

THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

March 2016

A Few March Events

5th grade first communion classes:

After school—5:00 PM at ALC

Wednesdays March 2, 9, 16, 23

Lent Worship Wednesdays at

ALC: 5:30 meal, 6:30 worship

Wednesday March 2

Wednesday March 9

Wednesday March 16

Maundy Thursday March 24

6:00 PM meal and service

Good Friday March 25

6:30 service only, no meal

Sunday March 27 Happy Easter!

7:00AM Sunrise service ALC

Plus regular worship times



A Lively 2016
The Place of Fear
First communion classes
Holy Week
Planning for ministry
From the Bishop

Food Pantry Need Keeps Rising
ALWS Kids are Singing with Palms
Bethlehem Council Matches CAR Donations
Sympathy for the Johnson Family

KR Works to Give a "Fresh Start"
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

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What's Going on?

How is it March already?! It is hard to believe that we are about to enter into the third month of 2016. Already, 2016 has been a very lively, exciting, and fast-paced time for our parish, and it sort of seems to me like I'm zooming from one thing to the next. And yet, Lent is supposed to be a time of reflection and drawing closer to God. But realistically, Lent is a busy time of year for most churches, and most certainly for ours. We have an extra worship service in the week on Wednesdays, and soon our first communion classes will begin for 5th graders. A lot of my time lately has gone towards planning for Lent activities, while keeping up with the regular pace of ministry. Even as we are immersed in the busy schedule of Lent, I am trying to reflect where we are as a Parish and what new things we are focusing on together. Here are a few things that come to mind:

Music Selection

Recently, both American and Bethlehem have decided to form groups to choose which hymns they will sing in regular Sunday worship. I think this is great! Anytime we get members involved in the life of the church, that is wonderful. Music is a very meaningful part of our connection to God and our spirituality, so I encourage you to participate in these groups, or start a group like this at your congregation so that worship on Sunday morning reflects hymns that are close to your heart.

Youth Ministry position

At the annual meetings of all the congregations, a new line item in the budget was passed to fund a stipend for a very part-time youth minister worker. Thank you for deciding to fund this position! Stay tuned for details!

ALC trying potluck-style worship

At their January council meeting, American Lutheran was pondering their goals for the year for the congregation. One of the things we decided to try was a combined meal and worship once during February. The intent is to try a new model of worship, and this will be similar in format to our Maundy Thursday worship, and to the Mission Breakfasts Knife River has been having. I am excited and impressed that the council decided to try something so new and different, and am excited to see where this idea goes!

Samaritan's Supper

In 2016, the area churches got together to try and respond to an increasing need we saw in our community. We knew the Mountrail Community Food Pantry was seeing a huge increase in need and hunger right here in our own community. A group of dedicated and good leaders decided to try serving a free supper each Tuesday at the Golden Age Club from 5:30 -6:30. There have been just a few people attending each week, so the conversation is moving towards trying to re-think Samaritan's Supper as a free community meal open to all, rather than a typical "soup kitchen" model. I'm excited to see where conversation and the Spirit's guidance leads our community on this important ministry opportunity.

Holy Week

Remember, Holy Week is coming up! We're hoping for a higher attendance this year, especially hoping for more young people and families with the different school schedule this year. Maundy Thursday will be a combined meal and worship at 6:00 PM, with 5th graders receiving first communion. Good Friday will be worship only, no meal, with worship being at 6:30 PM.

-Pastor Carolyn Philstrom

The Place of Fear

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus starts out ministering in Galilee. And at one point, about halfway through the Gospel, he turns his face towards Jerusalem and doesn't turn back. He marches straight to it. Jesus heals a blind man, then continues on the way towards Jerusalem. He casts out some demons, then continues on the way towards Jerusalem. Jesus preaches a sermon and tells some parables, then continues on the way towards Jerusalem. He's always headed towards Jerusalem.

At one point some Pharisees come to him and say "Jesus, you better get out of here." The Pharisees tell him the Jerusalem is dangerous because King Herod wants to kill him, and that he shouldn't go there. But Jesus answers, "I'm healing people and throwing out demons, and you say this Herod is gonna kill me? That I shouldn't go to Jerusalem? Well, I better get going then. I better get to Jerusalem because that's where I've got to go. There's danger in Jerusalem? Then today, tomorrow, and the next day I'll be traveling, because I better hurry up and get there. That's where I'm supposed to be."



Jesus doesn't heed the signs. The Pharisees tell him "Danger!" "Keep out!" and Jesus tells them get out of my way because that's precisely where he's going, and nothing is going to stop him.

Where well-meaning people try to keep God out, Jesus goes straight for it. People say, "You best not go here, God."

Jesus says, "My work here's not finished yet. I've got demons to cast out, I've got sicknesses to cure. And after that my work will be finished. I'm sorry, you said there's danger there? Then that's precisely where I need to go."

Have you ever noticed how *we* do this with God? Have you ever noticed how *we* are the well-meaning Pharisees trying to keep Jesus out of the danger spots? How when we have this great big hurt in our lives we try to box it up and keep God out of it.

Maybe it's a demon. Maybe it's the demon of addiction, or

drug use, or mental illness, or the common but vicious demon of self-defeat, and you've been hiding in the shadows. Jesus with a bright light means to cut straight to where the danger is. It might not happen all at once, it might take a little while, but Jesus means to do it. Today, Tomorrow and the Next day Jesus will be on the way to where you hurt most.

Maybe it's a sickness. Maybe you've got a bodily sickness: diabetes, cancer, obesity, heart trouble; maybe you've got a soul sickness: grief, stress, despair. Are you feeling immobilized by mortality? Are you fearful? Are you defeated? Sickness has a way of making us feel dead before we are dead. And this is part of what Jesus is about when he's out performing cures. He's bringing the gifts and the promises of eternal life to people here and now. He's bringing people the strength to live life today. He's bringing people the hope and the encouragement to enjoy this creation, so that we can sing with the Psalmist, "Surely I shall see the goodness of the Lord *in the land of the living.*"

There are times when life seems overwhelming and we try to crawl into our caves and shut ourselves off from the world. We bottle up our emotions and put warning signs out, so people learn not to go there anymore. And we do that with God too. We might lose our faith. We might stop going to church. We might stop praying. We tell God, "No you can't come here. You best be on your way. Get away from here God."

What does God do with those warnings? God ignores them. What does God do with those threats? God embraces them. Because where you are sick, God means to bring a cure. Because where you are dead, God means to bring you life. It might not happen all at once, it might take a little while, but Jesus means to break through to you. Today, Tomorrow, and the Next day Jesus will be on the way to where you hurt most.

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-Pastor Rory Philstrom

Parish Searching for Youth Leader

Prairie Lutheran Parish is 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.



5th Grade First Communion Class

First communion classes will be at American Lutheran Wednesdays after school until 5:00 PM on:

Wednesday March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Your first communion will be on Maundy Thursday, please arrive early at 5:30 for our 6:00 PM meal and service.

7th-9th graders

Thank you 7th-9th graders for helping lead our Lent worship services! Remember:
Wednesdays March 2, 9, and 16:

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

Confirmation students, if you are in town this year, please plan to attend Holy Week services at American Lutheran Church with your family.



The 30 Hour Famine is coming! Stay tuned!

American Lutheran Wednesday School Newsletter

March 2016

What Have We Been doing?

In February, ALWS spread our joy to the residents of our nursing home! We made Valentine's Day cards and on February 10th we delivered them to the residents. We sang "This Little Light of Mine" and "The B-I-B-L-E." On February 28th, we sang those sang songs at our church service! This month we spent time learning the Lord's Prayer and about the wise man who built his house upon the rock. We here the Bible story 4 times along with doing different activities. We continue to have about 30 kids coming to ALWS on a weekly basis. Feel free to invite a friend to come along!

Important Dates in March:

- **A L W S every Wednesday at 3:30-4:45!**
- **March 19th - We will be going sledding on this day... If we have snow! Notes will go home with a plan closer to this date.**
- **ALWS will sing in church on Palm Sunday, March 20th. Church starts at 10:30!**



"Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
Mark 11:9

March Sunday Worship Leadership
ALC: Acolytes: *none signed up* | Communion: Trapper

Knife River: Ty Fladeland

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



March Gospel Seeds

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office

The Daily Walk...



Bishop Mark Narum

Part of what I know from traveling across this synod is we have faithful, generous people. I also know many are looking for ways to connect their faith in Christ with their daily lives. I recently had a simple revelation.

It was Sunday morning worship at Metigoshe Lutheran, Pastor Carol announced a sign-up sheet was being passed for those who would be willing from time to time to cook a meal.

The meals would be taken to people who were sick, just had baby, had a loved one died or a whole host of other reasons. The congregation calls it “Just for the Love of It” and has been carrying out the ministry for a while, the sign-up sheet was a way to update their list of willing cooks. The list is kept by the Evangelism Coordinator so that whenever a need is noticed the list of self-identified willing cooks is consulted.

As I think about this, I wonder in what other ways such a simple process could be used in a congregation. What about keeping a list of people willing to help others with simple home repairs, especially elders who live in their own homes but have no family nearby to call on.

I am awe struck by the simplicity of this project which allows people to as Jesus called us to do, love our neighbor. It is a way for the church, the gathering of God’s people, to connect need with resource.

Rural Plunge...

Churches of our synod once again hosted seminary students for the Rural Plunge during January. There were three students from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa and one student from Gettysburg Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. They spent their time with people, learning about rural ministry and the connection between life and faith.

The students wrapped up their time impressed by the way people cared for one another and spoke deeply of their faith and by the vibrant community life they witnessed.

Resolutions – A Conversation Piece...

If there is a topic you would like discussed and acted upon at synod

assembly, now is the time to submit the resolution. The deadline is March 31st. Rev. Lisa Ahlness is available to help with questions.

Tilling the Soil...

We want to spark your imagination! What creative, new ministries is God calling us to engage? That is a big question but to engage it takes a first step. We will take that step on Saturday, April 9th from 9:30AM to 3:00PM in an event call ***Tilling the Soil***. We will welcome Rev. Ruben Duran the director of New Starts within the ELCA and Rev. Keith Zeh who serves as Director of Evangelical Mission for the NW Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota.

Together we will talk about how the larger church can help identify, explore and possibly launch new ministries. Often this does not mean building a new building – instead it means letting your imagination flow freely.

We invite you to grab a couple of people from your congregation to come learn more and see what kind of creativity might begin to well up.

Synod Council Actions...

Your synod council, a group of elected lay and rostered leaders gathered February 5th and 6th at Zion in Minot. Here are a few of the actions:

- Heard that Mission Support congregations shared with the synod increased by about \$4,000 compared to the previous year and took action to disperse additional funds to Mission Partners including ELCA Churchwide, Campus Ministry and Luther Seminary.

- Approved a revision of the 2016 Budget and set a budget for 2017 which will move on to synod assembly for discussion and action.

- Approved the 2017 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Leaders in the synod which include a 2.5% increase – action on this proposal now goes to June’s synod assembly.

- Approved passing on to June’s synod assembly a change in a bylaw which would remove term limits for the Office of Bishop.

- Heard from Minot State Lutheran Campus ministry that a \$100,000 grant has been received from the Lilly Foundation to engage students in vocational discernment.

- Appointed a task force to help create a Comprehensive Mission Support Strategy in the synod aimed at creating sustainability for the synod’s ministry.

If you would like to know more about any of these give me a call, I would be glad to chat.



Prairie Lutheran Parish



Parish - Recent Funerals

January 29th-Bethlehem Lutheran
Timothy Moore

February 11th - Faith Lutheran
Florence (Bruhn) Johnson

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

Together 4 Prayer

Will meet Thursday, March 3rd
9:30 at Thompson's
All are welcome.

Congregational Annual Reports

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



Our Congregational Leaders

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

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)

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

American

President: Jeremy Carkuff
Vice President: Stacey Barstad
Secretary: Sarah Sorenson
Treasurer: Marichel Mariscal
Council: Dawn Evenson
Council: Shelby Grabow
Council: Kay Nordloef
Council: Dave Nesheim
Council: Dave Colbenson
Council: Mark Erickson
Council: Nellie Larson
Council: Dan Harwood
Council: Marilyn Evenson
Council: Vacant

Mountrail County Food Pantry

Our numbers continue to rise at the food pantry, and we are hearing more stories about people just trying to hang on until the oil comes back up, because they don't want to leave. They like Stanley. We are very thankful for the support of this community, for helping us to keep food on our shelves, and for showing up on the delivery days to help us unload and put away. If you would like to volunteer to help at the food pantry, (or unload the truck) please contact Mary at 628-2925.

Prairie Lutheran Parish Lenten Evening Offerings

The Prairie Lutheran Parish council has designated the cash from the Lenten offerings to be divided between the Mountrail County Food Pantry and Tri-City Cares, to be applied toward the purchase of a new van. If you use your home church offering envelopes on Wednesdays, those offerings will be given to the appropriate congregation.

2016

Church Council Minutes

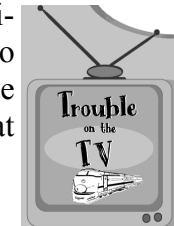
Please send a copy of your Church Council meeting minutes to the Parish Admin following the monthly (or quarterly) meetings. This can be sent by email or bring them in and I'll make a copy at the church office. Thanks.

John

Experiencing Technical Difficulty

We apologize to our homebound members who look forward to the Sunday morning worship broadcast. We are experiencing technical difficulties and attempting to isolate the problem so we can resume broadcasting at 1:00 on Sundays.

Stay tuned for more!



Lent Worship

Join us Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Dinner at 5:30. Worship at 6:30.

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday Dinner/Church - 6:00. Pastor Rory will again lead the cooking. If you can help prepare the meal please come starting at 2:00.

Good Friday worship is at 6:30. There will be no meal on Good Friday.



There will be a Shining Light Mission Trip presentation on Thursday March 3, 11:00 AM, in the Bethel Home lobby. If you missed the presentation at our combined worship service, here is an opportunity to hear the stories of their time together in Texas.

Growing in Faith To Serve

In the GIFTS group we are having a monthly Bible Study. The next one is March 7th at 10:00. All are welcome to join us.

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



MARCH 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 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Centennial Court Bible Study 2:00 Faith Aft Bible Study 3:00 Faith EveBible Study Pastor Carolyn-Metigoshe	2 3:45 ALC Church School 3:45 1st Communion class 5:30 Lent Supper (K.R.) 6:30 Lent Service	3 9:30 Together-4-Prayer at Thompsons 11:00 Shining Light Mis- sion Trip at Bethel 7:00 Bethlehem Council	4 Pastor's Sabbath	5
6 Sunday Worship! KnifeRiver Sunday School 10:00 Beth Sunday School Bethlehem WELCA Faith WELCA & potluck after church	7 ALC 10:00 Quilting ALC WELCA after quilting 10:00 GIFTS at ALC 7:00 Knife River Council	8 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	9 3:45 ALC Church School 3:45 1st Communion class 5:30 Lent Supper (ALC WELCA serves) 6:30 Lent Service	10 Pastor Rory vacation	11 Pastor's Sabbath 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel Pastor Rory vacation	12 Daylight Savings Time: Before you go to bed, set your clock ahead an hour. Pastor Rory vacation
13 Sunday Worship! ALC Contemporary Wor- ship KnifeRiver Sunday School 10:00 Beth Sunday School	14 ALC 10:00 Quilting	15 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	16 3:45 ALC Church School 3:45 1st Communion class 5:30 Lent Supper (Rural congregations serve) 6:30 Lent Service	17 Pastor Carolyn vacation	18 Pastor's Sabbath Pastor Carolyn vacation	19 Pastor Carolyn vacation
20 Palm Sunday! 10:00 Beth Sunday School KnifeRiver Sunday School ALWS kids sing at ALC ALC Hymn Com. meets Gold Serving Group meets	21 ALC 10:00 Quilting Noon - Scroll deadline	22 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study Samaritan's Kitchen	23 3:45 ALC Church School 3:45 1st Communion class NO Lent Worship Service 6:30 ALC Council	24 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Meal & Worship (Parish Serves)	25 6:30 - Good Friday Worship Service	26
27 Easter Sunday! 7:00 ALC Sunrise Service Bethlehem & Faith Sun- day School Breakfast at all 4 churches	28 ALC 10:00 Quilting	29 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study 1:00 Scroll assembly by Knife River Lutheran	30 3:45 ALC Church School	31	<u>Regular Weekly Activities</u> 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.

Easter Worship Services

Continuing with our tradition of celebrating Easter, there will be two worship services. There is a 7:00 Sunrise Service and then the youth will serve a breakfast. The next service will begin at the usual time of 10:30. Please join us for worship as we celebrate Easter.

He is risen.

The ALC hymn selection committee will meet on March 20th after worship. If you are unable to join us, please let our Committee Chair Shelby or Vice Chair Stacey know what songs you'd like to sing during worship. If you know of someone you'd like to hear provide us with special Sunday morning music, please let Shelby or Stacey know their name.



THANK YOU from American Lutheran Church and Wee Care Learning Center for your donations through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - Dollars Choice! Your gifts are always welcomed and appreciated!!

WELCA meeting will be March 7th after quilting. All women of the Church are WELCA members and encouraged to attend. Our Lutheran World Relief project is the school kits and supplies are needed to complete the kits before May.

Lenten suppers March 9th is prepared and served by WELCA. If able to help, please call Marilyn at 628-2024.

Our kitchen spring cleaning is scheduled for April 5th at 8:30 A.M. More information later. *Marilyn Evenson*, WELCA President

The Samaritan's Kitchen is up and running. The local churches are taking turns serving a warm meal to people in our community on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Golden Age Club. Please spread the word and invite anyone that you feel would benefit from a good home cooked meal. Prairie Lutheran Parish is set to make and serve the meal on March 22nd. If you signed up on the list to serve, you will be called in the order your name appears. If you didn't sign up and you are interested in helping with this community service project, please contact Sarah Sorenson (629-1206) or Stacey Barstad(628-1252).

The ALWS (American Lutheran Wednesday School) children will be singing in church on **February 28** and **March 20**, Palm Sunday.

Sarah Sorenson

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 Gold Serving Group will meet Sunday, March 20 following worship services. (Easter is the 27th)



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
Ryan & Beth Wilhelmi



Gold Group Serves in April

Ron & Shelly Aadnes
Shane Aadnes
Delores Anderson
Dave & Paula Brown
Brandon & Beth Dean
Jared Enget
Scott & Jordan Evans
Rocky & Adriana Fladeland
Dolores Hagen
Larry & Nancy Hagen
Curt & Nancy Hemstad*
Gerry & Chancey Henin
Jason & Christy Iverson*
Norma Kjellberg
Duane & Janice Lindberg
Bonnie Lovdahl
Dennis Lynnes
Jason & Lacey McDonald
Evan & Erin Meiers
Eric & Shannon Mell
Norman & Julie Mell
Jackie Nelson
Earl Rogstad
Layne & Tyra Rolfe
Pam & Kelly Shunke
Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard
Troy & Jenny Smith
Clay & Sarah Sorenson
Steve & Cathy Springan
Bill & June Stevens

* = Chair/Vice Chair of 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
October 2016
Gold Serving Group

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



Love.



Serve.



Grow.

March Communion Assistants
March 6th, Stacey, Dave and Jeremy
March 13th Stacey, Sarah and Kay
March 20th Shelby, Mark and Marilyn
March 27th Early Service Sarah, Dawn Kay
March 27th Later Service, Dan, Nellie, Marilyn



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
"We are good soil."

March Coffee/Greeters:

March 6th: Jess & Jake Niemitalo
 March 13th: Owen & Henry
 March 20th: Kim & Mike Sorenson
 March 27th: Wayne & Diana Evans

March Ushers: Jamie & Pam

March 13th			Bell		Communion		
Greeters	Coffee	Offering	Ringers	Readings	Music	Usher	Acolyte
Owen Henry	Lindsey Katy	Annie Jozey	Jonathan Taya Jake	KyAnn Brooke Molly	Alexis	Halle	Jack Jessy

Sunday School News

We had a great sleepover at the church in February with 11 youth attending. Highlights included the pancake relay race, balloon basketball, watermelon patch, bible trivia, lots of food, laughter, and a movie! Sunday school continues in March looking at the Lord's prayer. Thanks to Jane and Ted for the bowling party they provided for our kids! Also, we will help with the service at the Bethel home again either this month or in April.

WELCA News

At the February 7th meeting we voted to do all the LWR kits this year. We will start with The Health Kit. Andie will make a sample kit for display. We will also be collecting soap bars. Just place them in the bath tub. Debbie will set up a basket for collecting items for the Trinity

Cancer Center with a needs list. We will celebrate Bold Women's Day on Sunday Feb.28th by wearing blue to church!! Bold and Beautiful in Blue!! Thank you to everyone who brought food and worked to create the loaded baked potatoes for the Lent Service Supper. They were tasty. We voted to give Tri-City \$500.00 for their New Van Fund Raiser. Next meeting is Sunday March 6th after worship.

Diana

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit."
 Psalm 51:10-12



Church council meets Thursday **March 3rd** at 7:00 pm.

Easter worship **March 27th** at 9:00 with a brunch to follow.

Once again, we will be raising funds for our companion synod in the Central African Republic through the sweet deal for CAR M&M tubes. Please take some tubes, fill them with quarters or bills, and return them in the offering plate. We have a goal of raising \$750, and the church will match up to this amount! This is a great gift for our brothers and sisters in the CAR! "...so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5

The council approved extending Brandee another \$850 scholarship for tuition and books for her spring semester at BSC (she is taking Sociology, Math, and English this semester). Please note her address on the bulletin board in the entry ~ cards of encouragement, and especially prayers for her, during the school year would be welcome!!

Now is the time of year to start signing up youth for summer camp! Please note that the church will pay for our youth to attend. Turn in receipts to Jason for reimbursement.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."
 Proverbs 22:6



If you are interested in representing our church at the Metigoshe bible camp annual meeting, April 17th at 3:00 pm, please contact Barb.

★ "God's House on the Plains" ★



Faith Lutheran Church

Happy Easter!

Faith had their annual meeting on January 24 along with a yummy potluck dinner.

Council members: (a.) Walt Dunham replacing Carol Johnson. (b.) Len Jones replacing Mike Brewer.

Western ND Synod Delegates (a.) Debbie Haugen (b.) Barb Jones

Auditing Committee (a.) Eileen Jones (b.) Sarah Brewer (c.) Jennifer Wilson

Bethel Home Delegates (a.) Mike Brewer (b.) Debbie Haugen

Nominating Committee (a.) Barb Jones

News Reporter (a.) Debbie Haugen

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Johnson families for the passing of Florence. May her memory be with all of us forever and ever. Amen.

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on **March 1st** at the home of Velma Enger at 2:00 along with a group study.

Evening Bible Study will meet on **March 1st** at the home of Iva Fox at 3:00 along with a group study.

WELCA will meet on **March 6th** with a potluck dinner and meeting to follow. But lets go to church first!

Easter Breakfast put on by our "Faith-Full" men is a "go" this year once again. With years of experience they do an awesome job. This will be on **March 27th** from 9:20-10:20. Come and enjoy this meal and fellowship with one and all and then attend church.

Happy Spring Day on the **20th**. Flower with its meaning, Daffodil - regard, respect.

Debbie

Remember:
Set your
clocks
ahead
on
**March
12th.**



Happy St. Pat's Day to
all my Irish readers.



March Church Servants

Work:

Wanda, Ch
Sarah



Coffee Servers

6th - WELCA & Potluck
13th - Velma
20th - Debbie
27th - Happy Easter Breakfast

Altar and Greeters:
Joann & Vicky

Readers

6th - Phyllis
13th - Lori
20th - Debbie
27th - Iva



Sunday School

Our class will meet on
March 27th at 9:30.

See you then!

Kathryne



Will March come in like a
Lion or a Lamb? (A major
question.)





March 2016



JANITORS for March are Brooks and Stacey Goodall. Thanks!

WELCA - There will be no WELCA meeting in March but will meet in April.

KNIFE RIVER COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Knife River church.

EASTER POT LUCK BRUNCH - We **will not** have our regular Mission Brunch on the second Sunday of the month but instead will have a **Pot luck brunch following the Easter Sunday worship Service on March 27th**. **A free will offering will be taken for the brunch and the proceeds will go to the Parish Youth Fund.** We are asking the Junior and Senior High youth to assist with the breakfast.

HEART RIVER BRIDGES OF HOPE "Fresh Start" KITS PROJECT: Donations have been made to cover the cost of 20 duffle bags and 20 Bibles for this project. We are in need of items to put in the bag and a list is posted at the church for these items.. We will be filling the bags with items donated at our Mission Brunch Service on Sunday, April 10th. Any and all donations to this project will be greatly appreciated.

APOLOGY – In the February Scroll the Knife River January birthdays and anniversaries were listed instead of the birthdays and anniversaries for February. Sorry for the mistake!!

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!

Marie



The month of March we will be having Sunday school the 6th, 13th and the 20th. Easter Sunday we will have a pot luck brunch after our church service.

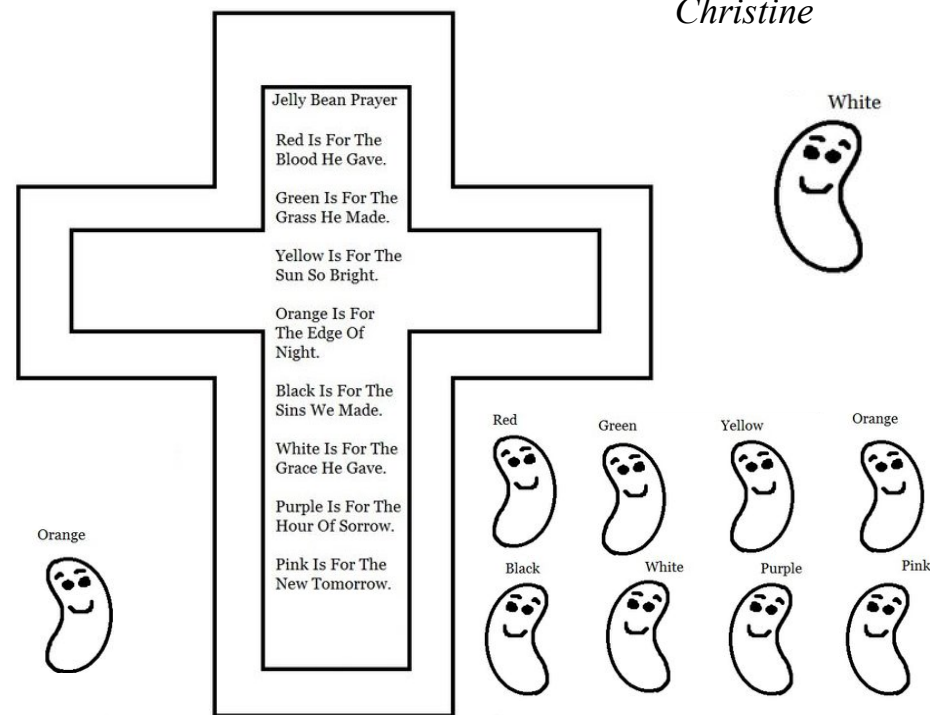
The kids will be singing for Palm Sunday the 20th and we will also be doing an Easter egg hunt that day. All are welcome to join us.

April 10th we will be putting together the Fresh Start kits for Heart River Bridges of Hope youth, during our family service. Anyone who would like to contribute to a kit or to donate a complete kit is welcome and encouraged to do so. The list of items to include in a kit are as follows:

Towels, Washcloths, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Nail Polish, Nail Clippers, Lotion, Floss, Hair Gel, Walmart Gift Cards, Fun Socks, Wool Socks, Gum or Candy, Small Notebooks/Pens, Movie Passes, Mittens, Neutral or Solid colored backpack or small duffle bag, and a Bible

Have a wonderful Easter and God's Peace with all of you!

Christine



Congratulations to all those celebrating this month!

- 1 - Zachery Bruhn
- 2 - Clifford Skaar, Stan Vachal, Addlyn Bruhn, Matt Evans
- 3 - Darren Wing
- 4 - Michael Wing, Edward Walker, Tyler Narum
- 5 - Michael Prochaska, Mark Bratton, Reese Smith, Carol Craft, Diane Seibel
- 6 - Steven Nelson, Chad Rismon
- 7 - Connie Patten, Kyler Vachal, Stacey Mortensen, Dale Pappa
- 8 - Weston Skarsgard, Justin Smith, Cammie Anderson
- 9 - Doreen Moser, Kane Reep, Kathryne Meckle, Cheryl Evensvold, Scott Fox
- 10 - Carson Farhart, Eric Aadnes, Cammi Hysjulien, Tyler Harstad, Brandon Narum
- 11 - Pat Lautenschlager, Dave Nesheim
- 12 - Carol Nelson, Shane Aadnes, Caitlyn Enger, Jake Niemitalo
- 13 - Lorraine Anderberg, Betty VanVugt, Lawrence Bruhn, Larry Crowder
- 14 - Corrine Johnson, Ron Roehrich, Logan Neset, Ron Roehrich
- 15 - Duc Thiel
- 16 - Valborg Johnson, Wade Trulson, Chad Hysjulien, Joel Dennis, Breeann Sorenson, Brooklyn Gunderson
- 17 - Patrick Beehler, Cashton Trulson, Elizabeth Nelson, Cassandra Petz, Tammy Hamers, Bertha Telles
- 18 - Marion Johnson, Bruce Rodenhizer, Joyce Neether, Easton Manson, Anthony Wing, Liberty Zuchara
- 19 - Kay Western, Sarabelle Braaten, Justin Germundson
- 20 - Michael Raasakka, Ashley Skarsgard, Addy Evans
- 21 - Evelyn Horne, Corey Bristol, Ruthann McLaughlin
- 22 - Asher Nichols, Allyn Sveen, Michelle Harstad, Diana Evans
- 23 - Grace Johnson, Trededi Barstad, Delina Lidstrom, Deann Jarmin
- 24 - Paula Brown, Robin Enget, Richard Halvorson, Duane Kilen, Kassie Meyer, Shayna Locken, Mike Fox
- 25 - Ashton Kulstad, Mackenna Hanson, Cooper Dupay, Wes H. Reynolds, Howard Rehak
- 26 - Debbie Lidstrom, Campbell Dunham
- 27 - Dale Kilen, Kenny Ranum, Roger Sorenson
- 28 - Allen Johnson, Julie Gunderson, Molly Lund
- 29 - Brian Borud,
- 30 - Earl Rogstad, Jerry Rudolph, Jan Taylor, Collins Wendt, Haley Goodall
- 31 - Wesley R. Reynolds

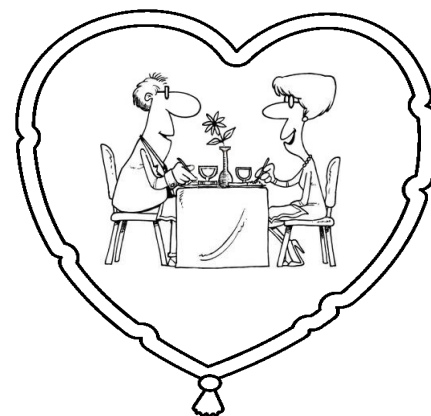


March Anniversaries

- 2 - Larry & Pauline Crowder
- 5 - Bill & LaRae Rudolph
- 8 - Russell & Katie Nichols
- 21 - Tony & Jean Meiers
- 22 - Doug & Susan Halden
- 24 - Ron and Linda Hamers
- 24 - Ken & Phyllis Vesey



Happy Anniversary



Birthday & Anniversary List

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