of our kids also got to meet Mike. They really wanted to hear his story about the night of the flood. They were especially transfixed by the story of how Mike risked his life to save his neighbor's two dogs that were chained up. Here is Mike visiting with the kids, complete with the walking sticks he made for them out of cedar from his yard.



Again, thank you all so much for supporting this great trip. We are blessed to be a blessing!

*-Pastors Carolyn & Rory Philstrom*

## 2016 Prairie Lutheran Parish Calendar

**Annual meetings of the congregations: January 24th**

### **Joint Worship Services:**

January 31 – Shining Light Sunday

May 29 – GIFTS Sunday

July 31 – Youth Sunday

September 11 – Rally Sunday

**Lenten Schedule:** 5:30 supper and 6:30 service

*Date: Who serves:*

February 10 (Ash Wednesday).....American

February 17..... Bethlehem

February 24.....Faith

March 2.....Knife River

March 9.....American

March 16.....Rural Churches

March 24 – (Maundy Thursday)..... Parish (led by Pastor Rory)

March 25 – Good Friday..... No Meal

### **First Communion Classes, Wednesdays after school (5<sup>th</sup> graders)**

March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23

### **Easter: March 27**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service at ALC, In addition to regular worship times at each congregation

### **Confirmation Camp at Metigoshe:**

July 17-22

### **Bible Classes, Thursdays after school (3<sup>rd</sup> graders)**

September 1, 8, 15, 22

### **Bible Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> graders)**

September 25

### **Confirmation Sunday**

October 30, at home congregations

### **Christmas Eve services: Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM American

5:00 PM Knife River



## Parish Creates

### Youth Leader Position



This year, Prairie Lutheran Parish has a new line item in the budget: Parish Youth Leader. We are looking for an individual to help us reach out to teenagers and children in our community. The current funding is for a very part-time position of 5 hours/week. This person will spend most of their time coordinating the two youth ministries (the senior youth group and junior youth group)

which includes leading Bible studies, organizing and leading special events and trips, building relationships with teens through small groups and individual contacts, writing newsletter articles, and performing other youth-related tasks. This person must be able to participate in some late afternoon and evening activities. They should have a strong interest in working with teenagers, be able to lead groups, have good communication skills, and able to work within a team setting.



### Shining Light Mission Trip

All 31 one of were able to make it on the trip, and we had a great time! It was such a good feeling to have the support of the whole parish. We really enjoyed the opportunity to be together, work hard for someone who needed a helping hand, and have a little fun!



## February Youth News

It is hard to believe that Lent is already here! That means it is time again to help lead our Lenten worship services.

### **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

### February Sunday Worship Leadership

**ALC:** Noah Rolfe, Maura Mills (acolytes)

Lane G, 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!



## February Gospel Seeds

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office

### *Making the God Connection...*



*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

Is Sunday morning (or whatever day of the week you worship) connected to the rest of the minutes, hours and days of your week? Worship can either be an event to attend or a way of living. If it is an event to attend – then it is confined to one hour, to one place (whatever building you gather in), on the other hand if it is a way of life then we seek to live immersed in our baptism, being Christ's presence wherever we are and with whomever we encounter. Let me be honest, it is nearly impossible to always be Christ's presence – we are sinners after all. But I do want to argue that faith in Christ was never meant to be a weekly event; instead we are invited to live a daily God-shaped faith journey.

So, what does it look like to be involved in a living faith journey? It might look like wondering where God is at work in your family, neighborhood, workplace, school or congregation? It might look like taking stock of how you are spending your time – in what ways are you using your God-given gifts to love and care for your neighbor? It could mean thinking about your daily work, whatever that is whether you are paid for it or not and deeply ponder how might God be using you during those hours or how might God use you?

A daily faith journey is connected to God's Word. It can be as easy as reading a chapter a day from the Bible and pondering what God is saying through God's Word. It might be followed by a time of prayer lifting up to God your joys and sorrows, your fears and questions. I keep a sheet of paper in my Bible to keep a running prayer list – a way to remind myself of the people and things I need to be praying about.

A daily faith journey is best walked with others. Who might you be able to trust to talk with about deep issues of faith? Might you be the one to start a Bible Study/Faith Talk group in your congregation, neighborhood or place of work?

You are a baptized child of God, you are called to walk daily, dripping wet, remember those waters and that you have been claimed as God's very own child. You have been claimed, not just in your hour of worship but all of you – every bit of you – and every moment of your life.

### **Synod Assembly...**

June 10 & 11, Ramkota Inn Bismarck. Mission Gala June 9<sup>th</sup>!

### **How then shall I live???**

We are called to a living, daring faith – which daily seeks to do God's will. But how do you do that? Or have you ever asked the question, "But what gifts do I have to share?" This year's assembly will feature a number of people, ordinary people discerning what it means to be faithful in daily life. We believe God has gifted us with an abundance of Time, Talents and Treasures. The question we are left with is how, through those blessings might we bless others.

Come listen to presenters help us engage questions of life and faith. Plan to attend now and bring as many people from your congregation as you would like.

### **Special Guest...**

Each year a representative from our churchwide office is present with us. This year we are blessed to have Rev. Dan Rift the Director of ELCA World Hunger. During this year's assembly Dan will share stories of people living their faith while working to end hunger.

### **Lenten Invitation...**

Once again you are invited to get involved with the "Sweet Deal for CAR". Tubes of M&M's are available at the synod office. Invite members of your congregation to take the tubes, enjoy the candy and then fill them with quarters. Each year this effort raises over \$35,000 to help our companion synod Central African Republic engage in Christ centered ministry. This money supports schools, medical facilities and scholarships.

### **Year End...**

The fiscal year for your synod concluded January 31<sup>st</sup>. We want to thank each of you for your financial gifts (Mission Support) which allows synod staff to be in congregations preaching and teaching; helping raise up new pastors, working Call Processes and much more. That money also helps support Lutheran Campus Ministry locations including (Minot State, UND and NDSU), feed the hungry through World Hunger, send Missionaries around the world and much more. Thanks for your faith financial support.

God Bless - Bishop Mark Narum



# FEBRUARY



## Parish News



### Parish - Recent Baptisms

January 10th

American Lutheran Member

**Bayla Marie Skarsgard**

daughter of

Weston & Lauren

Godparents

Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard

Adam & Stacy Worrell

January 24th

American Lutheran Member

**Laynee Rae Littlecreek**

daughter of

George & Amy

Godparents

Todd & Katelynn Weisenberger

Greta Pennington

Luke Janikowski

### Together 4 Prayer

Will meet Thursday, February 4th

9:30 at Thompson's

All are welcome.



## GIFTS

Growing In Faith To Serve



FIG  
TREE

We will meet on  
Monday, February  
22nd at 10:00 - Our  
focus will be on Luke  
13:1-9 "A man had a

fig tree planted in his vineyard...."  
All are welcome to bring your Bible  
and join us for this time of fellow-  
ship and learning.

### Congregational Annual Reports

If you were unable to pick up your  
annual report, we have extra copies in  
the church office.



Psalm 122:1

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

### Parish - Recent Funerals

January 5 - American Lutheran

**Daniel "Denny" Farhart**

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

Remember to check out our Website and Facebook page for new pic-  
tures and events happening in the parish.

<http://prairielutheranparish.org/>

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



John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I  
have loved you, that you also love one another.35" By this all men will know that you  
are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

### Mountrail County Food Pantry

Our food pantry served 60 families, with 199 people....86 of those  
children, 11 seniors.

We gave out 6176 pounds of food, and that does not count the turkeys  
that we offered our clients.

(Cashwise was wonderful to work with, and made up coupons that we  
could give out. When a client turned one of those in, they were given  
a 10 to 13 pound turkey. We gave our 40 of those in November for  
Thanksgiving, and I don't have a tally yet for December...but Cash-  
wise will let us know in the days ahead.)

They have taken very good care of us....giving us bakery donations  
every week to hand out, delivering of our needed foods, so that we  
don't have to figure out how to get all of that food here in the working  
day, and being so willing to make up the coupons. It is so nice to have  
a store that supports the local food pantry so well.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the food pantry, especially  
unload the delivery truck, please contact Mary at 628-2925.

### Newly elected Church Officers ( as of Jan. 25, 2016)

#### Faith

President: Barb Jones

Vice President: Len Jones

Secretary: Debbie Haugen

Treasurer: Carol Johnson

Council: Debbie Haugen

Council: Wayne Enger

Council: Len Jones

Council: Walt Dunham

#### Bethlehem

President: Barb Roise

Vice President: Wayne Evans

Secretary: Kim Sorenson

Treasurer: Jason Roise

Council: Trustee: Wayne Evans

Council: Trustee: Allan Lund

Council: Deacons: Jamie Germundson

Council: Deacon: Debbie Lund

Council: Diana Evans (WELCA)

#### Knife River

President: Jim Enge

Vice President: Marshall Hermanson

Secretary: Jana Enger

Treasurer: Julie Roerich

Council: John Anderson

Council: Brent Anderson

Council Youth Member: Caityln Enger

Council Youth Member: Jared Anderson

#### American

New Council Members

Dawn Evenson

Shelly Grabow

Kay Nordloef

One open position

Voting on officers on

1/27/16

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



# FEBRUARY 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
	1 ALC 10:00 Quilting	2 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Centennial Court Bible Study	3 3:45 ALC Church School 4:00 7-9th grade mandato- ry Lent rehearsal at ALC	4 9:30 Together-4-Prayer at Thompsons 7:00 PM Bethlehem Council	5 Pastor's Sabbath	6
7 Sunday Worship! ALC Contemporary Wor- ship Knife River Sun School 10:00 Beth Sunday School 10:00 Bethlehem WELCA	8 ALC 10:00 Quilting 3:00 Faith Evening Bible Study	9 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study Samaritan's Kitchen Meal	10 3:45 ALC Church School 5:30 Lent Supper (American) 6:30 Ash Wed Service PLP Council after church	11	12 Pastor's Sabbath  8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	13
14 Sunday Worship! 9:00 Knife River Mission Breakfast 10:00 Beth Sunday School	15 Presidents Day ALC 10:00 Quilting  Meal Delivery-ALC Serving Group	16 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	17 3:45 ALC Church School 5:30 Lent Supper (Bethlehem) 6:30 Lent Service	18	19 Pastor's Sabbath  Noon - Scroll deadline	20
21 Sunday Worship! 10:00 Beth Sunday School	22 ALC 10:00 Quilting 10:00 GIFTS at ALC	23 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	24 3:45 ALC Church School 5:30 Lent Supper (Faith) 6:30 Lent Service	25 1:00 Scroll assembly by Faith Lutheran	26 Pastor's Sabbath  8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel	27
28 Sunday Worship! Bethlehem, Faith, Knife River Sunday School Blue Serving Group meets at ALC	29 ALC 10:00 Quilting				<u>Regular Weekly Activities</u> 10:00 A.M. AlAnon 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.



## Samaritan's Kitchen

Are you interested in helping serve those in need? The Samaritan's Kitchen has been started in Stanley to help those in our community in need. The local churches are taking turns to serve a warm meal to people in our community on Tuesdays at the Golden Age Club from 5:30 to 6:30. Please spread the word and invite anyone that you feel would benefit from this meal. Prairie Lutheran Parish is set to make and serve the meal on February 9th. If you are interested in helping with this service, please contact Sarah Sorenson (629-1206) or Stacey Barstad (628-1252) *Reprinted from Prairie Lutheran Parish Facebook post 1/14/15.*

## AMERICAN LUTHERAN WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

### Schedule

January 13  
January 20  
January 27  
February 3  
February 10  
February 17  
February 24  
March 2  
March 9  
March 16  
March 23  
March 30  
April 6  
April 13  
April 20  
April 27

*Notes:*  
All children 4 years old to 6th grade are welcome!

*Notes:*  
ALWS will begin at 3:35 and end at 4:45. Please pick-up kids on time.

*Notes:*  
401 1st St SW,  
Stanley, ND 58784  
(701) 628-2550



**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 Blue Serving Group will meet Sunday, February 28 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

\* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

**Blue Group**  
Serves in March

Kermit & Susan Arneson  
Jason & Stacey Barstad \*  
Jason & Danielle DuPay  
Matthew & Kim DuPay  
Irvin & Karen Eliason  
Neil & Laurie Faber  
Don & Carrie Giese  
Renee Grinolds  
Deanna Haugen  
Curt & Grace Johnson  
Dave Johnson  
Lacey Johnson  
Valborg Johnson  
Denny Kesterson  
Ronnie LaFromboise  
Jerome & Pat Lautenschlager  
Jessica LeRohl  
George & Amy Littlecreek  
Jennifer & Brian Manson  
Curt & Summer Meyer  
Gary & Kathy Mork  
Elmer & Carol Nelson  
Steve Nelson  
Landon & Kara Nichols  
Dennis & Brenda Nielsen  
Ben Nordloef  
Chris & Whitney Nordloef  
Gary & Kay Nordloef  
Rand & Diane Olson  
Andrew & Randi Petras  
Michael & Abby Reep  
Brad & Barb Reese  
Eric & Donna Simpson  
Duc & Renae Thiel  
Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger\*  
Bill & Anna Marie Whitmore,  
Jennifer Whitmore

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

September 2016  
Blue Serving Group

Power Point  
Projectionists  
Katie/Sarah 1st  
Kelly/Dawn 2nd  
Gary/Kaye 3rd  
Jeff/Karen 4th  
Volunteers 5th



**Love.**

February  
Communion  
Assistants

Not available  
at printing. See  
bulletin board.



**Serve.**





*Bethlehem Lutheran Church*  
*"We are good soil."*

### **February Coffee/Greeters:**

*February 7th:* Gary & Vicki

*February 14th:* Jack & Molly

*February 21st:* Colin & Susan

*February 28th:* Crystal Laparra

### **February Ushers:** Dustin & Barb

February 14th			Bell		Communion		
Greeters	Coffee	Offering	Ringers	Readings	Music	Usher	Acolyte
Jozey Jessy	Jack Molly	Jake Halle	Brooke Henry KyAnn	Lindsey Katy Jonathan	Annie	Owen	Alexis Taya

### Bethlehem February News

Sunday School Serves the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in February ~

Greeters: Jozey and Jessy; Bell Ringers: Brooke, Henry, and KyAnn; Music: Annie; Coffee: Jack and Molly; Offering: Jake and Halle; Communion Usher: Owen; Acolyte: Taya and Alexis; Readings: Lindsey, Katy, and Jonathan.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board looking for interest in holding a CPR training class at our church. Please sign up if interested. No specific details yet. We will be having some training on how to use the new AED as well.

*Barbara*

### WELCA HI-LITES

Ross Lutheran Ladies will meet after worship on the 1st Sunday in February ... Please be ready to make some goals for 2016 ... Bring your ideas and wishes to the meeting ...

Thank you to every one who helped serve and clean up for the supper after the SS program ...

Thank you to the kids, teachers, and parents for your working together in bringing us the Christmas Message!

Rumor has it a talented gal named Susan wrote the program ... Thank You Susan Vachal ... "Bethlehem's Got Talent" indeed ...



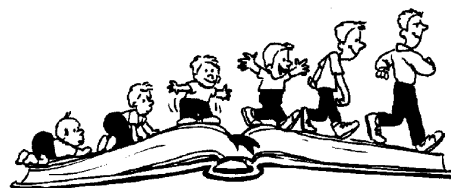
Lent worship is coming up real soon ... Bethlehem is scheduled for our turn to serve supper on February 17th.

Please be thinking about what we should serve ...

I invite you to read "The Temptation Of Jesus" found in Luke 4:1-12 ... This passage is used for the 1st Sunday in Lent which is also Valentines Day ... Also refer to your "Christ In Our Home" devotional for that day and "Choose Love" ... Thanks be to God! Happy Valentines Day!

*Diana*

### Sunday School News

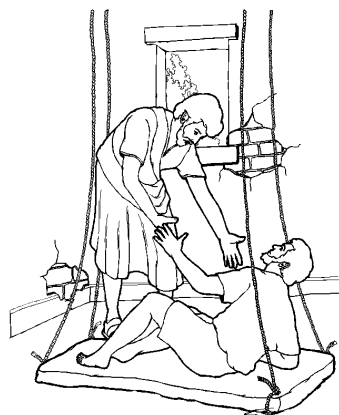


Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Sunday School will meet every Sunday in February at 10:00 We will be doing 2 more lessons on the unit "four friends" from Luke 5:17-26. We have an art and cooking lesson planned. Following this, we will start a unit on lent. We hope to do our "Fat Tuesday" pre-lent sleepover again (this would probably fall on February 6). We will keep you updated on facebook!

*Breann*



Luke 5:18-19

<sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

★ "God's House on the Plains" ★



## Faith Lutheran Church

Be Mine!



February 8th - Evening Bible Study will meet on February 8th at 3:00. Vicky is the hostess along with a group study.

There will be no Afternoon Bible Study in February.

February 9th - Prairie Lutheran Parish is doing the Samaritan's Kitchen meal on the 9th at the Golden Age Club from 5:30-6:30. If interested in helping with the meal, call Sarah Sorenson 629-1206 or Stacey Barstad at 628-1252.

February 10th - With Lent just around the corner our Ash Wednesday kicks off with a 5:30 supper and services at 6:30 at American Lutheran.

February 10th - The Prairie Lutheran Parish Council meets after the Ash Wednesday Service.

February 24th - Faith will serve the Lent Supper on the 24th.

February 25th - It is Faith's turn to put the Scroll together. Volunteers are needed, call Barb if you can help.

March 6th - WELCA will meet on March 6th with a potluck after the worship service and the meeting to follow.

Flower with it's meaning: Cockscomb = Humor

Don't forget to say your prayers before you go to sleep!

Happy Valentines Day  
to all my readers

Debbie



# FEBRUARY



In February our Sunday School will meet on the 28th at 9:30 with stories of Jesus leading up to Easter.

Happy Valentines Day!

Kathryne

## Church Servants for February

### Work:

Joyce H., Ch  
Lori H.

### Altar and Greeters:

Eileen J. & Janice K.

### Coffee Servers

7th - Phyllis  
14th - Darlene B.  
21st - Yet to be determined  
28th - Yet to be determined

### Readers

7th - Darlene B.  
14th - Gabby R.  
21st - Jennifer or Tanner  
28th - Debbie



Children are an important part of our church families. And raising children in the faith is a promise we as communities of faith are called to take seriously. Recognizing this, the ELCA has added a new program position in Children and Family Ministry. Take a moment to meet the new Program Director for ELCA Ministry with Children and see her as a resource for you in your local ministries: I'm Janelle Rozek Hooper, the new program director for ELCA Ministry with Children. My role is to advocate for children's ministry and support leaders working in children's ministry. This part-time gig "rounds out" the churchwide staff working on First Third of Life Faith Formation. I work in partnership with ELCA Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Youth Gathering and Campus Ministry staff. Together we strive to support ELCA ministries in congregations, on campuses and in synods throughout the ELCA. Read more at: <http://elca.org/>



February 2016

JANITORS for 2016 need. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the church for the year so you can select the month you prefer. Thank you!

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

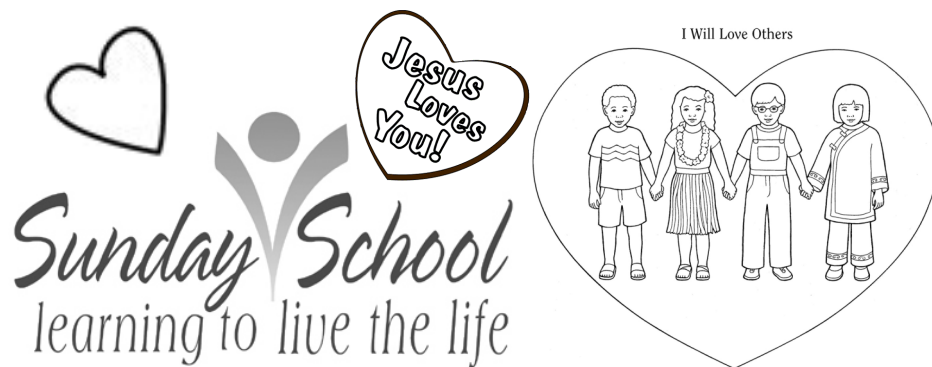
MISSION WORSHIP & BREAKFAST is on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a potluck breakfast. Start your Valentines Day out by coming to breakfast and worship.

Council Meeting - there will be no Council meeting in Feb.

LENTEN WORSHIP - is beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10th at ALC. Knife River will serve supper on March 2nd.

MISSION TRIP TO SAN MARCOS, TEXAS – was a great success and those attending will share their experience at the JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE at ALC on Sunday, January 31st at 10:30 a.m. This will be a chance for everyone to see and hear their stories.

Marie



The month of February is focused on Love so we will be learning about the originator of love, God!

We want to thank all of you who supported us on the mission trip to Texas. It was an amazing experience that none of us will forget. Thank you for sharing God's love with us by supporting us and by helping us share his love with those in Texas. I truly feel we were all able to let his light shine!

We will be having Sunday school on the 7th and 28th with a Family service will be held on the 14th. Have a Happy Valentine's Day and God's peace and love to all of you!

Christine

Matthew 22: <sup>6</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

*“Whether you are looking for a family retreat, weekend get-away or solitude of an individual spiritual retreat, come and spend a few days at the Christian Center.”* Metigoshe Ministries has provided Prairie Lutheran Parish with discount coupons for stays at the Christian Center. The coupons are for 50% off Sunday - Thursday stays and 33% off for Friday - Saturday. These are based on room availability. If you would like to see the rooms that are available, check them out at <http://metigosheministries.com/>.





***Congratulations to all those celebrating this month!***

- 1 – Blaine Hamers, Gail Raasakka
- 2 - Kale Enget, Lori Hanson, Kevin Halvorson, Brad Anderson, Mari Jarmin, Scott Evans,
- 3 - Scott Johnson, Teague Nelson, Scott Rudolph, Julie Roehrich
- 4 - Darcy Buerkle, Jason Zuchara, Jessica Lerohl, Brian Hamers, Alexius Bruhn
- 5 - Kolten & Logan Longmuir
- 6 - Adam Jarmin, Clarence Kvamme
- 7 - Brock Borud, Heather Mills
- 8 – Shea Aas, Dan Harwood, Zeke Wienbar, Dusty Reynolds
- 9 - Miranda Colbenson, Bill Sem, Jodi Anderson Zimmerman
- 10 - Karrie Halvorson, Amy Steiner, Dan Meiers, Evan Dale Craft, Jared Anderson
- 12 - Kenny Bykonen, Kinley McDonald, John Mogren
- 13 - Sandy Dennis, Aidan Olson
- 14 - Brady Rodenhizer, Dennis Nielsen, Courtney Smith, Scott Nelson, Lowell Vedaa, Taylor Smith, David Lee Garaas
- 15 - Tammi Colbenson, Pat Jensen, Bev Neset, Eric Abrahamson, Lynne Mraz, Emery Meiers
- 16 – Mattiea Oldham, Walt Dunham
- 17 - Jennifer Nelson, Chase Enget, Stan Wright
- 18 - Ryan Nelson, Cooper Sem, Jace Carl Anderson, Brent Anderson,
- 19 - Renee Grinolds, Noma Rian, Iva Fox, Kianna Bruhn
- 20 - Adam Johnson, Mackenzie Johnson, Keenan Henning, Lindsey Henning, Gary Mork, Jr., Brylee Oldham, Lance Ostdahl
- 21 - Brad Borud
- 22 - Renae Gjellstad, Jim Trana, Brent Rodenhizer, Tina Lynnes, Asher Nichols
- 23 - Brent Borud, Annie Barnhart
- 24 - Barry Summers, Mazi Koester, Caylie Dunham
- 25 - Kari Grinolds, Ardyce Alvstad
- 26 - Alyssa Anne Nielsen, Dan Johnson
- 27 - Mark Morgan, Macy Nesheim, Marlys Juma
- 28 – Axel Sandeen, Susan Vachal, Tanner Johnson, Gary Craft
- 29 - Kaitlynn Lindberg, Virginia Noble, Lillian Meiers

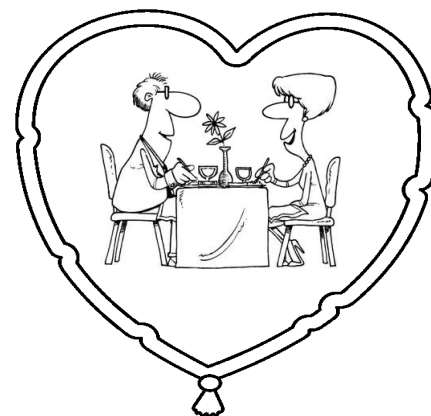


### **February Anniversaries**

- 1 - Bertha & Chester Telles
- 6 - Donna & Eric Simpson
- 11 - Tammi & David Colbenson
- 14 - Diane & Randal Ostdahl
- 15 - Mike & Clarissa Parmeter
- 20 - Cheryl & Jim Evensvold



# Happy Anniversary



### **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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