

THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

August 2016

A Few August Events

Sunday, July 31

Joint Worship/Youth Sunday

Wednesday, August 3

Lunch with the Langdjis

Sunday, August 7

Nigerian Visitors at Bethlehem

August 8–13

ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Wednesday, August 10

LYO Glow Party!

Sunday, August 14

Joint Worship/Pastors' Farewell

Thursday, August 25th

Meal with President
of the ELC of the CAR

Comings & Goings On Closure

Bishop Responds to Violence

LYO Glows

Partners with CAR

Prairie Ford Gathers Food for Hunger

Pastors Say Farewell

Sarah Heads to Churchwide

Tables Du Jour Tickets Available

Visitors from Nigeria

Faith & KR Welcome Langdjis

 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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Comings and Goings

It seems surreal that in just a few short weeks I will be saying good-bye to North Dakota and to all of you. I want to reiterate that I have truly enjoyed my time here and that the community of Prairie Lutheran Parish will always occupy a fond place in my heart.

As many of you read in our resignation letters, Pastor Carolyn and I's last Sunday with you will be August 14th. We will have a special joint-worship service with a potluck to follow. Our last official day here is August 17th, but we'll be taking the last three days as the remaining days of our accrued vacation time.

In the next weeks I'll be working on packing and tidying up some loose ends, but I also hope that I'll be able to visit with many of you before we leave. If you feel so inclined, please stop in to the parish office or give me a call, I would love to chat and share a personal good-bye.

Even though I'm thinking a lot these days about trying to leave and say "Good-Bye" well, I also have occasion to try to figure out how to welcome and say "Hello" well too. During the month of August, the parish will be welcoming not one, not two, but three different groups of visitors from Africa.

The largest Lutheran churches in the world today are in Africa, and the Lutheran movement there is still growing. It's exciting that we will be able to hear stories and meet people from those African Lutheran churches. I think we could learn a lot from our brothers and sisters in Christ who carry out God's work in that great continent.

Please, make sure that you take advantage of the opportunities to meet and visit with these special guests this month. With three different opportunities, there really is no excuse for missing out!

-Pastor Rory Philstrom

Lunch with Anne & Willie Langdji

Wednesday, August 3rd at Noon

Knife River Lutheran Church

"As missionaries working with several West African churches and based in Cameroon, we would like to share with you some of the exciting things that God has been doing in the churches and the countries where we serve and in our lives."

Visit with Ibrahim Bitrus & Family

Thursday, August 4th—Sunday, Aug 7th

Theodore Roosevelt National Park (North Unit) &

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Help welcome our guests from Nigeria! We're going camping in the North Unit on the evening of the 4th. Then Ibrahim and his family will be in and around Ross, concluding with worship at Bethlehem on the 7th, with a potluck following. Dr. Bitrus just finished his PhD in Systematic Theology and will be giving the message that morning. If you would like to be a part of this welcome, please get in touch with one of the pastors.

Share a Meal with the President of the Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic

Thursday, August 25th

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Watch for more details on this event with our brother from CAR.

July Highlights

Community comes together

In some ways, July was a tough month. Two members of American Lutheran Church were in serious car accidents. In a wave of funerals, we bid farewell to some beloved longtime members. I've learned that death is difficult no matter what, though some deaths also have a tragic and unexpected nature to them. In the past few days, I've sensed that there is some trauma in our community, especially when sudden accidents happen. If there is one thing I believe for sure, it is that we all do better when we bear the burden of trauma together. Grieving is a difficult task, but together with God and with the gift of one another, we can get through it. I would like to thank Steve Springan and his great staff, as well as our work groups who worked extra hard to make sure that the families who were grieving received care and hospitality. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

On Closure

As I've walked with and listened to families recently who are grieving the loss of loved ones, I'm interested in the idea of closure, particularly as I prepare to leave this wonderful parish I love deeply. Recently I came across an article that was actually challenging the idea of closure. This was fascinating to me, because I think I held the belief that when we endure losses of any kind, that one day, if we grieve enough or wait long enough, we will achieve something called "closure." This article was saying that perhaps we need to think about the idea of "closure" in a different way. Perhaps a death or loss is more like getting into a canoe. Maybe we are the ones in the canoe, or maybe someone we love is. For a time, we were all standing on the shore together, but when a death or a loss comes, the person gets into the canoe and slowly starts paddling away. For a time, we can still see them, and in fact, it may even feel as though they are still with us. But eventually, the canoe gets farther and farther into the distance. Though they are not with us physically, their love and presence will be with us forever. I will keep this image in my mind as Pastor Rory and I prepare to say goodbye on August 14, our final Sunday with Prairie Lutheran Parish.

On A Lighter Note... Camp Metigoshe!

This summer, 13 confirmation students are signed up to attend Camp Metigoshe! At the time of writing this newsletter article, we have not yet left for camp, so unfortunately you'll have to wait to talk to me in person to hear what I'm sure will be a bunch of crazy stories! Each year, going to confirmation camp has been a highlight for me. Usually there are at least some students who are apprehensive about camp at first. They're reluctant to go, worried about the food, concerned about getting homesick, or simply not sure what to expect.

But almost without fail, the Holy Spirit begins moving at camp right away. The cheerful and joyous nature of the camp counselors is infectious. We gather for meaningful worship around the campfire each night. Students get a chance to meet other Christians from all over the state and make new friends. Best of all, they get to step away from their busy lives, put down their phones, and be with God in God's beautiful creation.

End of Summer Challenge

It is hard to believe it, but by the time most of you are reading this, June and July will be over, and we'll have only August left of official summer. Pretty soon kids will be back to school (perhaps parents will be ready for this!). Maybe by now we're tired of mowing our lawns or we've had one too many bug bites. But I want to challenge and encourage everyone to safely (emphasis on safely!) enjoy the rest of the summer months. Who knows what kind of weather the fall will bring. I believe that one of the joys of living in a climate where all four seasons makes us appreciate God's good creation. We don't take nice weather for granted up here. My relatives in California sometimes comment that we probably get outside more than they do, because we appreciate the nice weather when we do get it. So slap on your sunscreen and soak up these glorious summer days. They are a gift from God!

-Pastor Carolyn Philstrom

July 20, 2016

My soul is bereft of peace: I have forgotten what happiness is. (Lamentations 3:17)
Too often in the past months we have been stunned by violence. Last Sunday in Baton Rouge, La., and earlier this month in Dallas, police were the target. Many in our congregations serve in law enforcement. These are our brothers and sisters, children of God who dedicate their lives to keeping our communities safe, who risk their lives for strangers.

Acts of violence, at home and abroad, are all too frequent. Each is evidence of a broken world. Lutherans understand this and believe that the state has the authority and obligation to protect its citizens. Good government and peace are among the things we ask for when we pray "Give us today our daily bread."

Not all citizens have the same experience with law enforcement. We are working on that as a nation and a church. But the targeting and assassination of police officers is a threat to all of us. Nothing is solved by this violence.

Working in law enforcement is an honorable way to live one's baptismal vocation. Many of us know police who are members of our congregations. They serve with dedication to the common good even at the risk of their lives. Police and other first responders see the best and the worst of human nature, and they do that on your behalf and mine.

Officers killed in the line of duty leave behind families, comrades and friends. We continue to hold those who mourn in our prayers. But a little bit of us has died too. "If one member suffers, all suffer together" (I Corinthians 12:26).

Although broken, our world is also a redeemed one. God's answer to hatred and violence is the love and life revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Christ, God reconciles the world to God's self. We are called to that ministry of healing and reconciliation in our hearts, in our homes and in our communities. God is ever faithful. We are held as one people in God's love and that love will never let us go.

But this I call to mind, and therefore have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning
(Lamentations 3:21-23)

In Christ's peace,

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Confirmation Camp July 17-22

This year Prairie Lutheran Parish brought 13 students to confirmation camp at **Metigoshe Ministries—July 17-22!**
Special thanks to all four congregations for financially sponsoring our confirmation to attend camp!



Serve.

August Sunday Worship Leadership
ALC: Missy Rogstad, Leevi Meyer (acolytes)

LYO August News Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader



Our July LYO event included time spent planning for Youth Sunday as well as a fun evening at Planet Pizza. On Wednesday, July 13th, we had a lot of fun in Minot. Pizza, arcade games, prizes and laser tag were just a few things that filled our evening. (Of course, the kids were better at laser tag than Pastor Rory and I.)

Youth Sunday is set for Sunday, July 31st at the joint service at ALC at 10:30. I am looking forward to worshipping together and having the youth lead our service. You will experience some of the activities that the kids do on a regular basis at LYO as well as focus on the stories of forgiveness and bullying that are in the bible.



Our next LYO event is scheduled for Wednesday, **August 10th**. We're having a GLOW party! Anyone in 7th-12th grade is welcome. Please wear a white shirt if you can.

Join us for LYO this summer!

We are planning for bigger LYO events once a month this summer.

Mark your calendars! Specific plans will be advertised soon.

Thanks!

- Wednesday, August 10th

*If we can't meet on the 10th, our back-up date will be August 17th.

Contact information:

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Eden.drevecky@gmail.com

What is a GLOW party?!

Join us for a GLOW party on Wednesday, August 10th from 7:00PM-Midnight. We'll have food, music, glow-in-the-dark activities, and a movie.

We understand if you can make it for only part of the time.

Contact Eden for any questions or concerns.



August Gospel Seeds

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Bishop Mark Narum

Central African Republic Partners Meeting

On July 8th, representatives of our Synod, Eastern ND Synod, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA Global Mission, Lutheran Partners in Global Mission, and Global Health Ministries met in Minneapolis for conversation, reporting, and planning for our continuing work in our companion synod.

-Rev. Doug Cox, Global Health Ministries, opened our time with devotions focusing on hospitality from the perspective of host and guest.

-Rev. Andrea Walker, ELCA Global Mission, shared she had recently visited the CAR and was captivated by the hospitality and the generosity of the people – even in the midst of the recent unrest.

-Those in attendance were thrilled to welcome Willie and Anne Langdji, ELCA missionaries, to our meeting. Their presence and voices brought current and first person information to the partners. *Watch eNews for an opportunity to hear Willie and Anne at some of our congregations in the next few weeks.*

-“The life of the church and community in the CAR are intimately connected. Because of the church’s relationship to the community, even during the unrest, progress continued... just at a slower rate.”, said Willie.

-We heard from Anne, “As much as people continue to live in fear... life goes on (in the Central African Republic).”

-Our money *is* making a difference! Combined with support from our Churchwide body and the other partnering synods: *Over 5000 families received food and seed pods for planting! *The livestock herds of more than 78 families have been rebuilt! (This includes more than 1300 sheep and goats!) *The goal of rebuilding 600 homes was surpassed – 660 homes in 14 villages! *Rural health outposts providing free healthcare to children under 5 and the elderly have reopened! *Over 7000 people have benefited from the 7 new water sources accessed! *The schools and seminaries continue to function!

-I wish you all could have heard the affirmations of our Synod’s congregations continued faithful financial and prayerful support of the Central African Republic. The Churchwide representatives expressed a number of times their joy in hearing stories of Western ND Synod’s

work on behalf of the CAR. One of the other synod’s representatives commented, “You all may be small in number, but you are mighty!”

Rostered Leader’s Gathering...

Registration is now open for the Fall Rostered Leader’s gathering in Medora. We are pleased to have President Louise Johnson, Wartburg Seminary, and President Robin Steinke, Luther Seminary, joining us as our presenters. They will speak about the changing shape of theological education for the sake of mission in Christ’s name.

Leadership Needs...

Within the next few weeks, fall classes will begin again at the seminaries of our church. There is a possibility that at least two new people from Western North Dakota will begin studies with the goal of becoming pastors within the ELCA - this is really good news!

I invite you to continue to pray that God would lift up leaders in our midst. You are very important in that process; your questions and words of affirmation to people who are in discernment are crucial. Please take the time to pray, look around you, and listen - seeking to identify those who have gifts for public ministry.

It is important that for the future of God’s church there be people willing and able to lead. Help us identify and encourage them.

Synod Council to Meet...

The Western North Dakota Synod Council will meet in Bismarck, September 16th and 17th. If you have comments, concerns, or questions about the meeting, please let us know. A portion of the meeting will include a Mission Support Consultation with ELCA Director of Mission Support, Victoria Flood.

Tidbits...

-Wayne Van Kauwenberg has been called to serve the people of Grenora and Zahl. His ordination will be in Minneapolis-St. Paul July 28th, and he will begin his call August 1st.

-Rev. Dorothy Williams was installed Sunday, July 10th and serves the people of the Dunn County Parish (Dunn Center, Killdeer, and Halliday).

Blessings All -



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God’s work. Our hands.



Prairie Lutheran Parish News



Million Meals Drive Through August 15th – Unfortunately, hunger exists in our community. But we're doing something about it. Prairie Ford and other members of the Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota, is partnering with the Great Plains Food Bank and their network of food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens statewide to supply 1,000,000 more meals to people in need. Many, right here in our community. Please drop off cash or non-perishable food items at the Prairie Ford. Suggested items: Crisco, flour, sugar, Kool-aid, cooking oil, canned meat (spam, tuna etc....), canned corn, canned fruit, stews, chili and soup. Food pantries cannot accept home-canned products. Our food drive will end August 15th. Together we can solve hunger!

Mountrail County Food Pantry

The food pantry gave away 4424 pounds of food in May. We served 42 families, of which 52 were children and 8 were seniors. Thank you to the Vacation Bible Schools for their food donations in June! *Mary*

Parish - Recent Deaths

Elaine Kathleen "Kay" Western

July 8th -Member of A.L.C.

Hope Elaine Lystad

July 10th -Member of A.L.C.

Dorothy Emiline Corpron

July 13th -Member of A.L.C.

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

Together 4 Prayer

Will meet Thursday, August
4th, 9:30 a.m. at Evonne
Piepkorn's. All are welcome.

Parish - Recent Marriages

July 16th-American Lutheran Church

Shane Ryals & Megan Hollekim

(Megan is a member at Faith)

Growing in Faith To Serve

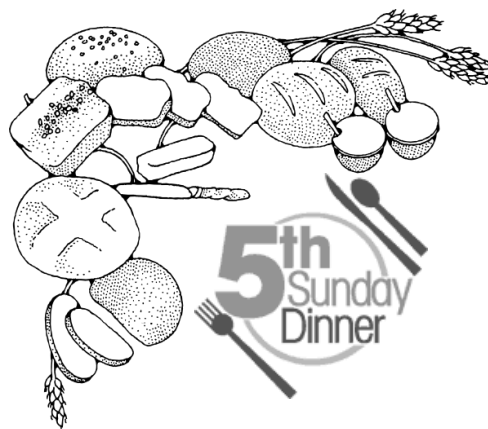
GIFTS will meet August 29 at 10am. GIFTS is an opportunity to come together as disciples and encourage one another in Christian living. If this sounds like something you would like to be part of, join us for Bible study and mutual encouragement.

Our Scroll is On-Line!

We are excited to announce you now have the option of reading the Scroll on our website (PrairieLutheranParish.org). If you wish to "go green" and remove your name from the Scroll (snail) mail list... call John at the church office. Forgot what day your (church) meeting is? Go to our website and a copy of the Scroll is available for your review.

Youth Sunday is July 31st

Mark your calendar for July 31st. You won't want to miss this special Parish Combined Worship Service led by our youth. They are in the planning stages already for a time of meaningful worship with some skits and other ways of thinking about our Christian walk. Come and support our youth in this endeavor.



Parish Potluck & Fellowship on Sunday

July 31st is our 5th Sunday Get-Together

August 14th is our farewell Sunday to Pastor Carolyn & Pastor Rory. Combined Parish worship, potluck dinner and fellowship will follow the morning worship service.



Invite others. All are welcome.

God
be with you
til we meet again

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



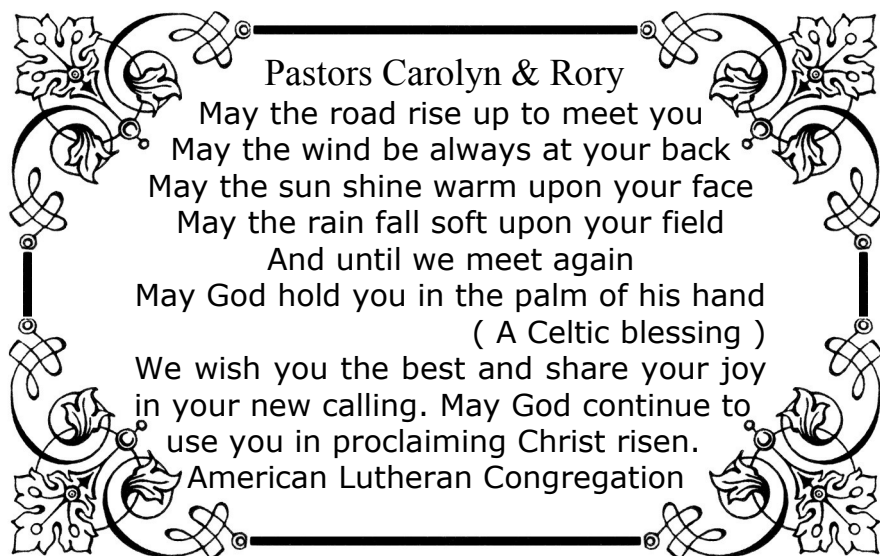
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ALC 10:00 Quilting	2 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Centennial Court Study 2 Faith Afternoon Bible Study	3 10 Knife River WELCA Noon luncheon @ Knife River Missionaries Landji 7 pm Bethlehem Council	4 8:00 Men's Bible Study at ALC 9:30 Together-4-Prayer at Evonne Piepkorn's farm	5 Pastor's Sabbath	6 Wedding at ALC
7 Sunday Worship! Dr. Ibrahim Bitrus at Bethlehem	8 ALC 10:00 Quilting	9 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	10 7 p.m. LYO Event	11 8:00 Men's Bible Study at ALC	12 Pastor's Sabbath 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	13
14 Combined Parish Worship & Fellowship meal to follow Pastors Farewell	15 ALC 10:00 Quilting	16 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	17	18 8:00 Men's Bible Study at ALC	19 Noon - Scroll deadline	20
21 Sunday Worship!	22 ALC 10:00 Quilting	23 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study 7:00 ALC Council	24 1:00 Scroll assembly by American Lutheran First day of School!	25 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court Bethlehem - watch for news re: CAR visitor	26 8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel 9:00-2:00 ALC - School screenings	27
28 Sunday Worship! Blue Serving Grp ALC Hymn Committee ALC	29 ALC 10:00 Quilting 10:00 GIFTS	30 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	31	<u>Regular Weekly Activities</u> 10:00 A.M. AlAnon on Saturdays at ALC 6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts on Mondays at ALC only in the event of rain (summer months) 8:00 P.M. A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC		

American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.



Our church banner in the 4th of July parade was carried by our Pastors. Nellie Larson, Stacey Barstad and Judy Veeda distributed wristbands along the route. Thank you for representing our congregation in the parade.

We will be having work done on our church roof this summer. We have an individual attempting to repair our chimes but they are very old so replacement parts are being sought. We assemble the Scroll this month. Please come and help out .

Pray for Sarah Sorenson, who is a delegate at the ELCA Church-wide Assembly August 8-13.



Sixth Annual Tables Du Jour September 11, 2016

Our day will be filled with decorated tables in various themes, an excellent speaker, music, door prizes, a light supper and a time of wonderful fellowship. Anyone interested in decorating a table please call Renae Gjellstad at 629-1952. Tickets \$20.00 call Renae Gjellstad or the church 628-2550 to purchase a ticket.

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.

		Blue Group
August 2016	* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group	Serves in September
White Serving Group		Kermit & Susan Arneson
September 2016	White Group	Jason & Stacey Barstad *
Blue Serving Group	Serves in August	Jason & Danielle DuPay
October 2016	Nancy Brown	Matthew & Kim DuPay
Gold Serving Group	Ken & Cleo Bykonen	Irvin & Karen Eliason
November 2016	Rod & Connie Essler *	Neil & Laurie Faber
Green Serving Group	Zach & Erin Essler	Don & Carrie Giese
December 2016	Brad & Amy Farhart	Renee Grinolds
Purple Serving Group	Maren Feiring	Deanna Haugen
January 2017	Heather Greenlee	Curt & Grace Johnson
White Serving Group	Gene & Carol Hanson *	Dave Johnson
	Kelly Hanson	Lacey Johnson
Sound System	Kyle & Marianne Hanson	McKenzie Johnson
<u>Need Volunteer</u> 1st	Nichole Janz Hoffert	Valborg Johnson
Don Longmuir 2nd	Dale & Mary Kilen	Denny Kesterson
Gary Nordloef 3rd	Don & Verlee Kjoson	Ronnie LaFromboise
Jeff Colbenson 4th	Quintin & Heather Lee	Jerome & Pat Lautenschlager
<u>Need Volunteer</u> 5th	Wally Lee	Jessica LeRohl
	Don & Connie Longmuir	George & Amy Littlecreek
Power Point	Marichel Mariscal	Jennifer & Brian Manson
Projectionists	David & Renae Minton	Curt & Summer Meyer
Katie/Sarah 1st	Mark & Sheila Morgan	Gary & Kathy Mork
Kelly/Dawn 2nd	Dave & Barb Nesheim	Elmer & Carol Nelson
Gary/Kaye 3rd	Deloris Oja	Landon & Kara Nichols
Jeff/Karen 4th	Gordon & Connie Patten	Dennis & Brenda Nielsen
<u>Volunteer</u> 5th	Tom & Akela Raile	Ben Nordloef
Aug Communion	Chad & Sarah Rismon	Chris & Whitney Nordloef
Assistants	Jane Rismon	Gary & Kay Nordloef
8/7	Brent Rodenhizer	Rand & Diane Olson
(?) & (?)	Bruce Rodenhizer	Mike & Clarissa Parmeter
8/14	Alex & Katie Sandeen	Andrew & Randi Petras
Jeremy & Marilyn	Tom & Betty Simmers	Michael & Abby Reep
8/21	Cliff & Judy Skaar	Brad & Barb Reese
Dave C. & Kay	Tanya Skaar	Eric & Donna Simpson
8/28	Yanci Smith	Duc & Renae Thiel
Shelby & Nellie	Korey & Valerie Stammen	Ira & Amy Walter
Combined Wor-	Andy & Amy Steiner	Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger*
ship and 5th Sun-	Jim & Tara Swegarden	Bill & Anna Marie Whitmore
day potluck will	Arden & Janis Thompson	Jennifer Whitmore
be July 31st	Cristi Trulson	Ryan & Beth Wilhelmi



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
"We are good soil."



August Coffee/Greeters:

August 7: Roger & Addie

August 21: Dustin & Barb

August 14: Combined Worship

August 28: Curt & Lesley

August Ushers: Colin & Susan

Bethlehem News:

Thanks to the generous weekly offerings you share with the church, we are able to do awesome works of mission together! Here is how the council voted to share your gifts this month, as well as some other actions taken.

✿ \$1000 gift to Jennifer Whitmore Nelson and \$1000 gift to Quayde Lee, both for medical benefits.

✿ \$1000 scholarship to Brandee Huwe to assist with fall tuition at BSC.

✿ Also, thanks to a special gift we received from a member we were able to pass on \$50,000 to the WND synod to be used for mission and ministry within western North Dakota.

Construction should begin soon, with siding and windows being replaced. We are getting bids on placing tin on the roof as well. The Sunday School rooms will look a bit different this fall as the sliders will be replaced with walls and regular doors.

At a special congregational meeting in July, it was approved to increase our building maintenance line to \$175,000 with \$50,000 coming from a members gift and the other \$25,000 from savings.

Our church donated \$509 worth of pottery to be sold at the Mission Gala live and silent auctions. Our donated items returned \$1185 for the Mission Endowment Fund.

We will be hosting Ibrahim Bitrus and family August 4-7. They will be with us in worship Sunday the 7th, and Ibrahim will be sharing the message. We are honored to have them with us, so if you are around, please join us for worship and a **potluck** following. (See article on next page.)

We are tentatively hosting the President of the Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic (he is awaiting his visa) August 25. We will provide a meal and a space for surrounding communities to come and meet him and learn about what is happening in the CAR and the church there. We will announce more information as it is available. This is also quite an honor! *Barb*

Best wishes to Pastors's Rory and Carolyn in their future ministries! We have been blessed with your ministry during the last 4 years and we extend our prayers for you and for Christ the King of Bloomington, MN that they may grow in Christ and ministry under your leadership. Their final worship with our parish will be August 14th. This is a joint worship at ALC with a potluck and fellowship to follow.

Barb

Isaiah 58:11 The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.





Afternoon Bible Study will meet on August 2 at 2:00 PM at the church with a group study. Darlene B. is hostess.

Evening Bible Study will not meet in August.

Charity Circle has table decorations for August.

Prayers for speedy recovery for Darlene Bruhn and Roger Vesey who have both had knee surgery. Prayers for Vicki Jones as she is having health problems.

Prayers and sympathy for the families of:

Scott and Iva Fox on the passing of Scott's Uncle Jim Fox in North Carolina.

Gordon Rugland and families on the passing of his sister, Bernice Kotasek Stoland.

The Craft families on the passing of Shelly Craft.

Kenny Lystad and families on the passing of Elaine.

Robert & Mark Western on the passing of Kay.

The Hovda and Corpron families on the passing of Dorothy.

For all the law enforcement officer's families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty and all that have been injured.

We're wishing them a speedy recovery.

This is the last month for collections of recipes for our Ladies Aid Cookbook so get yours in to Barb Jones by the end of the month of August so they can start typing it up and putting it together for September. Thanks to all who have contributed to this cookbook.

Flower of the Month and meaning: Jonquil = Love Me.

Announcement: Anne & Willie Langdji, Missionaries in Western Africa will be in our area and sharing about the work they are doing in Africa at Knife River Church on August 3. Knife River and Faith Ladies will be putting on a noon luncheon for all that would like to attend. Mark your calendar. All are welcome!

Iva

We received letters last week from Pastor Rory and Pastor Carolyn about their new call in Bloomington, MN. The past four years with you has gone quickly. We will miss seeing you and we send you on your way with our blessings.

Faith Lutheran Congregation.

Altar and Greeters: Kathy & Janet J.
Work: August- Church Servants Geraine Chair, Velma & Diane O.

Coffee Servers

7th - Phyllis

14th - **

21st - Volunteer

28th - Volunteer

Readers

7th - Gaby

14th - **

21st - Debbie

28th - Debbie

** Combined

worship at ALC

Pastors farewell

Recent Memorials given at American Lutheran Church

In Memory of

Undesignated

Donor

Kay Western

Earl Rogstad

Kay Western

Don & Grace Holm

Kay Western

Gordon & Sharon Aas

Kay Western

John & Devra Mogren

Elaine Lystad

Earl Rogstad

Elaine Lystad

John & Devra Mogren

Elaine Lystad

Gordon & Sharon Aas

Elaine Lystad

Ray & Sandy Anderson

Wee Care

Kay Western

Arlo & Faye Borud

Elaine Lystad

Arlo & Faye Borud

Donation

Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger

Quilting

Marilyn Rudolph Smith

Gary & Judy Johnson

Anita M. Anderson

Dale & Dolly Ellis

Building

Kay Western

Marichel Mariscal

Elaine Lystad

Marichel Mariscal

Donation

Meyer & Diane Kinnoin

Organ

Kay Western

Dale & Dolly Ellis

Elaine Lystad

Dale & Dolly Ellis

Dorothy Corpron

Dale & Dolly Ellis



JANITORS August janitors are Kevin & Sandy Harstad and Mark and Nikki Longmuir.

CONGRATULATIONS

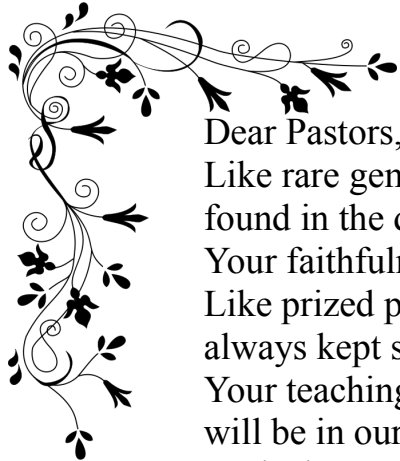
Congratulations to Morgan and Alex Craft on the birth of their daughter Braylee Rae, on June 29.

SYMPATHY

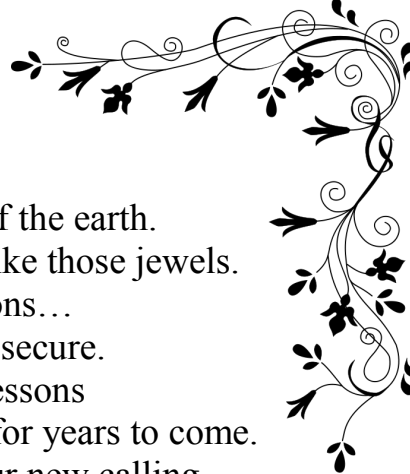
We extend our deepest sympathy to Mike Craft and family in the loss of Shelly. We will all miss her.

WELCA

Ladies Aide will meet Wednesday, August 3, at 10 am at the church. The ladies will tie fleece blankets in the morning. At noon we will be joined by Anne and Willie Langdji for lunch, and they will give us an up-date on their work in the mission fields. Congregational members are invited to join us, as well as members of Faith Lutheran.



Dear Pastors,
Like rare gems...
found in the depths of the earth.
Your faithfulness is like those jewels.
Like prized possessions...
always kept safe and secure.
Your teachings and lessons
will be in our hearts for years to come.
God Bless you in your new calling.



Jean

Coming to Bethlehem Lutheran on August 7th

My name is Ibrahim Bitrus. I was born and raised in a Christian family in Jada in the southern part of Adamawa state, Nigeria. My father was a Lutheran pastor. Having received the Nigerian's Certificate in Education (associate degree) from College of Education Hong in the northern part of the state, I taught social studies, Christianity and government classes at a high school. I also served as a volunteer coordinator for the Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS), but I felt God was calling me to do more. So after teaching for seven years, I went to study at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria (TCCN) Bukuru, Plateau state where I received Bachelor in Divinity and Master's of Theology. I am not yet ordained. I thereafter taught at the Bronnum Lutheran Seminary Yola, Nigeria for four years (2006-2010). I also served as a faculty secretary and assistant Dean of Studies at Bronnum. I came to Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota in August 2010. I have been working on PhD in systematic theology, which I completed this past summer. I currently serve as the Nigerian Theologian in Residence for the Minneapolis Area Synod. I enjoy growing rice, corn and peanut. I also love to bike. My wife Julecy also known as Julie and our children; Pasy (14, 9th grade), Tunary (12, 7th grade), Falnyi the only girl (11, 5th grade) and Titveren (Tguy 9, 3rd grade) joined me three years ago. Julie was born and raised in a Mennonite Christian family in Gashala in the southern of Adamawa sate. She is a junior at the Metro State University working on her bachelor in chemistry and biology double major. She used to be a high school teacher of biology and chemistry in Nigeria. She was also an undergraduate college student in Nigeria. She has started her undergraduate program all over here because she is not able to transfer her credits from Nigeria. Bama where she was studying has been under the control of Boko Haram. She enjoys raising flowers, chickens and sheep. Pasy likes English, basketball and music; Tunary likes Math, soccer, music, and basket ball; Falnyi likes math, science, swimming, drawing, coloring, music, art, basketball, making of video and soccer (She also plays an instrument);

Tguy likes math, swimming, science, basketball, music, and soccer. We plan to return to Nigeria after my wife finishes her program. I will be returning to Bronnum Lutheran Seminary to teach systematic theology while Julie will be a teacher in secondary school.

Congratulations to all those celebrating this month!

- 1 - Doug Halden, Seth Evenson
- 2 - Ted Dobrovolny, Rylan Craft, Wanda Weinbar
- 3 - Christopher Nordloef, Dolores Hagen
- 4 - Harold Hager, Sheryl Sorenson
- 5 - Nancy Rudolph, Thorsten Lidstrom, Tyra Rolfe
- 6 - Don Bingen, Leslie Alvstad, Carissa Debilt, Sarah Brewer, Judy Lee
- 7 - Jared Enget
- 8 - Abby Iverson, Sharon Prochaska, Chris Baumann
- 9 - Norma Kjellberg, Carrie Sigloh, Shawn Weigel
- 10 - Brendan Wilson, Dane Dunham
- 11 - Sarah Sorenson, James Miller, June Stevens, Rylee Littlecreek, Bayla Skarsgard, Michael Craft
- 12 - Rynne Pappa, Tom Simmers
- 13 - Dan Dennis
- 14 - Bray Meyer, Sherri Konen, Darwin Mrnak, Caryn Nelson, Katie Harwood
- 15 - Jessica Ranum, Sam Juma, Ella Kay Mortensen
- 16 - John Wing, Sharon Aas, Kylee Janz, Noah Swegarden, Samantha Hollekim, Wesley Johnson
- 17 - Jason Reep, Norman Mell, Walter J. Dunham, Jim Hollekim
- 18 - Carsten Hysjulien, Stephanie Pappa
- 19 - Keith Karow, Jr., Don Hoirup, Lorraine Liebl, Bill Whitmore,
- 20 - Greg Mortensen, Marichel Mariscal, Margo Aas, Omni Roise,
- 21 - Chase Lindberg, Scott Klein, Franna Fladeland, Jeff Bruhn
- 22 - Katie Nichols, Ruth Feldman, Nancy Kvamme
- 23 - Ira Walter
- 24 - Hannah Sorenson, Alexis Lee, Mike Parmeter, Randi Moore, Jamie Germundson, Stran Fladeland
- 25 - Renae Minton, Troy Smith, Kamryn Grace Halvorson, Lisa Lapica, Dylon Olson, Diann Dunham
- 26 - Rocky Fladeland, Ricky Haugen
- 27 - Holly Halvorson
- 28 - Cathy Springan, Kaden Evenson
- 29 - Melissa Johnson, Fern Nelson
- 30 - Owen Craft
- 31 - Jeremiah Nelson, Brycen Yazzie, Lonnie Fladeland



August Anniversaries:

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| 1 - Chris & Lindsay Olson | 12 - Lenin & Betty Lidstrom |
| 1 - Layne & Tyra Rolfe | 12 - Beau & Kim Vachal |
| 1 - Jaren & Jasmin Enockson | 13 - Carolyn & Rory Philstrom |
| 4 - Adam & McKenzie Jarmin | 18 - Curt & Lesley Trulson |
| 4 - Gary & Judy Johnson | 19 - Joe & Dawn Kriewald |
| 4 - Lowell & Judy Vedaa | 19 - Ron & Julie Roehrich |
| 5 - Gary & Sue Evenson | 22 - Steve & Cathy Springan |
| 5 - Brian & Tammy Hamers | 25 - Kevin & Darlene Johnson |
| 6 - Roger & Addy Evans | 27 - Arlo & Faye Borud |
| 9 - Jacob & Ashley Carpenter | 29 - Kevin & Joanne Lapica |
| 9 - Scott & Haley Mortensen | 29 - Nate & Mackenzie Weyrauch |
| 9 - Dustin & Barbara Roise | 30 - Wayne & Diane Evans |
| 10 - Curt & Summer Meyer | 30 - Jesse & Rita Locken |
| 11 - Richard & Linda Halvorson | 31 - Kelly & Dawn Evenson |
| 11 - Orville & Betty Harstad | |
| 11 - Ron & Marion Herfindahl | |
| 11 - Clay & Sarah Sorenson | |
| 11 - Warren & Colleen Walhaug | |



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