#### Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

**April 2016** 

## A Few April Events

Saturday April 2: 30 Hour Famine Meet at church at 6:00 PM

Wednesday April 6, 6:00 PM Prairie Lutheran Parish Board meets

Sunday April 10 Metigoshe Sunday! Special guests from Camp Metigoshe joining pastors in leading worship at all churches Confirmation Camp July 17-22 Faith has council meeting after worship

Saturday April 16 WELCA Cluster meeting in Bowbells, Marlene Grabow and Pastor Carolyn speaking about Mission trip

On "Unworthiness" First Communion! Healthy, Direct Communication

> Christ is risen! Planning for ministry From the Bishop

**Metigoshe visitors coming** 

30 Hour Famine April 2

**ALC** new member classes KR Works to Give a "Fresh Start"

Thanks all for a great Lent!

## 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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### Community in Communion

Every year as we celebrate Maundy Thursday and welcome our children to the communion table for the first time, I'm reminded that there is an interesting history behind this most sacred meal.

In the Bible, there's one verse in particular that's influenced how Christians celebrate this meal—1 Corinthians 11:27.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord.

~1 Cor 11:27

I have heard old stories of North Dakota Lutheran pastors who have made people cringe in terror at the thought of coming forward for communion. When I would visit the Roman Catholic church with my grandmother as a child, I remember the priest saying that only those Catholics who had been to confession should come forward for communion. There's a long history of priests and pastors denying communion to people who they felt were unworthy to receive it.

There's a lot wrapped up in the idea of "worthiness", and Paul's words in 1st Corinthians make us stop for a moment. They make us question ourselves and whether we are worthy to receive this gift of Christ's body and blood, the gift of Jesus dying on the cross for us. But what did Paul mean through this word that we translate as "unworthy"?

When we read this verse in context, what was unclear becomes clear. This warning about partaking of the holy supper comes as a part of a longer rebuke of the Corinthian's practices of this meal. Paul calls out the church, saying, "I hear that there are divisions among you... and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk." The sin of the Corinthian church was that they used the gift of this holy meal to divide rather than unite. In the meal some were fed and others went away

hungry. This was their great unworthiness.

Do you remember the words of institution that are said over the bread and wine of the communion table? Jesus says to us, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you." Then he gives the cup for all to drink, saying" This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin."

Why does Jesus pour out his blood? He tells us. He does it for the forgiveness of our sin! And the truth is that we are all sinners and are all in need of God's forgiveness. In Holy Communion, God gives us a gift, a physical sign of that forgiveness for us.

When we come to communion the table, it's not because we are without sin. It's not because we are "worthy" in the sense that some are worthy and others are not. Rather, what "worthiness" means is coming to the table together as a community, joined with one another by our same need for forgiveness. It is the acknowledgement of our unworthiness that leads us to partake of this meal appropriately. Our "worthiness" does not rest on our actions or our abilities but rather on nothing else but the love of Jesus Christ for us.

This meal was not given to us so that we could divide ourselves from one another. It was not given to name select few as worthy and others as unworthy. In fact, that is exactly what Paul was arguing *against*. Those old North Dakota Lutheran pastors were wrong.

The sacred meal of Holy Communion was given to us so that we might be united with one another, so that we might become a communion. Our shared identity lies in the fact that we are all ultimately "unworthy" and all stand in need of God's grace. It is our shared sinfulness which should drive us to gather as a community at the Lord's Table, and it is God's everlasting love and grace and forgiveness which unites us and forms us into the body of Christ.

-Pastor Rory Philstrom

## March Highlights

March was a lively and busy month for Prairie Lutheran Parish! Between Lent, Holy Week, funerals, first communion class, staff mediation, and the regular rhythm of ministry and Sunday worship, we had lots going on. Here's a recap:

#### Healthy Communication emphasized in staff mediation

One of the things our staff has been focusing on during conversations in March is working on healthier communication among ourselves, with the Parish board, and parishioners. I am reminded of Matthew 18, verse 15:

## "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together." - Matthew 18:15

As a staff, we confessed that at times, we did not live up to this biblical command, and that in fact, at times, we went to anyone but the person we really needed to be talking with. As we forgive one another and practice more direct communication, we need everyone's help. In order to care for the grieving and dying, in order to teach our children in the faith, in order to feed the hungry, in order to do ministry at all and be a healthy church, we all need to have healthy communication. If you have a concern or need, the biblical command and firm expectation is that you will go directly to the person you need to speak with. Complaining about others behind their backs is toxic. Gossip hurts not only the person being gossiped about, but the whole community. It takes away energy from ministry. Thank you all for your commitment to healthy, direct, biblical communication.

#### First communion classes held

Wednesdays after school during in March, I met with a group of wonderful 5th graders. We gathered together to talk about Jesus' life and ministry, why he died, why he made people mad and uncomfortable, and the sacrifice he made and risks he took. We talked about how his life led to the Last Supper and the Cross, and how we honor and remember his whole life and ministry whenever we take communion. It was a joy to walk this journey with my co-learners, as they received their first communion on Maundy Thursday.

#### **Energy Audit at Metigoshe**

I began the month by serving on an energy audit committee for Camp Metigoshe. I was asked to serve alongside three other Metigoshe staff members to be a set of outside eyes. Camp Metigoshe is committed to conserving energy, so task was to take a good, detailed look all over buildings and grounds, and brainstorm ways the camp could save energy. I left my two full days of work at the camp with a whole new education about buildings and maintenance, and pages of notes! Our main findings were that weatherizing doors, replacing old windows, replacing lightbulbs with new LED technology, putting in more insulation, and simple things like leaving double doors closed could save the camp significantly on their energy usage. If you would like more information about doing an energy audit on your church, workplace, or home, I am happy to visit with you and share what I learned.

#### **Worship and Pastoral Care**

We gathered together during March for regular Sunday worship, Wednesday evening worship, funerals, and baptisms. When we take time to connect with God and one another, particularly in times of sorrow and joy, something holy happens. Thank you all for your participation in worship, and thank you especially to our confirmation students, who joyfully and energetically led our Wednesday evening services! My door is always open for conversation. If you are grieving, struggling with addiction or mental health, if your marriage is in trouble or you are facing a challenge you don't know how you'll face, remember that your pastors are here for you and are always only a phone call away. May peace be with you!

## -Pastor Carolyn Philstrom

#### P.S. Mark Your Calendars

Sunday April 17 and Sunday April 24, after worship services: New member classes for American Lutheran

Saturday April 2: 30 Hour Famine!



### The 30 Hour Famine is Saturday April 2!

Remember, don't eat anything starting at 12:01 AM on Saturday April 2! (water is ok!)

Come to the church at 6:00 PM for games, learning, and fun! We will break our fast with breakfast at 7:30 AM, so we're done in time to leave for church. See you there!

## Confirmation Camp July 17-22

This year Prairie Lutheran Parish is going to confirmation camp at Metigoshe July 17-22!

Contact the camp directly to register, and then please let a pastor know you signed up. Prairie Lutheran Parish covers all the costs of attending camp. Mark your calendars now!

## Good job, singers!

Thank you 7th-9th graders for helping lead our Lent worship services!

### 5th Grade First Communion Class

Congratulations to all our 5th graders who participated in their First Communion class, and received their first communion!

> Laurie Craft **Emily Evenson** Reagan Hermanson Kerrington Lee Ethan Paetz Cal Sorenson Lindy Tangsrud Kaydence Vachal Madison Walter Ben Wing

## American Lutheran Wednesday School Newsletter

April 2016

What Have We Been Doings?

Important Dates in April:

March was a great month! We learned lessons about the wise man who built his house upon a rock, Easter and Palm Sunday, and had a fun day enjoying our warm spring weather at the park! We have had between 30-40 kids coming to ALWS every Wednesday. The kids sang in church on Palm Sunday! Thank you to those who attended! We always hear positive things from our members when the kids come to sing to them!

- ALWS every Wednesday at 3:30 - 4:45! Please pick your children promptly at 4:45.
- April 27 will be our last day of ALWS for the year!
- ALWS will sing in church on April 24<sup>th</sup> we will sing at the 10:30 worship service at American Lutheran Church.

Thank you to our teacher volunteers for giving of your time each week! We appreciate you!





April Sunday Worship Leadership **ALC:** Raygen Lee, Elle Sorenson (acolytes) Trapper Simmers (communion servers)

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



### April Gospel Seeds

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office

#### Gospel Proclaimers Needed...



Bishop Mark Narum

It has never been a secret that finding people to serve as pastors in rural places is difficult. To be honest, you and I are a part of the problem. We have not done a good job of raising up leaders from our own territory to serve in rural places. Together, with the Holy Spirit's help, we can change this situation. It's time to start talking about the joy of Gospel proclamation. So, it hits me; I get to proclaim the Good News of Jesus

Christ! I need to let others know the joy of that calling... In times of joy and sorrow, in the midst of Spirit-filled renewal gatherings or around council tables in the midst of conflict – I get to proclaim that Jesus has risen! That sin, death, and darkness were defeated by the Cross

We are "earthen vessels" easily chipped or cracked, yet it is through these vessels that God has chosen to share the Good News. Is the work difficult sometimes? Yes. Is this calling frustrating? Sure. But... it is also a gift. Who else might be called to ministry in Christ's church? Think about it. Pray about it. Let that person know their gifts are needed for Jesus' sake.

#### A New Path for Theological Education...

So, what else can be done to provide high quality theological education, while at the same time, providing pastoral leadership in rural places? And, if we are going to tackle real issues about the need for leaders, how about we work to reduce or eliminate student debt at the same time? The Western North Dakota Synod, in partnership with Wartburg Theological Seminary, is in the process of launching a pilot project aimed at addressing those issues. The Rural Distributive Learning Cohort will allow students to enter a Master of Divinity Degree Program while serving in a congregational context. We believe that serving as a minister, while taking Master level courses, will help shape a candidate for Christ-centered service.

This program will not be for every student or for every congregation. In short, congregations will need to be relatively healthy - understanding they are called to look beyond themselves to serve their neighbor for Jesus' sake. Students will need to be self-motivated, able to juggle multiple tasks, and open for an adventure.

Our goal is to have two students accepted into this program by this fall. We look forward to sharing more with you about this program as it progresses.

#### Tilling the Soil...

It is not too late! There is still time to sign up for the "Tilling the **Soil**" workshop. This one day event is meant to spark our creative imagination and get us wondering where God is calling us to reach out in new locations and ways to proclaim God's grace and mercy given to the world through Jesus.

Come Till the Soil with us Saturday, April 9th from 9:30AM to 3:00PM. We will welcome Rev. Ruben Duran, Director of New Starts within the ELCA, and Rev. Keith Zeh, 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 – rather, 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 Assembly:**

Now is the time to register for Synod Assembly. Our theme, "Living in God's Abundance", will help us explore the abundance of gifts contained in our congregations and communities. We invite you to bring as many people as you would like, so, they, too, can learn about how God gifts people for the sake of serving others.

Once again, there will be an art show featuring the talents of people from the Western North Dakota Synod; please encourage people to participate. They can register their items through the synod web page.

Remember the Synod Mission Gala... It will once again be hosted by Lord of Life Lutheran Church. A limited number of tickets are available for the meal and auction of talents; get yours either online or by calling the synod office. We are also looking for items for the live and silent auctions; your donations are greatly appreciated! Blessings,

Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



Parish - Recent Funerals
March 4th American Lutheran
Andrew Charles Henning

March 7th American Lutheran
Anita Maria Anderson
"Whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8b

Parish - Recent Baptisms
March 13th Faith Lutheran
Holdenn ChetLee Hamers
Son of Blaine & KayeLee
Sponsors: Michael Hamers,
Kyle & Elinda Merck

#### **Together 4 Prayer**

Will meet Thursday, April 7th 9:30 at Thompson's All are welcome.

#### Recent marriages-

February 13th
Jennifer Weber & Douglas Larson
Congratulations!

#### **Growing in Faith To Serve**

In our GIFTS group we are having a monthly Bible Study. The next one is April 11th at 10:00.

**Thank you** Gary Nordloef for your many hours working to get our worship services broadcast issues resolved!

Bethel Nursing Home Auxiliary will be hosting a freewill fund-raiser dinner on Sunday, April 17th from 11:30 to 1:30 at the American Lutheran Church. A full meal will be served and the entire community is encouraged to come out and show your support.



#### **Mountrail County Food Pantry**

The food pantry served 63 households in February, 210 people total. Of those 210 people, 84 were children and 11 were senior citizens. We gave out a total of 6,953 pounds of food, which averages a 110 pounds of food per family.

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

The Samaritan's Supper -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. If you did not sign up and you are interested in serving with this community service project, please contact Sarah Sorenson (629-1206) or Stacey Barstad( 628-1252) and they will add your name to the serving list. Sign up sheets were sent to each church in the parish in March.

Please consider helping out with this Parish Project.

#### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### OPPEBOEN SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

- 1. Recipient of the scholarship should be a member of American Lutheran Church or another ELCA congregation in the Stanley, N.D. area.
- 2. First consideration should be given to a person planning a career as a minister, parish worker, youth director, missionary, or other such related Christian work.
- 3. The Scholarship will still be awarded annually even if none of the applicants qualify under guideline #2.
- 4. Financial need will be one of the factors taken into consideration.
- 5. The recipient of the scholarship should be actively involved in the life of the congregation to which they belong.
- 6. Application for the scholarship should be made no later than <u>May 15</u> of each year. The scholarship will be awarded on <u>July 31</u> of each year.
- 7. There are no restrictions regarding the number of years a person can apply for and/or receive this scholarship.

#### Oppeboen's Scholarship due May 15<sup>th</sup>!

The Oppeboen Scholarship is offered for American Lutheran Church members attending or planning to attend an educational institution (tech school, college, university, seminary) following high school graduation; the scholarship is also available to those going onto further education after they receive their college degree and those working towards a degree.

The scholarship award is payable to the college in August and January. The forms have been mailed to high school seniors and are also available in the church office

Two recommendations are required for first time applicants, one from a pastor and one from a teacher. Past recipients need to fill out an application and write an essay about where you are going and what you are studying. For more information and applications on the Oppoboen Scholarship, please contact the ALC church office at 628-2550.

#### **Concordia College**

Are you planning to go to Concordia College in Moorhead, MN? In keeping with its commitment to provide a liberal arts education of high quality at an affordable cost, Concordia maintains one of the lowest tuition rates and largest financial aid programs among comparable private colleges in the region. One of these sources is a partnership between Concordia College and church congregations. Concordia will match congregational scholarships up to \$1,000 per year. Scholarship notification forms are due to the Concordia Financial Aid Office no later than August 15, 2015. Interested students may call the Parish office at 628-2550 for information on how to obtain an application. It can be completed on line. This scholarship is offered by American Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran Congregations.

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



## APRIL 2016

Passover



Share the Passover story and meal with your family this year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Weekly Activities 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					1 Pastor's Sabbath	2
6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts o 7:00 P.M. Weight Loss 8:00 P.M. A.A. on Mond	on Tuesdays at ALC					30 Hour Famine 6 P.M "Lock In"
3 Sunday Worship!	4 ALC 10:00 Quilting	5 8-ALC church cleaning 10 Pastor's Text Study	6 3:00 Faith EveBible Study	7 9:30 Together-4-Prayer at	8 Pastor's Sabbath	9
Bethlehem WELCA	The 10.00 Quitting	10 Centennial Court Bible Study		Thompsons 8 a.m. B	8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	"Tilling the Soil" conference in Bis- marck, Pastors at- tending
		2:00 Faith Aft Bible Study 2:00 Knife River WELCA		7:00 Bethlehem Council	nan at Betier	
10 Sunday Worship! Metigoshe Ministries special guests ALC Potluck fellow- ship after worship 11:30 Faith Council	11	10:00 Quilting 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	13	14		16
	ALC 10:00 Quilting		3:45 ALC Church School	2:30 Bethel Volunteer Tea		Spring Cluster at Bethlehem Lutheran Bowbells, Marlene Grabow and Pastor
	10:00 GIFTS		6:30 ALC Council			
17 Sunday Worship! Knife River Mission Breakfast & Kit ALC Hymn Com. Meets ALC new member class Bethel Aux. Dinner-ALC	18 ALC 10:00 Quilting	19 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	20	21	22 Pastor's Sabbath	23
			3:45 ALC Church School		8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel	
					Noon - Scroll deadline	
24 Sunday Worship!	25	26	27	28 29 Pastor's Sabbath	30	
Green Serving Group meets at ALC	ALC 10:00 Quilting	10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	3:45 ALC Church School	1:00 Scroll assembly by American Lutheran		9:00 amWork Day at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ross
ALC new member class		Samaritan's Kitchen				Charen in 1000

## American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.

WELCA At our March WELCA meeting the group decided to continue to do the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary monthly decorating. \$100.00 will be sent to each: the After-Prom and the After-Graduation parties at the school.100 teaspoons for the kitchen were purchased by the Brotherhood. Thank you! Since we only have three Circles now, each Circle will be responsible for doing one activity this year. Naoni served a Wednesday Lenten supper, Hannah will do Thanksgiving Service and Martha will do Tables du Jour.

Cleaning of the kitchen, fellowship chairs and inventory will be April 5th at 8:00 A.M. Please bring rags and pails. More information later. The Spring Cluster meeting will be Saturday, April 16th at 9 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran in Bowbells. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. Rides will be provided. Registration is on your own at \$8.00. School Kit supplies are needed for Lutheran World Relief before May 8th.

American Lutheran will put the Scroll together in April. See you there. In Christ, Marilyn Evenson

The ALWS (American Lutheran Wednesday School) children will be



singing in church on April 24. Sarah Sorenson

See a new face in worship? Invite them to come to our NEW MEMBER CLASSES April 17th & April 24th following worship.

The ALC hymn selection committee will meet on April 17th 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.



It is that time of year again, the Bethel Home's Annual Tea for Volunteer recognition. This is for all who volunteer their time to lead worship services,

fix hair, sing and provide music, read, do visitations; anyone who gives their time to our residents. This includes the Pastors and Lay People as well as our Bethel Home Auxiliary. We want to say thank you and hope to see you here! Volunteer's Tea on Thursday, April 14th at 2:30 in the Bethel Home Dining Room.

**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 Green Serving Group will meet Sunday, April 24 following worship services. April 2016



Green Group

Serves in May Gordon & Sharon Aas \* Lorraine Anderberg Bryan & Karen Davies Robin Enget Gary & Sue Evenson Richard & Linda Halvorson Jared Enget Scott Halvorson Jacob Hellman Brian & Traci Hysiulien Chad & Cammie Hysjulien Hod & Ruth Hysjulien Gary & Judy Johnson Lvnette Johnson Marion Johnson Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin Meyer & Diane Kinnoin Chase Lindberg Dan & Karen Lindberg Ken & Elaine Lystad Larry & Grace Lystad Gladys Meyer John & Devra Mogren Bev Neset \* Jerry & Jennifer Neset Lance & Teri Ostdahl Evonne Piepkorn Ken & Donna Ranum Amy Strasser Robert Western Bernard & Joanne Wirtz



Gold Group Serves in April Ron & Shelly Aadnes Shane Aadnes Delores Anderson Dave & Paula Brown Brandon & Beth Dean 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 & Lacev McDonald Evan & Erin Meiers Eric & Shannon Mell Norman & Julie Mell Jackie Nelson Earl Rogstad Lavne & Tyra Rolfe

Pam & Kelly Shunke

Troy & Jenny Smith

Bill & June Stevens

Clay & Sarah Sorenson

Steve & Cathy Springan

Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard

Gold Serving Group November 2016 Green Serving Group **Power Point Projectionists** Katie/Sarah 1st Kelly/Dawn 2nd Gary/Kaye 3rd Jeff/Karen 4th

Volunteers 5th

Gold Serving Group

Green Serving Group

Purple Serving Group

Red Serving Group

White Serving Group

May 2016

June 2016

July 2016

August 2016

September 2016 Blue Serving Group

October 2016

**April Communion Assistants** April 3rd: Kay & Kyle April 10th: Nellie & Shelby April 17th: Mark April 24th:

Stacey & Jeremy

\* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

**Sunday POTLUCK Fellowship at** American Lutheran Church following worship on Sunday April 10th. The Council will furnish the main dish and you are invited to bring side dishes and desserts.



Fellowship Mea



There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love; There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Savior above.



#### **April Coffee/Greeters:**

April 3rd: Dustin & Barb April 10th: Sunday School - TBA April 17th: Wayne & Diana April 24th: Gary & Vicki

April Ushers: Allen & Debbie

#### **March Council Highlights**

March council highlights:

- 1) Moved to go ahead with replacement of the South stain glass windows with frames built by Mindt construction and glasswork done by Kathy Monti of Berthold.
- 2) Moved to share \$1000, from the Mission Outreach line, with Tri-City CARES towards addition of accessible bathtubs.
- 3) Work day (church and yard cleaning) scheduled April 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00-til we are done! Please come and help as you can
- 4) Debbie Lund received a \$650 grant (from another entity) for her Master gardener project. She plans to work with the Sunday School and 4H kids to build two more garden beds, start seeds, and plant and maintain the church garden later this spring and summer.



SWEET DEAL for CAR: Please consider giving a gift of money for our companion synod in the Central African Republic. You may designate your gift and place in offering plate, put inside the M & M tube's, or give to Jason Roise. The church will match up to \$750!!





#### **WELCA News**

Thanks for helping with the Easter Sunday potluck brunch. Western Prairie Cluster Spring Gathering April 16th, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bowbells, ND. The theme for the day is "THE GOSPEL BEGINS WITH GO." Speakers for this event are Pastor Carolyn and Marlene Grabow. PLEASE consider saving this date and car pooling for an inspiring Saturday with other gals in the Western Prairie Conference. Registration deadline is April 11th.

Collections for LWR Personal Care Kits, Soap Bars, and Trinity Cancer Care Center needed items continue. Remember these are our Mission Projects at this time.

Saturday April 30th is both "house cleaning" and "yard cleaning" day @ BLC!!!

"Our Mission Is To Mobilize Women To Boldly Act Upon Their Faith In Jesus Christ"

WELCA meets April 3rd after worship...

HE IS RISEN INDEED!!! PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!!

Diana

Sunday School update: Thanks again to Ted and Jane for the bowling party they gifted to the kids. We went bowling March 6<sup>th</sup> after

worship and had a blast! Lessons in April will focus on the Last Supper. We will plan to assist with worship at the Bethel Home April 17<sup>th</sup>. We gave our Sunday offerings through lent to the CAR fundraiser.

Breann and Pam

**Barb** 



Hopefully April Showers with May flowers!

The <u>Spring Cluster</u> meeting this year will be in Bowbells at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on <u>April 16</u> with registration at 9:00. The title for the meeting is "Gospel begins with Go." Roll Call is a Baby Care Kit. For more info call Barb Jones. The WELCA ladies of Faith Lutheran are putting together a cookbook of favorite recipes. So if any person of the past, present or future of Faith would like to contribute recipes to this project, Barb Jones is in charge of this by giving recipes to her. Lets make this a "Super Cookbook!"

Faith Council meets after church on April 10th.

<u>Personal Care Kit</u> items are due in the church by <u>April 24</u>th in order to be packed and shipped off in May sometime.

On March 13th we had a baptism for Holdenn Hamers (son of Blaine & Kayelee). Grandparents are Brian & Tammy Hamers. Great grandparents are Chester Johnson and the late Florence Johnson, Chester Hamers and the late Ellen Hamers. Congratulations and welcome this little guy into their family. God Bless!

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on April 5th at 2:00 at the home of Phyllis Vesey along with a group Bible Study.

Evening Bible Study will meet on April 6th at 3:00 at the home of Janice Kvamme along with a group Bible study.

Keep this country in your prayers as we are in the year of election.

Flower blossom with their meaning: Daisy = innocence and simplicity. Have a grand month.

Debbie

# April Church Servants

Work:

Darlene B., Ch Janice K.

#### Coffee Servers

3rd - Carol J.

10th - Eileen J.

17th - Jennifer W.

24th - Novelyn W.

#### Altar and Greeters:

Darlene V & Lori H.

#### Readers

3rd - Barb

10th - Darlene B

17th - Debbie

24th - Debbie

## Sunday School

Our class will meet on **April 24th** at 9:30. See you then! With the Sunday School year winding down, our last day of Sunday School will be on May 15th at 9:30. Imagine we are already looking towards summer school break! Happy Spring!

Kathryne



Western Prairie Cluster Spring Gathering
"The Gospel Begins With Go"
Joshua 1:9b "for the Lord your God is with you wherever you
go."

go."
Saturday, April 16, 2016, 9:30 AM
Registration 9:00-9:30
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Bowbells, North Dakota

Unit Roll Call: LWR Assembled Baby Care Kits Love Offering: Burke County-Kenmare Area Community Help Speaker: Marlene Grabow and Pastor Carolyn Philstrom on The Shining Light Mission Trip

Representatives from Lake Metigoshe

Musical Entertainment, Election of Officers, Devotions, Singing and Communion Service.

Contact your Women of the ELCA president for registration information. Registration deadline is April 11th.



JANITORS for April are Ron and Julie Roehrich. Thank you! WELCA will meet at the home of Dorothy Goodall on Tuesday,

April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**WESTERN PRAIRIE CLUSTER SPRING GATHERING** will be held on **Saturday**, **April 16**<sup>th</sup>, at Bethlehem Lutheran in Bowbells with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. The theme is "The Gospel begins with GO" and Marlene Grabow will speak on the mission trip organized by Knife River to San Marcos, Texas in January. We welcome all women to attend. Call Marie at 628-2959 to register and for rides.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - to our fifth graders, Laurie Craft, Reagan Hermanson and Ben Wing, who received their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday Service at ALC on March 24<sup>th</sup>. We wish them God's blessings as they continue to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

MISSION BREAKFAST/BRIDGES OF HOPE 'FRESH START KITS' is Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. Note Change of Date. This service will be a potluck breakfast brunch and we will be assembling the Fresh Start Kits. In January we decided to partner with the Heart River Lutheran Church in Mandan to help them with the Heart River Bridges of Hope – Fresh Start Kits''.

The Heart River Lutheran Church works with the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center in Mandan through the Bridges of Hope outreach program. We decided we would like to join them in the "Fresh Start Kits" which are given to youth as they leave the the correction center to make their journey into the community. Some members of the SHS Family Living Class volunteered to sew 20 duffle bags for us and as a congregation we will fill the bags

with the items suggested by the Bridges of Hope to help them with their transition into the community. The list of items for the kits are posted at the church and you can pick one up or call Julie Roehrich if you have questions. Peder Stenslie (who graduated from Stanley

High School and son of Jim Stenslie who was a pastor at ALC at one time) is a lay minister at the Heart River Lutheran Church and shared his ministry with us in 2015 as well as Pastor Renae Larson.

Blessed be their ministry to these young people who are struggling and giving them a sense of hope and encouragement. This is an exciting mission project for our congregation and we hope you will enjoy purchasing items and help in the assembly of the kits.

**SYMPATHY** - Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Chad Schoenborn** who passed away very unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, in a Minneapolis Hospital. Chad was the husband of Mica Craft and son-in-law of Mike and Shelly Craft. Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the Schoenborn and Craft families.

Marie





**Sunday School** 

I would like to thank all the kids for doing a great job on singing for Palm Sunday. Also thank you to Jim Dazell for putting on the bowling party for us. It was well attended and everyone had a great time! In April we will have Sunday school the 3rd, 10th and the 24th. The 1st of May will be our last Sunday School class of the year. The 17th of April will be our Family service/pot luck where we will be making the cards to go along with the prepared care packages for Heart River youth.

Please keep in mind our dates for VBS this year will be Tuesday May 31st- Friday June 3rd. The fourth day is tentative depending on who is available to help. It will be decided by next months news letter. Please let me know if you are interested in helping any of these days.

God Bless,

Christine

Fresh Start kits for Heart River Bridges of Hope youth The 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.

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

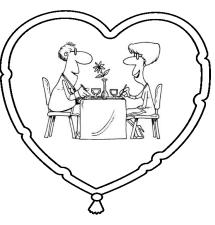
- 1 Julie Mell, Kevin Evenson, Amy Kulstad, Devon Wittmayer, Janice Kvamme, Tina Glaholt
- 2 Ciji Johnson, Benjamin Nordloef, Kade Jerome Snyder, Jarvis Bruhn, Amanda Dunham
- 3 Kelly Hanson, Andrea Craft
- 4 Kim Ellis, Olive Reep, Henzlie Longmuir, LaRinda Weigel, Ginny Hynek
- 5 Lacey McDonald, Doug Evenson, Sarah Carkuff, Terry Anderson
- 6 Shane Bruhn, Grace Amundson
- 7 Connie Essler, Ron Hamers, Rudy Alvstad, Payton Erie
- 8 Austin Ellis, Yanci Smith, Reagan Wheaton, Jacob Stordahl, Teegan Sorenson
- 9 Diane Kinnoin, Neil Faber, Brenda Nielsen, Lindsay Olson, Nicole Paetz, Drew Simpson
- 10 Judith Skaar, Alex Steen, Delores Anderson, Jasmyn Marie Giese
- 11 Irvin Eliason, Christy Iverson, Heather Lee
- 12 Keith Karow Sr., Angela Nielsen, Gene LeRohl, Hope Parmeter, Tanya Kvamme, John Anderson Jr.,
- 13 Jan Johnson, McKenzie Jarmin, Dustin Roise
- 14 Braeden Farhart, Sara Nelson, Nora Hermanson
- 16 Dorothy Corpron, Margaret Trulson, Denny Kesterson
- 17 Curt Johnson, Amy Farhart, Quentin Giese, Winnifred Kvamme, Lucille Meiers
- 18 Joyce Vachal, Shawn Sundean, Jackie Marmon, Morgan Craft, Janice Anderson, Jessy Roise
- 19 Katie Pappa, Bryan Halvorson, Cleo Bykonen, Susan Arneson, Logan Zuchara
- 20 Donna Ranum, Dennis Lynnes
- 21 Joann Ostdahl, Garrett Dazell
- 22 Rick Fox, Scott Haugen
- 23 Katie Minton, Kody Skaar, Muriel LeRohl, Cody Skaar, Ty Fladeland, Max Meiers
- 24 Carolyn Philstrom, Jamie Craft Conway,
- 25 Steve Springan, Alissa VanDoorne
- 26 Layne Rolfe, Gordon Rugland, Tia & Tara McLaughlin
- 27 Pam Schunke, Aspen Locken
- 28 Randal Reese, Jerimey Bruhn, Cole & Logan Vesey, Kaydin Meiers
- 29 Ben Anderson, Shia Parmeter
- 30 Laura Paetz, Kennedi Fladeland



#### **April Anniversaries**

- 2 Jody and Santana Lidstrom
- 2 Alex and Morgan Craft
- 3 Gene and Carol Hanson
- 4 Alan and Vicki Reep
- 7 Marvin & Geraine Johnson
- 7 Jamie & Pam Germundson
- 11 Brett and Lindsey Ellvanger
- 14 Doyle and Margo Aas
- 15 Lyle & Delina Lidstrom
- 16 Matt & Sara Evans
- 21 Corey and Melissa Bristol
- 23 Gordon and Sharon Aas
- 23 Roger & Darlene Vesey
- 23 Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger





Birthday & Anniversary List
If you see errors or note omissions regarding members of your congregation,
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