



BETTER TOGETHER WORSHIP

ONE PRAIRIE, FOUR CHURCHES,
ONE GOD

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM
JANUARY 29TH 10:30AM

 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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Carter's Thoughts

Partners in Ministry,

Over the past month there has been division within our greater church. There has been much upset over a statement issued by our presiding bishop regarding the Standing Rock protest. Let me tell you this: I have been upset with many things in this church, but those are always overshadowed by the great things this church does in our world. Through the years it has always been powerful to remember that we are the church. We are Jesus active in our world. We are church together, and we are church for the sake of the world. It may be easy to think that the people we see in the pews on Sunday are the only members of our church. But that is simply not the truth! We are four churches that are members of the Western North Dakota Synod: a synod comprised of over 180 congregations. And it does not stop there! Our synod is one of 65 that make up the entire Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A church that is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and the Caribbean. I say again, we are church together, and we are church for the sake of the world. We are a church that is known around the world for rolling up our sleeves and getting to work to be Christ's hands and feet to our neighbors across the globe.

We are working together to eradicate malaria. We are working together to feed all of God's children so no person goes hungry. We are working together to be sure all people on our beautiful Earth have access to clean and safe drinking water. We are showing up first at sights of natural disaster and often are the last assistance group to leave these areas.

We are changing the world, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and you are to be thanked for that.

Over the past many years here in these congregations we have contributed to Minot Flood Relief, Texas Flood Relief, food pantries, money for ELCA World Hunger, our offerings, and so much more. The money you give to this place supports our ministries, but it also goes to support the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Each dollar you give to your congregation touches millions and millions of lives all across the entire world. You stopped a death from malaria today. You fed a starving family today. You nourished an entire community with safe drinking water today. Each and every day this happens — you save lives — what a powerful thing! You are a true blessing to this place, and to the world, my dear friends in Christ. We are better together. God's peace to you and yours my beloved life-savers.

Because of Christ,
Carter



January Gospel Seeds

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Bishop Mark Narum

Lord, what would you have us do???

Happy New Year! What are your plans? The beginning of the year is like a painter with a blank canvas in front of them, there are endless opportunities to live the Good News of Jesus Christ in your community.

The beginning of the year is the perfect time of year for a church council and rostered leaders to lead the congregation in setting goals for ministry together. Some great questions to talk about are:

-What is the most important thing we do as a congregation?

(Believe it or not looking at your congregational constitution can be helpful because it defines why your congregation exists.)

-Since time is a limited resource, how do we want to encourage members of the congregation to spend their time in faith-building activities?

-How will our congregation help people deepen their faith in Jesus?

-What can our congregation do to help people connect their faith and daily life?

You will notice this is a forward looking activity, pushing the council and pastor to lead conversation, listen closely and to be responsible for setting a course for the congregation.

Can we really dream a new dream???

Filling a blank canvas begins with noticing. What has changed in your community? In your congregation? What are the resources God has provided? Assets are more than money, they include people, your space, equipment, and financial resources. What are the passions of people around you?

Someone much smarter than I has written that God has provided us with absolutely everything we need to do the ministry God has set before us. In other words, God is not expecting us to do anything that God has not already provided the tools with which to accomplish the ministry.

All of this is about sharing the Jesus story with others. We do it through our words and our actions. Our churches exist to “Tell the old, old story...” both within our congregations and through the people who are the members.

Annual Review...

Believe it or not what you do at the beginning of the year to lay out the priorities and goals of your ministry is the starting point of an end of the year annual review. Synod staff often get phone calls in late November or early December asking if we have material to help a council do pastoral evaluations. Evaluations are best done when congregation and leaders have spent time setting goals – it is in light of those goals or priorities that our ministry together is evaluated.

Evaluation helps a congregation access what has been done well, where have positive steps been taken, what did not work well. It allows us to ask why somethings worked well and others did not.

Synod Council to Meet...

The Western North Dakota Synod council will meet February 10 & 11 in Minot. If you have items that you believe should be addressed by council give me a call.

At this meeting your synod council will be making adjustments to the 2017 budget and approving a budget for 2018 which will be presented to Synod Assembly for conversation. We will also engage conversation around openings in our synod and talk about raising up new leaders.

Constitutional Changes...

At the end of November notice was sent to all of our congregations about proposed changes to the synod constitution. Those changes will be voted on at our synod assembly this coming June. Please take time to review the documents. A link to the documents can be found on the front page of the synod web site.

God's Blessings to all of you in the New Year! May Christ's light continue to shine in your life.

Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



**Lutheran
Social
Services**
of North Dakota

Senior Companions coming to Stanley?

Need: In-home services for growing elderly population. Due to their age and health conditions, the elderly population is at greater risk of costly nursing home placement. With some extra help,

those elderly people will be able to remain in their homes. North Dakota Long Term Care Association indicates in their Data book that people who participate in some form of social activities decrease their chances of nursing home placement. Also, they indicate the number one reason a person enters a nursing home is a loss of a caregiver. The average cost of nursing home in North Dakota is \$9,400 per month.

Solution: In-home visiting volunteers. The Lutheran Social Services Senior Companions program can fill this need for in-home services in Stanley by placing volunteers in homes of elderly people. Volunteers are older adults (age 55 or over) since they can relate better to the problems of other elderly people. Volunteers provide a variety of services including: assisting with dressing and grooming, medication reminders, taking seniors for a walk or doing light exercise with them, preparing a light meal, help with grocery shopping, monitoring nutrition, providing companionship and conversation, playing mind-stimulating games, reading and writing for visually-impaired seniors, light housekeeping and respite care for primary caregivers.

HISTORY

Congressional interest in establishing a program targeted to provide service for and by older persons began in 1968. In 1973, the Senior Companions Program concept was incorporated into the Domestic Volunteer Service Act. Since that time, the Senior Companions Program has expanded throughout the United States.

Authorized and funded by Congress, the program is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service which monitors and advises local projects.

North Dakota, through the support of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, adopted the Senior Companions Program in 1981 and has been the sponsoring agency for the Senior Companions Program ever since. Lutheran Social Services Senior Companions is funded by Federal/State government as well as private and public donations.

The mission of the Senior Companions program is to provide meaningful retirement opportunities for low-to-middle income persons 55 years or older by assisting other adults and seniors who need person-to-person support because of loneliness, illness or disability. By tak-

ing care of simple chores and offering contact to the outside world, Senior Companions often provide the services that frail elderly need to live independently.

Through their assistance and friendship, Senior Companions help others live independently in their homes rather than having to move to more expensive institutional care. Senior Companions offer contact with the outside world and help make the lives of the people they serve less lonely. Volunteering also gives the companions a chance to be active in the community and to make a difference in someone else's life. For many companions, their visits give them the activity and energy they need to handle their own aging.

The Senior Companions services include providing companionship and conversation, playing cards or games, reading and writing for visually impaired seniors, doing light housekeeping and providing respite care for primary caregivers. There is no cost to the client for this service. The elderly clients benefit from the program by staying longer in their homes and enjoying a better quality of life.

The Senior Companions program of Lutheran Social Services of ND serves about **500** elderly people in their homes through the volunteer services of **70** Senior Companions working out of **42** Volunteer Stations statewide.

Senior Companions Program seeks healthy, active senior adults in Stanley and surrounding area. Who can serve as a Senior Companion?

Persons are eligible to become a volunteer Senior Companion with stipend pay if they are age 55 and over, meet moderate-income guidelines and are able to serve at least 15 hours per week.

Most Senior Companions find that the greatest benefits of serving are the personal satisfaction from helping appreciative clients as well as the friendships that develop with other Senior Companion volunteers.

In addition, Senior companions receive mileage reimbursement or transportation is provided, paid training, accident insurance while on assignment and other benefits that are not taxable and do not reduce any other government assistance that they may receive.

If you are 55 years of age or older, low-to-mid income, and committed to volunteering 15 hours a week (or more) please contact Sonja Mickelson, Western Program Coordinator, today at (701) 838-7800 for more information about becoming a Senior Companion!

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota

Guided by God's love and grace, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota brings healing, help and hope.

DATE CHANGE!

LYO Lock-in!

Begins Saturday, Feb. 4th @ 7:00PM

Ends Sunday, Feb. 5th @ 8:30AM!

Please join us for worship, food, games, discussion, and a lot of fun! There will be a sign-up sheet available at each of the churches for 7th-12th graders who would like to sign up. It will help us to know how many will be coming!

A more detailed plan and any other information will be presented in the bulletins or other mailings that will go out to LYO kids! I can't wait for all of you to join us!

What do we do at LYO?

At LYO, we use our Wednesday nights to come together, eat, talk and laugh. We also share in our highs and lows for the week, work through a couple of activities/games and discussions. At the end, we have a brief prayer time before we leave. All 7th-12th graders are welcome to join us!



LYO January News
Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader



With all of the crazy ND weather that we've been having, our LYO group only met a couple of times during the month of December.

We have covered topics such as being thankful for the gifts we have from God, giving our gifts of time, talent, and help to others, and how our awesome God sees each and every one of us a masterpiece!

Ephesians 2:8-10

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Instagram: prairielutheranparishlyo
Facebook: Prairie Lutheran Parish

Weekly LYO

9th-12th graders will meet again on January 4th.
Regular LYO will begin on January 11th.

Contact information:

(701) 840-2871 (cell phone)

Eden.drevecky@gmail.com





Prairie Lutheran Parish News



Recent Deaths in the Parish
Member of Bethlehem Lutheran
Funeral Service 12/3/2016
Vernon Dale Pappa

Together-4-Prayer - We will not meet in January & February.

Growing in Faith To Serve
We plan to meet at 10:00 on January 9th at ALC with a Bible Study. All are welcome.

Parish Worship Committee
Each council selected 3 representatives to serve as your congregation's representatives on this committee. We met on December 14th to select the worship settings and music for January.

Church Councils
Don't Forget Your Update
Each congregation in the synod is a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the State of North Dakota. Each corporation was established when the congregation filed its *Articles of Incorporation* with the North Dakota Secretary of State and the corporation will continue indefinitely **IF** the corporation files a required report with the Secretary of State by **February 1 each year**. For guidance in the process Visit <http://wndsynod.org/governance/congregations/>

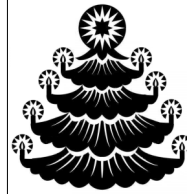
Communion Services
We will have communion on the following dates in January:
1/01: Bethlehem & American
1/08: Knife River & Faith
1/29: Combined Worship

Prairie Lutheran Parish Council & the Prairie Lutheran Parish Call Committee met on December 13 with Bishop Narum and Assistant to the Bishop Sherie Heine. The call process was reviewed, questions were answered and direction was given by the synod office to help us. Watch your bulletins and newsletter for updates from the Call Committee Chair.
Next meeting: 6:00 at American Lutheran on Monday, January 9th.

Pulpit Supply for December
Thank you to the following for providing pulpit supply to the Parish in December. Pastor Paul Hoffman, Don Longmuir and Bryan Quigley with Lutheran Social Services.

Thank You
Thank you to all who remembered us at Christmas, the PLP council & councils, WELCA, the cookie bakers and those who sent cards and gifts. We are very blessed by your friendship. John

Moving? Or no longer a member? Please let the church office know. We can change mailing address & avoid mail forwarding expenses. Thanks



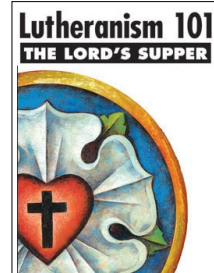
Thank you to all from our parish who bought gifts for the Giving Tree this year. The Giving Tree is a project of the Stanley Women of Today with assistance from the American Banking Center. This project has been a part of the Christmas tradition here in Stanley for almost 30 years.

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

Report from our parish supported Food Pantry
In November, the Mountrail County food pantry served 53 families, for a total of 156 people, 49 were children and 16 were seniors.
Our food pantry gave away 5012 pounds of food, not to mention the turkeys that we were able to provide!! (folks picked them up at the store, so we don't know the pounds of turkey that were given out)
Cashwise has created a coupon for the checkout counters to purchase a gallon of milk for the pantry, or coupons worth 2 or 5 dollars that can be purchased at the counter, and that money will go to our food pantry!

Mary Dennis

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

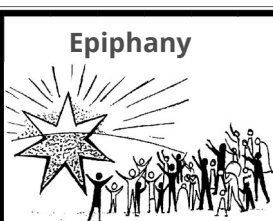


ATTENTION PARISH FIFTH GRADERS!
Our parish fifth graders will have three classes to prepare for their first communion. The classes will be held on Sundays at 1:00 on January 8, 15, and 22 at American Lutheran. If you have any questions about the 1st Communion please let Pastor Carter know.
"Do this in remembrance of me..."

Thank you goes to Nancy & Jerry Rudolph for allowing the Confirmation classes to use their trailer for the hay ride to go caroling. Thank you to Chad & Sarah Rismon for providing hay bales and thanks to Lynn Grabow for driving.
Our friends and family at the Bethel Home were thrilled with the caroler's visit!



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



JANUARY 2017

*Happy
New Year*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Worship! Last day to submit annual reports at ALC	2 Church office closed No events scheduled	3 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study at Centennial Court 2:00 Faith Aft Bible Study 3:00 WeeCare resumes	4 3:40 Parish Confirmation 6:30 LYO <u>9-12</u> grades 6:30 Bethlehem Council	5 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	6 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	7
8 Sunday Worship! 1:00 Parish 1st Com- munion class (next 3 Sundays) 5th graders	9 ALC 10:00 Quilting 10:00 GIFTS 6:00 Call Committee 7:00 KR Council	10 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	11 3:40 ALC church school 3:40 Parish Confirmation 6:30 LYO & Meal	12 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	13 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	14 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel
15 Sunday Worship! ALC Annual meeting American Bethlehem 1:00-1st Communion	16 ALC 10:00 Quilting	17 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	18 3:40 ALC church school 3:40 Parish Confirmation 6:30 LYO & Meal	19 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	20 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	21 Noon - Scroll deadline
22 Sunday Worship! Blue Serving Grp ALC 11:30 ALC Council Faith & Knife River Annual mtgs 1:00-1st Communion	23 ALC 10:00 Quilting <div>Pastor Carter at First Call Conference at Metigoshe Ministries</div>	24 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	25 No Confirmation 3:40 ALC church school 6:30 LYO & Meal	26 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 1:00 Scroll Assembly by Bethlehem	27 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	28 8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel
29 Sunday Worship! Combined Parish Worship at the school with fellowship meal	30 ALC 10:00 Quilting	31 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	<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 8:00 P.M. A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC			

American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.



I ♥
ALWS

American Lutheran Wednesday School will resume on Wednesday, January 11th! Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful job to all of the ALWS kids on their Christmas Program! You all did such a great job...Thank you! Thank you to all the helpers that came and helped at practices and the program... You are APPRECIATED! A HUGE thank you to Beth Wilhelmi for planning, arranging, directing, preparing...You are amazing and we thank you for your time and talents!!!!

Sarah

Happy New Year to everyone from the women of the church. Our meetings will continue on the 1st Monday of the designated month at 2:30. All women of the church are members and invited to attend. The prayer chain listing is being redone. Everyone's cell phone # is needed who wants their name on the listing. Circle booklets won't be made this year. There are no scheduled events planned. Anyone with ideas please contact the officers. The Lutheran World Relief projects will still be put together so articles for different kits will be needed. The quilters could use untorn, unstained, used sheets of any size or color for making quilts for LWR. They are a busy group and won't meet again until January 9, 2017.

Marilyn, WELCA President



Living Generously

If you are a Thrivent member and have not allocated your 2016 Thrivent choice dollars please consider one of the many ministries at American Lutheran. <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

Church Fellowship meals will be returning to American Lutheran! We will have potluck dinner following the annual meeting on January 15th. Your February Scroll will have more information on the potluck scheduled for February 5th.



Fellowship Meal

Fellowship of Believers

"They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

American Lutheran welcomes all in the name of Christ.



Serve.

ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

White Group

Serves in January

January 2017
White Serving Group Nancy Brown
Ken & Cleo Bykonen
February 2017
Blue Serving Group Yanci Crider
Rod & Connie Essler *
March 2017
Gold Serving Group Zach & Erin Essler
Brad & Amy Farhart
April 2017
Green Serving Group Maren Feiring
Heather Greenlee
May 2017
Purple Serving Group Gene & Carol Hanson *
Kelly Hanson
June 2017
Red Serving Group Kyle & Marianne Hanson
Nichole Janz Hoffert
July 2017
White Serving Group Dale & Mary Kilen
Don & Verlee Kjoson
August 2017
Blue Serving Group Quintin & Heather Lee
Wally Lee
September 2016
Gold Serving Group Don & Connie Longmuir
Marichel Mariscal

David & Renae Minton
Mark & Sheila Morgan
Dave & Barb Nesheim
Deloris Oja
Gordon & Connie Patten
Tom & Akela Raile
Chad & Sarah Rismon
Jane Rismon
Brent Rodenhizer
Bruce Rodenhizer
Alex & Katie Sandeen
Tom & Betty Simmers
Cliff & Judy Skaar
Tanya Skaar
Korey & Valerie Stammen
Andy & Amy Steiner
Jim & Tara Swegarden
Arden & Janis Thompson
Cristi Trulson

Acolytes

1. Katie W.

2. Kaisa M.

Communion

1. Leevi M.

Communion Assistants

Jan 1: Sarah S.

Jan 15: Kay N. & Dawn

Thank you to our faithful servants: power point projectionists and sound system operators who volunteer their time. God bless you!

Blue Group

Serves in February

Susan Arneson
Jason & Stacey Barstad *
Jason & Danielle DuPay
Matthew & Kim DuPay
Neil & Laurie Faber
Carrie Giese
Don Giese
Renee Grinolds
Deanna Haugen
Curt & Grace Johnson
Dave Johnson
Lacey Johnson
McKenzie Johnson
Ronnie LaFromboise
Jerome & Pat Lautenschlager
Jessica LeRohl
George & Amy Littlecreek
Jennifer & Brian Manson
Curt & Summer Meyer
Gary & Kathy Mork
Elmer & Carol Nelson
Jennifer Nelson
Landon & Kara Nichols
Dennis & Brenda Nielsen
Ben Nordloef
Chris & Whitney Nordloef
Gary & Kay Nordloef
Rand & Diane Olson
Mike & Clarissa Parmeter
Andrew & Randi Petras
Michael & Abby Reep
Brad & Barb Reese
Duc & Renae Thiel
Ira & Amy Walter
Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger*
Bill & Anna Marie Whitmore
Ryan & Beth Wilhelmi



**Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today!**

ELW 314

January Coffee/Greeters:

*Jan. 1: Roger & Addie
Jan. 8: Sunday School
Jan. 15: Colin & Susan
Jan. 22: Grady & Lisa
Jan. 29: Joint Service*

Ushers: Gus & Crystal

January 8th			Bell Ringers	Readings	Communion		
Greeters	Coffee	Offering			Music	Usher	Acolyte
Jozey	Owen	Levi	Jessy	Alexis	Molly	Jonathan	Jack
Jake	Sadee	Alycia	Henry	Katy			Annie
Briggs			Kaley	Brooke			

WELCA News

We are collecting old prescription medicine bottles for LWR. Please remove the labels before putting them in the collection box. We will begin collecting items for Personal Care Kits in January. Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit

One light-weight bath-size towel (20" X 52" X 27") dark color recommended

Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars

One adult size tooth brush in its original packaging

One sturdy comb, (no picks or fine toothed combs); remove packaging

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.

We will continue with the collection of soap bars and items for the Trinity Cancer Center.

TRIENNIAL GATHERING is JULY 13-16-2017 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It's time to register. Who Wants To Go???

Thank You to everyone for your involvement in 2016. Together we bring Christ to our neighbors around the world and to those right outside our church doors ... You are an amazing group of women doing awesome ministry in Jesus name!

May God Bless and Keep You in His Care!!!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22&23.

Happy New Year!!! Diana

Church Council meeting Wednesday January 4th at 6:30 pm.

Annual Meeting Sunday January 15th during worship service. Among other business, we will be voting on some changes to our constitution.

If you are a Thrivent member and have not allocated your 2016 Thrivent choice dollars, take a moment to check if you still may. Whether to a church, camp, or some other entity, they are dollars for you to spend! <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

4 members from our church gathered together in November and updated our ministry site profile. This is the beginning phase of the call process. 2 members of our church will participate in the 9 person parish call committee to work towards calling a pastor. The parish council and parish call committee met December 13th with Bishop Mark and asst to the Bishop, Sherie Heine for a Q&A time. If you have questions or comments for the call committee/process, please contact Jason Roise or Wayne Evans. As we move forward continue to hold our church, our parish, our call committee and future pastor(s) in prayer.

Barb

Sunday School News

The Sunday school kids did an amazing job at their Christmas program! Thanks for all of your hard work kids. And a special thank you to Susan Vachal for all of her time spent planning and making this day happen. Sunday school will resume on January 8. We will be diving back into studying the Old Testament so keep memorizing those verses kids! We will also be doing a local mission activity so stay tuned next month so we can share how the kids are helping in the community.

Breann and Pam



Thank you to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for sending flowers for our 50th wedding anniversary. Your kindness brought back memories of returning to North Dakota 50 years ago after our wedding and the wonderful reception in your church basement. The people of Bethlehem have a special place in our hearts.

Don & Marilyn Hagen



Happy 2017 !



We as a congregation would like to thank Monica for putting on another awesome Christmas Program again this year. Another year has passed as your news reporter for Faith. A thank you goes to all my people that I call for news etc., whether its on the phone or in person especially Barb to keep me on track and up-to-date. Iva and I would like to take this time to say Thank You to all our readers that reads. We truly appreciate it. (Its people like you that makes a job easier.)

Charity Circle has the table decorations for the months of January - April.

Jan. 1st - No morning worship at Faith.

Jan. ??? - Evening Bible Study as of now they are undecided when they will meet.

Jan. 3rd - Afternoon Bible Study will meet at 2:00 at Kathy's along with a group study.

Jan. 8th - Communion Service at Faith Lutheran

Jan. 22nd Faith Annual Meeting during the church service with a potluck dinner to follow.

Flower & its meaning: Poppy = Forgetfulness, Sleep
Have a safe & keep warm month.

Debbie

Sunday School Flash

Kathryne, Monica & her helpers would like to thank everyone for coming out for our Christmas Program. The kids did an awesome job! Also the people that helped in the kitchen to get it ready for our potluck dinner afterwards. Despite it being cold outside it definitely was warm inside. Sunday School will start up on January 8th and 22nd to begin our years with stories about Jesus. See everyone then. *Kathryne*

Church Servants

Altar and Greeters:
Debbie & Monica

Work:

Iva - Chair
& Della

Coffee Servers

1st - Barb
8th - Iva
15th - Carol
22nd - Annual Meeting
29th - Combined Worship

Readers

1st - Iva
8th - Phyllis
15th - Eileen
22nd - Annual Meeting
29th - Combined Worship

Remember that our combined parish worship on January 29th will be held at 10:30 in the



Stanley Elementary School. A meal is being provided after worship with Pastor Carter being our chef of the day with the parish staff helping him. Please plan to join us for the Better Together Worship Sunday.

God's House on the Plains

A collection of recipes by the Faith Lutheran Church Ladies Aid. Books are available for \$10.00. Contact the women of Faith or stop by the parish office (at ALC) to get your copy.

Christmas 2016

Dear Friends,

The year of our Golden Wedding Anniversary and we were reflecting on great memories of our summer in North Dakota. It was 50 years ago last June 1966 that Frank and I got married in southern Minnesota. Then we drove to Palermo and lived in the parsonage. Frank had services in Palermo, Blaisdell, Tagus and Knife River. Each church women's group had a bridal shower for me with a program in the church basement (solo sung, readings, hymns) then a big lunch. I got a card with a dollar in it from each lady. In September 1966 we drove to New York City where Frank was in his second year of seminary. We have so many close and caring friends and an extraordinary church home. Thanks be to God! Pray we can listen to and understand one another, compromise and learn to work together, and bring healing to our wounded world. Best wishes for a Christ-filled Christmas and blessed 2017.

Frank & Bea Livingston



JANITORS for the month of January are Roger and Michelle Harstad. Thanks!

NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST AT KNIFE RIVER. If you wish to attend worship, you are welcome to attend one of the other churches in our parish.

KNIFE RIVER COUNCIL will meet **Monday, January 9th**, at the church at 7:00 p.m. to prepare the proposed budget for 2017 and other business.

ANNUAL MEETING OF KNIFE RIVER CONGREGATION is scheduled for **Sunday, January 22, at 9:00 a.m.** Pot Luck brunch will follow the meeting. A Work Group will be notified to serve the brunch.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to Jessica Pappa and her family in the loss of her father, Dale Pappa. Our prayers are with you.

THANK YOU – to the Sunday School children for the wonderful Christmas program and to the teachers, helpers and moms who were involved. You all did a great job!

THANK YOU - to Warren Craft for all the snow removal at the church during December. It is very much appreciated and you did such a good job.!

WELCA - The officers are in the process of making a new booklet for 2017 and there may be some changes in the Work Groups. Please notice this when you receive your new booklet in January. Your work group chairmen will be notified if they need to serve for something coming up.

May you all have a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** filled with love, good health and the peace of Christ in your heart.

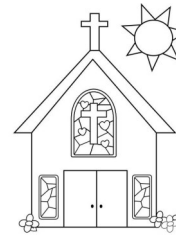


Happy New Year to everyone! We will resume classes after the vacation on Sunday January 8th. We will have Sunday school each Sunday this month that we have church at Knife River.

Have a great month and we hope all kids ages 4 to 6th grade know they are welcome to attend Sunday school with us.

God Bless! *Christine*

Church Family



MY CHURCH FAMILY

BY MARQUITA LAWSON

He gave you arms to hold me up when I am falling down
He gave you lips to cheer me up when storms are all around
He gave you songs to fill me up when words will never do
For this church family, oh Father I thank you!

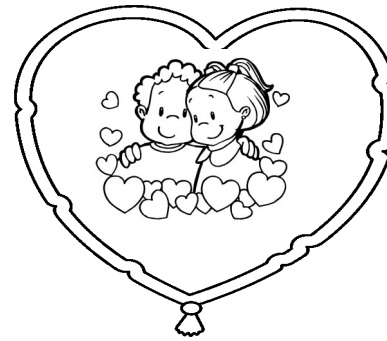
He gave you tears to cry with me when I am filled with grief
He gave you joy to laugh with me when I find relief
He gave you eyes to watch over me as I walk the narrow way
For this church family, Father I thank you today!

Family Friends and Fellowship keep me going strong
There's always someone by my side I know that I belong
To a family bound for glory land, I find myself at ease
'Cause this church family who loves Jesus, has His peace!

He gave you tears to cry with me when I am filled with grief
He gave you joy to laugh with me when I find relief
And because you love Jesus, I can trust you to love me too!
For this church family, oh, Father I thank you!
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

Teamwork

I want to thank those of you who faithfully submit your church reports and other news articles before the monthly deadline so I can keep the newsletter on schedule. Also thank you to Connie Longmuir who graciously agreed to be my proof reader for the newsletter. She is a God-sent to me as I have learned to spell the names of people in the parish. Thanks to all of you, we get it done.

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