

# THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

February 2017



As Bethlehem Lutheran Church, our mission through Jesus Christ is to serve the world, both across the globe and just outside our front door. We seek to be a place of good soil, where the seeds of faith can grow.

As Faith Lutheran Church, our mission is to meet the needs of brothers and sisters in Christ through active listening, daily worship, and service to the family of God. We seek to be the family of God, where different people come together for the sake of Jesus Christ.



As American Lutheran Church, our mission is to worship Jesus and minister to the community of Stanley. Our purpose as people is to praise God and to live out love for our neighbors. We seek to have open doors and open hearts; to be a people and a place of peace, love, and welcome.



As Knife River Lutheran Church, our mission is to actively spread God's Word and shining light with unrelenting fortitude, through the work of our women, men, young people, and little children. We seek to be a bright spot on the prairie, to be an island of peace and light in a chaotic world.



## Prairie Lutheran Parish

Four Congregations gathered into One Parish

9:00 am Sunday Worship

10:30 am Sunday Worship

Bethlehem  
Lutheran  
Ross

Knife River  
Lutheran  
Hwy 8 South of Stanley  
(701) 628-2550

American  
Lutheran  
Stanley

Faith  
Lutheran  
Palermo

[PrairieLutheranParish.org](http://PrairieLutheranParish.org)



### **Carter's Thoughts**

My life has been no stranger to grief. In fact, some days I think I would tell you that we are good friends. I am sure this is a familiar story to many of you as well. Grief is not simply something that deals with death, but it is a time of deep sorrow. Grief is a cancer diagnosis, a friendship or marriage ending, or watching a loved one forget who they are as their own mind turns against them. Grief is an every day part of life. However, far too often, we like to think it is something that should not be spoken about, but something that should be hidden. And sadly, church has become one of those places we feel we must hide. Many of us check our troubles at the sanctuary doors and take our place in the pew. When church is the very place in which we should come bringing our pains and our grief and let them be shown to the world. There is much fear in being exposed in such a way, but through being exposed we can feel much relief.

Someone approached me the other day and said, "Pastor, we've never had someone that is so willing to talk openly about their life when they preach." I do it, so you may feel like you can as well. These churches. These sanctuaries. They are places to come and to be able to bring your trouble and fears to lay them at the foot of the cross with the one we know restores our brokenness, Jesus Christ.

My dear friends in Christ, whatever your feelings are this day, whether mournful or joyous, your God is with you, and so am I, your congregation and this parish.

Because of Christ,  
*Carter*

### **Joint Worship:**

Thank you to all of those that helped make the "Better Together" Service a success. It was a great time to come together and see our parish at full strength. You are all such wonderful people. You are a blessing to me, to this community, and above all else, to God!

### **Parish Education:**

We have wrapped up all of the Parish Education activities for this school year! Confirmation classes have come to an end for the year. The 3rd graders have taken their classes and have been given their Bibles, and the the 5th graders have come together for sacramental learning and have received their first communion! It was a true joy to work with all 65 of the young people that were a part of these classes! I even learned all of their names! Although, I did poke a bit of fun at one of the confirmation student that I caught asking another student what my name is on our last day of class... then I called her by her name and pointed out that if I can learn all 38 of the confirmation students by name, she should be able to at least remember mine. What fun!

Parish Education is a true gift of this parish. It brings me great joy to see them all come together. Although they attend different churches, they still come together, and are able to learn about their faith lives with members of their class from school.

### **My Timelines With You:**

Just so you are aware! My time with you has been such a great experience! Your churches and all of the people have made my time here nothing less than wonderful. Just so you are aware, I will be with you through the end of March. The Synod has found a retired pastor to fill in after my absence. The Parish Council will meet to approve this pastor and then their name will be shared.

# February Gospel Seeds

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Bishop Mark Narum

**Prayers Continue...** In early January Sherie Heine – assistant to the Bishop, Synod Assembly Manager and GIFTS Coordinator underwent heart bypass surgery. The surgery was unexpected but successful. After a too-long stay in the hospital (according to Sherie), we are thankful she is at home recovering. Sherie is thankful for all of the prayers, cards, and texts she has received from people across the synod. Your words have helped in the process of recovery. We ask that you continue to pray for her for healing and patience while she is on limited duty.

Synod staff are also thankful for all of the words of encouragement and support we have received. There have been many offers to help wherever possible – it is a gift to be part of such a community of believers. We will call upon people to help out from time to time – right now what we would ask more than anything is patience as we work to cover the bases of event planning, call process, GIFTS events, clergy coaching, congregational renewal and more.

At this point we are just thankful to God that Sherie is doing well, is engaging the rehab steps she needs and that in the not too distant future she will be able to return to staff. For all of that and much more we say thanks be to God!

## **Transitions...**

Synod staff has undergone a transition. In the fall of 2014, our synod council approved an experiment to move from a part-time to full-time stewardship position. We had a hope that increased Mission Support would allow us to continue this position beyond the promised 2 years. Synod finances did not allow that and the decision was made in September to move back to a part-time position starting February 1. With that change, Rev. Lisa Ahlness has taken a call as Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bismarck. We are thankful for Lisa's time on staff, that Lutheran Church of the Cross has been able to call an excellent pastor and that Lisa will continue to serve within this synod.

As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, Faith Simonieg will begin her work as Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity. Faith had most recently worked as ELCA Gift Planner for Western ND. Previous to that, she worked as Stewardship Coordinator and head of the Foundation at St. John Lutheran, Dickinson. Faith will continue to live in Dickinson.

Faith's position is part-time. We look forward to our work together.

## **Martin and the Family Table...**

The first Martin and the Family table event is officially scheduled. We will gather Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM Concordia Lutheran, Crosby. This is an interactive event where you will get to learn about and practice family faith formation. That sounds very formal. What it means is: how do we help our kids think about faith and daily life? How do we as adults ask simple questions in the midst of our days which can lead to pondering faith in Christ?

Families will get some great resources, a chance to talk with others and practice. There will be food and childcare provided.

We are still working on an event in the Granville, Surrey, Towner, Rugby, Velva area for Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes open as we will get more details out to you as soon as possible.

## **Synod Council to Meet...**

Your synod council will be meeting February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Christ Lutheran Church in Minot. You are always welcome to stop in and listen to the business before the council. If there is an item of business that you would like brought before council, please let synod staff or your conference representative know.

At this meeting the council will approve a 2018 Synod Budget to be brought to our synod assembly in June as well as adjust the 2017 budget. We will also talk about the need for leaders across our synod, stewardship, governance issues and what is happening in congregations across the synod.

## **Assembly Resolutions...**

Congregations, conferences or groups of individuals who are interested in writing a resolution for synod assembly should be working on them now. The deadline for submitting resolutions is March 31, 2017. If you have questions, please call the synod office and we will point you toward resources.

God Bless!

**Rev. Mark Narum**

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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



## Prairie Lutheran Parish Our Ministry Together

On January 11th Bishop Narum met with the parish and we had delicious supper and followed with excellent dialog. We talked about our past together and about our future together. Thank you to everyone who came and participated. We identified some of the things that are of concern as well as goals we wish to work toward as we continue together in this partnership of faith.

## Lutheran Social Services Ongoing Needs List

New Single Sheets

New Queen Sheets

New Pillows

Quilts for single or queen. These can be new, homemade, or used in good condition.

Laundry Detergent

Bathroom/kitchen cleanser

Dish Soap

Paper Towels, Sponges

Waste Baskets

Mop and/or Broom

Trash Bags

Toilet Paper

Shampoo

Alarm clocks

New Towels and Washclothes

Can opener

New dishes/set

New Pots and Pans that include at least one sauce pan, frying pan, and baking dish

New place settings of tableware.

Gift Certificates to Walmart, Target and or Visa gift cards.

We respectfully ask for new items as sorting and cleaning used items quickly become problematic for staff and clients. If/When items are collected, they can be picked up by Bryan Quigley by calling 701-240-4505.

Thank you for all your support!

1. Call Process - this was identified as the issue most central to all of us.
2. Define Leadership - second most central issue was defining the type of leadership we want and need for our parish.
3. Confirmation/Education - we want to ensure that our youth are being instructed with the core values of faith that we hold.
4. Positive Attitude - Bless others and build up our faith community.
5. Ministry Ownership - We should develop a sense of ownership of our parish ministry. Know our story and work toward our shared goals.
6. Membership Outreach - Invite unchurched or inactive members to be a part of our ministry.
7. Visitation - Increased visitation especially the sick and housebound.
8. Communication - We need to become better at communicating within the parish.
9. Bridge the Gap - between members and the larger church.
10. Sunday School - faith based curriculum is one of our values.
11. Open to Change - get rid of that "we've always done it that way" attitude. Try new things in the parish.
12. Bible Study - Bring back our (evening) adult Bible Studies
13. Plan - good planning creates a rewarding ministry
14. New Member Sponsors - Resume assigning sponsors to new members when they join our congregation.
15. WELCA - More in the area of outreach and education within our churches for the women's ministry.



# Join us!

## LYO Lock-in!

### Begins Saturday, Feb. 4th @ 6:30PM

### 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



Instagram: prairielutheranparishlyo  
Facebook: Prairie Lutheran Parish

#### 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!



**Love.**

LYO February News  
Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader



January is bringing some new changes to our LYO events. We are starting to have 2 smaller groups for LYO, one being 7th & 8th graders and the other being 9th-12th graders. We are planning to try out this new arrangement so that we can have some smaller group discussions for each age group. The group will still meet as one for our meal together.

The new schedule will be:

5:30-6:30 --- 7th & 8th graders  
6:30-7:00 --- Meal for ALL LYO kids  
7:00-8:00/8:30 --- 9th-12th graders

The other BIG THING coming up is our whole group lock-in scheduled for Saturday, February 4th through Sunday, February 5th. Our kids will be going through some bible study activities and discussions, playing board games and Wii games, and working on a service project making tie blankets for residents at the nursing home. (We might even get some sleep.) Sign-up sheets are available at all churches. Please sign-up ahead of time.

If you have any questions about any aspect of LYO, please contact Eden @ 701-840-2871 or [eden.drevecky@gmail.com](mailto:eden.drevecky@gmail.com).

#### Weekly LYO

New schedule change will start  
Wednesday, January 25th.

Contact information:

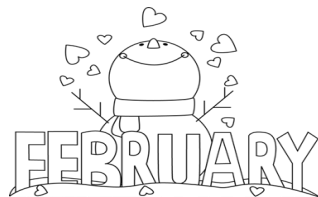
(701) 840-2871 (cell phone)

[Eden.drevecky@gmail.com](mailto:Eden.drevecky@gmail.com)





## Prairie Lutheran Parish News



### Recent Funerals in the Parish

**Funeral Service 1/2/2017**

Walter Edward Western

### Recent Baptisms in the Parish

Knife River 1/8/2017

Oliver Brooks Goodall

Son of Brooks & Stacey Goodall

**Together-4-Prayer** - We will not meet in February.

**Call Committee** - congregational profiles are finished. We will keep you updated as we go along.

### Parish Worship Committee

Your Parish Worship Committee met on January 18th to select the worship settings and music for February.

Some changes this year for Lent is that we will not be part of the rotation with other Lutheran congregations and we will not be using the Holden Evening Prayer this year. Pastor Carter has offered to help develop a Lent service to use and we will plan to use our parish lay leaders to lead the worship service. The rotation schedule for meals was sent out to each congregation and should be posted on your church bulletin board by the time you are reading this report.

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

### Communion Services

We will have communion on the following dates in February

2/05: Bethlehem & American

2/19: Knife River & Faith

### Growing in Faith To Serve

We met in January, John facilitated the Bible Study on the baptism of Jesus. We plan to meet at 10:00 on February 13th at ALC. Bring your Bible and join us as we study Matthew 5:38-48.

### Pulpit Supply for January

Thank you to the following for providing pulpit supply to the Parish in January: Andie Roise, Diana Evans and Sarah Sorenson.

### Parish Men's Bible Study

All men of the parish are welcome to join us each Thursday morning at 8:00 at Centennial Court for a Bible Study. Recently we had a study on the baptism of Jesus and John provided a handout from the ELCA website. Our baptism is the beginning of our life of faith by Living, Loving, Learning, Growing and Sharing what God has done for us. We welcome you to join us as we share our faith walk.

### Report from our parish supported Food Pantry

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry served 52 families in December, giving away 4757 pounds of food, which does not include the many turkeys that were picked up by clients at Cashwise.

We served a total of 147 people, of which 94 were children and 13 were seniors. If you would like to volunteer to help at the food pantry, (or unload the truck) please contact Mary at 628-2925. ☺

*Mary Dennis*

### Confirmation

Confirmation students enjoyed a whirly whip on their last day together for this confirmation season. Pastor Carter led the sessions and there was meaningful discussion on faith, grace, salvation along with other topics important to their faith walk. We want to thank our volunteer confirmation mentors, Betty VanVugt, Kelly Roemmich Marlene & Lynn Grabow who came each week and assisted. Bless you for your faithful participation with our parish youth. Remember that Confirmation Bible Camp attendance is an expectation of confirmation students. Our parish rotates confirmation camp between the Bible Camps and this year the rotation is at Upper Missouri Ministries at Epping and will be July 16-21. Please let John know in the office when your child has attends Bible Camp so it can be recorded in our database.

This year the confirmation students will not be required to participate in the confirmation choir in singing the Holden Evening Prayer during Lent. However, attendance by confirmation students at Lent Services is still expected this year.

**Lutheranism 101**  
**THE LORD'S SUPPER**



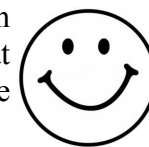
### First Communion!

Congratulations to our parish fifth graders on their first communion. We welcome you to the communion table.

*"Do this in remembrance of me..."*

### Better Together Worship

Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped at the combined parish worship service at the school house on January 29th.



### We welcome you to the Lord's Table!

Jace Anderson  
Tristen Barstad  
Audrey Dazell  
Josie Stoddard

Jonathan Germundson  
Tyler Gjellstad  
Norah Hermanson  
Aubrey Locken  
Molly Lund

Hunter Meckle  
Mazzie Mills  
Cayne Rudolph  
Brooke Vachal

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



# FEBRUARY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:40ALC church school 5:30 7th & 8th LYO 6:30 LYO Meal 7:00 9th -12th LYO	2 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 8:00 Bethlehem Council	3 Pastor's Sabbath	4 JLYO & LYO "Lock-In" at ALC
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# American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.



WELCA will be having a meeting March 6th at 2:30 p.m. at the church. Please see our new prayer chain list published elsewhere in the Scroll. Donations are being accepted for various kits for the Lutheran World Relief. They will be packaged in May.

The women are planning a meal fund raiser for Metigoshe Ministries kitchen remodeling project before our Lent Services begin. At this time we are planning for Feb. 19th. Please come and support the project! Congratulations to Pastor Carter on your ministry to the Bread of Life in Minot. You were much appreciated during our time of need for a pastor.

Gods Blessing to you.

Marilyn, WELCA President

The Monthly Church Fellowship meals have returned to American Lutheran! We will have potluck dinner following worship on February 5th. Please join us!



Fellowship Meal



Metigoshe in Motion will lead ALWS on February 22 after school. We would love to invite students from all the churches in our parishes to attend as staff from Metigoshe Ministries lead our Wednesday school !!

Serving Groups - Remember that the serving forms are placed in the folder beside the bulletin board on the day you are scheduled to met. Please take time to review the tasks assigned to each of the volunteer positions for the Sunday assigned. You will find those tasks on the back side of the serving form. If you have questions please visit with your Serving Group chairperson. Thank you for your service to our congregation.



**Serve.**

**In Memory of Undesignated Donor**  
Lorraine Anderberg.....Earl Rogstad  
Kermit Arneson.....Gordon & Sharon Aas  
Kermit Arneson.....Roger & Colleen Holm  
Lorraine Liebl.....Ray & Sandy Anderson  
Dale Pappa.....Sharon Lehr  
Dale Pappa.....Debra Pappa  
Dale Pappa.....Ray & Mary Beard  
Walter Western.....Earl Rogstad  
Walter Western.....Gordon & Sharon Aas

**Building**  
Lorraine Anderberg.....Meyer & Diane Kinnoin  
Kermit Arneson.....Marichel Mariscal  
**Wee Care**  
Donation.....Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger  
**Quilting**  
Lorraine Anderberg.....Marichel Mariscal  
Lorraine Anderberg.....Marion Johnson  
Lorraine Anderberg.....Pat Eisenzimmer  
Lorraine Anderberg.....Gene & Carol Hanson  
Lorraine Anderberg.....Amy Strasser



**Serve.**

**ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board**

\* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

	Blue Group	Gold Group
February 2017	Serves in February	Serves in March
Blue Serving Group	Susan Arneson	Ron & Shelly Aadnes
March 2017	Jason & Stacey Barstad *	Shane Aadnes
Gold Serving Group	Jason & Danielle DuPay	Dave & Paula Brown
April 2017	Matthew & Kim DuPay	Jacob & Ashley Carpenter
Green Serving Group	Neil & Laurie Faber	Brandon & Beth Dean
May 2017	Carrie Giese	Jared Enget
Purple Serving Group	Don Giese	Scott & Jordan Evans
June 2017	Renee Grinolds	Rocky & Adriana Fladeland
Red Serving Group	Deanna Haugen	Larry & Nancy Hagen
July 2017	Curt & Grace Johnson	Curt & Nancy Hemstad*
White Serving Group	Dave Johnson	Gerry & Chancey Henin
August 2017	Lacey Johnson	Jason & Christy Iverson*
Blue Serving Group	McKenzie Johnson	Norma Kjellberg
September 2016	Ronnie LaFromboise	Duane & Janice Lindberg
Gold Serving Group	Jerome & Pat Lautenschlager	Dennis Lynnes
October 2017	Jessica LeRohl	Evan & Erin Meiers
Green Serving Group	George & Amy Littlecreek	Eric & Shannon Mell
	Jennifer & Brian Manson	Norman & Julie Mell
Sound System	Curt & Summer Meyer	Jackie Nelson
Jake Hellman 1st	Gary & Kathy Mork	Earl Rogstad
Don Longmuir 2nd	Elmer & Carol Nelson	Layne & Tyra Rolfe
Gary Nordloef 3rd	Jennifer Nelson	Robert & Elaine Sandry
Jeff Colbenson 4th	Landon & Kara Nichols	Pam & Kelly Shunke
Jake Hellman 5th	Dennis & Brenda Nielsen	Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard
	Ben Nordloef	Troy & Jenny Smith
Power Point	Chris & Whitney Nordloef	BreeAnn Sorenson
Projectionists	Gary & Kay Nordloef	Clay & Sarah Sorenson
Katie/Sarah 1st	Rand & Diane Olson	Steve & Cathy Springan
Kelly/Dawn 2nd	Mike & Clarissa Parmeter	Bill & June Stevens
Gary/Kaye 3rd	Andrew & Randi Petras	
Jeff/Karen 4th	Michael & Abby Reep	
Jake Hellman 5th	Brad & Barb Reese	
Feb. Acolytes	Duc & Renae Thiel	
1. Jordan L.	Ira & Amy Walter	
2. Camden R.	Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger*	
Communion	Bill & Anna Marie Whitmore	
1. Raygen L.	Ryan & Beth Wilhelmi	

Thank you Boy Scouts for taking down our Nativity display after Christmas!

**ALC Council meets on Sunday, February 12th after worship.**

Communion Assistants

Feb 5: Marilyn & Kay

**We have some new members at American Lutheran and plan to print the names in the upcoming issue. WELCOME to A.L.C. !**



## American Lutheran Prayer Chain

The prayer chain has had some additions so keep this copy of names.

### Group 1

Home - - - - - Cell

628-2083 -- 313-0085 -- Carol Hanson  
628-3170 -- 339-3209 -- June Stevens  
628-3306 -- 313-0014 -- Marichel Mariscal  
628-3292 -- 629-0326 -- Cathy Springan  
628-2024 -- 621-1590 -- Marilyn Evenson  
628-1280 -- 629-1067 -- Maren Feiring  
628-2714 -- 629-1852 -- Nancy Hemstad  
628-2538 -- 629-8995 -- Verlee Kjoson  
628-5809 -- 629-8698 -- Ardis Evans  
628-3348 -- 629-0025 -- Marlene Grabow  
628-2767 -- 629-2767 -- Beverly Neset  
628-2103 -- 629-5735 -- Ruth Hysjulien

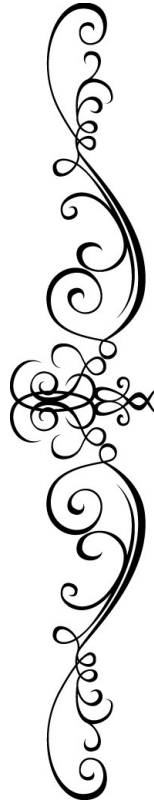
### Group 2

Home - - - - - Cell

628-2934 -- 629-1952 -- Renae Gjellstad  
628-3417 -- 629-1647 -- Shelly Aadness  
628-3186 -- 629-1374 -- Linda Hamers  
628-2220 -- 629-1220 -- Cheryl Weisenberger  
628-3705 -- 313-0267 -- Anna Whitmore  
628-2146 -- 629-1951 -- Julie Mell  
628-3287 -- 629-1245 -- Faye Borud  
628-2109 -- 629-1940 -- Grace Johnson  
628-2545 -- 629-5491 -- Sharon Aas  
628-2804 -- 629-9672 -- Barb Nesheim  
628-2384 -- 621-1908 -- Susie Trana

Anyone wishing to activate the prayer chain may contact the prayers leaders, or Pat Jensen at 628-2366 or Marilyn Evenson 628-2024 or the church office 628-2550. After receiving the call, immediately say a prayer and then continue the call. Keep the prayer concern to a couple sentences and please do not add to the information given about the prayer concern. Do not leave messages with spouses, children or on an answering machine. Next call the cell number but don't leave a message. Continue with the chain. The chain ends at the end of each group. The prayer chain is most often used for illnesses and accidents but also remember to use it for thanksgiving, praise and answered prayers. The chain may be activated for anyone, they need not be members of our congregation.

*Marilyn Evenson*



# February



**Janitors** for February will be notified.

**BAPTISM** - On Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, **Oliver Brooks Goodall** was baptized. His parents are Brooks and Stacey Goodall and Oliver's sponsors were Vernon and Jenna Snyder. We welcome little Oliver into our family at Knife River and wish God's blessings to him and his family.

**SYMPATHY** - We extend our sympathy to the family of Lynn Lidstrom in his recent passing and especially to his brother, Lyle. Our prayers have been with you in your loss.

**THANK YOU** to Nikki Longmuir for accepting the role of Sunday School Superintendent for the remainder of the year. It is greatly appreciated and may God bless you as you lead the Sunday School children.

News is short this month but next month we will have information regarding the results of our Annual Meeting – committees, council members etcetera.

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

### Knife River Sunday School

Thanks to all the kids for singing at our joint worship last month. You were amazing!

For the month of February, we will plan to have Sunday school every Sunday. We are currently learning the Lords Prayer and hope to be sharing it with everyone soon! We will also plan on singing during the service on the 26th.

I will be taking over the Sunday school and want to thank Christine for the many years she has put into our kids. You will be greatly missed.

Any questions or comments can be directed towards me at this time (629-5101). I look forward to this new opportunity. I also want to thank Amy Fladeland for all her help and time she has put in!

Gods Blessings,  
Nikki Longmuir



February 12th			Bell		Communion		
Greeters	Coffee	Offering	Ringers	Readings	Music	Usher	Acolyte
Sadee	Brooke	Henry	Jake	Molly	Jack	Jozey	Alexis
Jonathan	Alycia	Brooke	Briggs	Levi			Owen
			Kaley	Jonathan			

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

*Feb 5: Matt & Sara E. ~ Feb 19: Wayne & Diana E.*

*Feb 12: Sunday School ~ Feb 26: Gary & Vicki E.*

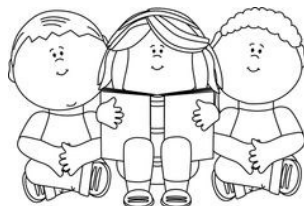
**Ushers:** *Jamie & Pam G.*

Bethlehem Church Council Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 pm  
The annual meeting was held January 15<sup>th</sup> and the 2017 budget was approved as presented. Thanks to Jason Roise and Allen Lund, outgoing council members, for sharing your time and gifts with us. Also, thanks to Sara Evans, incoming Trustee, for your willingness to serve on council. Thank you Pastor Carter, for serving as our interim pastor the last several months!

### **Sunday School News**

The Sunday School kids are learning about the 10 commandments. We'll be learning about 2-3 commandments each Sunday. Molly, Jonathan, and Brooke finished their first communion class in January and celebrated first communion at the joint service. Thanks to Pastor Carter for organizing such fun classes!

*Barb*



### **Deadline for Submitting Synod Assembly Resolutions:**

March 31

If you or your members of your congregation are interested in submitting and item for consideration by the 2017 Synod Assembly please note that *resolutions for consideration must be submitted to the Reference and Counsel Committee by March 31 and sent through one of the following channels in order to be considered:*

1. Congregational meetings or congregational councils
2. Conference Assemblies
3. Synod Teams
4. Synod Council

Individual voting members (resolutions must be accompanied by the signatures of five (5) voting members.)

Download the [Resolution Form and Worksheet](#) for guidelines on submitting a resolution found on the Western North Dakota Synod website: <http://wndsynod.org/>

Voting Member Information

Who can serve as a voting member?

### **Rostered Leaders:**

All rostered leaders (pastors, associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers) **under call** on the roster who register and attend.

All **retired** rostered leaders who register and attend.

\*In order to maintain required ratio of lay/rostered percentage, rostered leaders who are retired or currently on-leave-from-call *may not register as a lay voting member* from a congregation.

### **Lay Voting Members:**

The number of voting members allotted per congregation is based on the congregations' baptized membership. Refer to the chart at the right to determine the number your congregation may bring. In keeping with the spirit of inclusiveness, 50% of a church's voting members should be female and 50% of the voting members should be male.

Assembly Materials

*Voting Members will receive packets with Agenda, Rules, Ballots and Bios, and Resolutions at Assembly. Any other materials should be reviewed ahead of time, downloaded to a personal tablet or other device, or printed and brought to Assembly.*

Proposed Changes to WND Synod Constitution

[Summary of Changes to Synod Constitution and Bylaws](#)

[Synod Constitution with Proposed Changes](#) (distributed Nov. 2016)

Resolutions

The deadline for submitting resolutions is March 31, 2017. Any resolutions received after this date, will only be considered at the discretion of the Assembly. If you are considering submitting a resolution, please review the [2016-Resolution-Worksheet.docx](#)

Resolutions will be posted following review by the Reference and Counsel Committee. 2017

Reports: Reports will be added as they are received. Click on the blue links below to view the reports. *Please Note: Reports will not be printed in Voting Member Packets. Please review prior to Assembly.*

Baptized Membership	Voting Members
0-174	1-2
175-500	2
501-1000	3
1001-1500	4
1501-2000	5
2001-2500	6
2501-3000	7
3001-3500	8
3501-4000	9
4001-4500	10
4501-5000	11





Make yourself a quick cup of tea and enjoy reading a short gathered news from Faith along with a short February month.

Our Evening and Afternoon Bible Studies will not meet until further notice.

March 1 - Starts Lent with Ash Wednesday worship.

March 5 - WELCA ladies will meet on Sunday, March 5th after church with a potluck dinner and the meeting to follow.

Flower blossom with meaning; Rosebud = youth & beauty.

Happy Valentine's Day!

*Debbie*

### **Sunday School Flash**

Our Sunday School class is rollin' along nicely. Our next classes will be on February 12 and 26 at 9:30.

We continue learning no matter how young or old we are.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my young people.

*Kathryne*

### Readers

5<sup>th</sup> - Debbie

12<sup>th</sup> - Darlene

19<sup>th</sup> - Gabby

26<sup>th</sup> - Emma

### Work:

Joyce - Chair

& Lori

### Altar and Greeters:

Eileen & Janice

### Coffee Servers

5<sup>th</sup> - To be decided

12<sup>th</sup> - To be decided

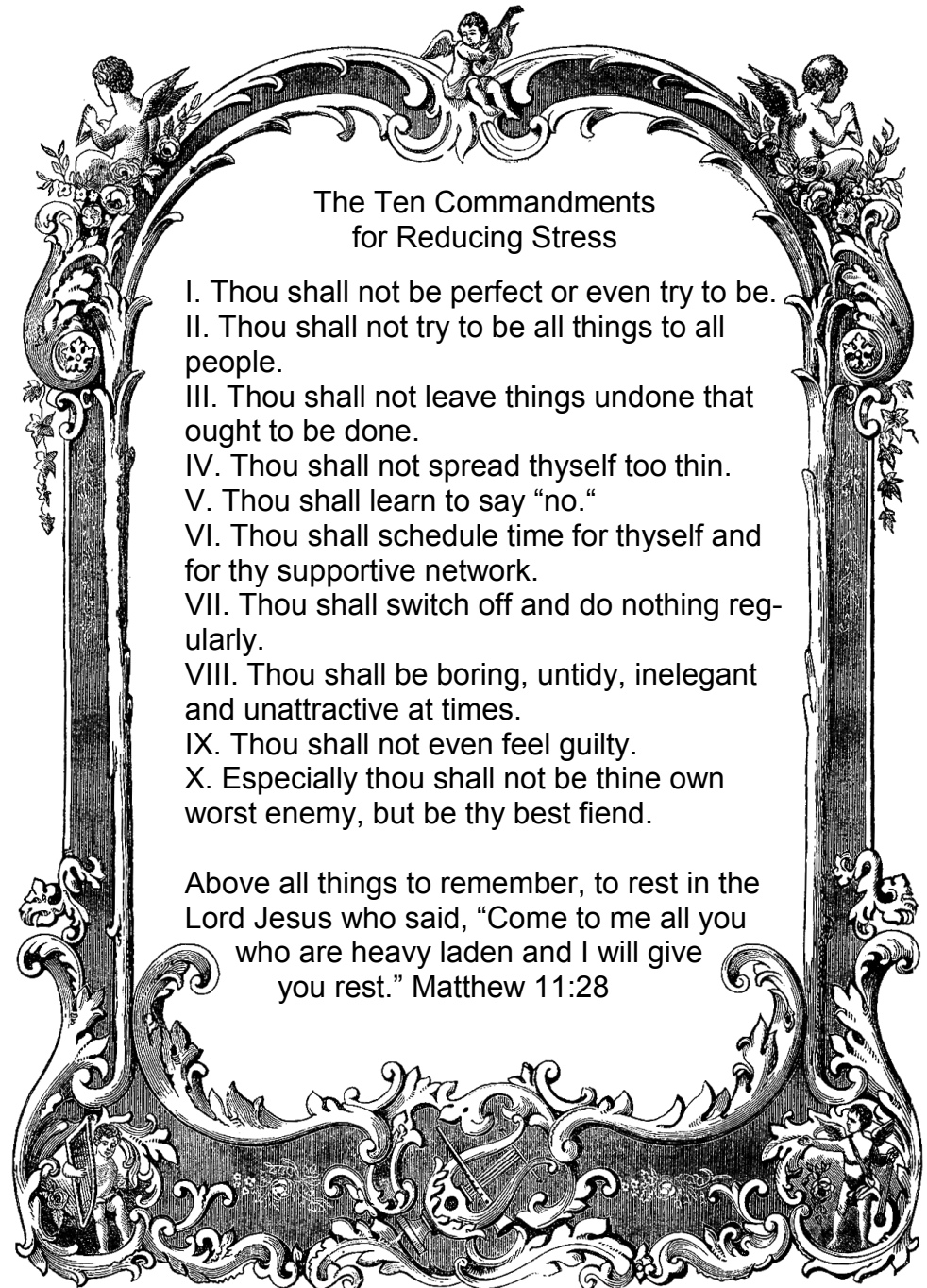
19<sup>th</sup> - To be decided

26<sup>th</sup> - To be decided

### **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.

*From Debbie's desk. . . . Ponder on this.*



### **The Ten Commandments for Reducing Stress**

I. Thou shall not be perfect or even try to be.

II. Thou shall not try to be all things to all people.

III. Thou shall not leave things undone that ought to be done.

IV. Thou shall not spread thyself too thin.

V. Thou shall learn to say "no."

VI. Thou shall schedule time for thyself and for thy supportive network.

VII. Thou shall switch off and do nothing regularly.

VIII. Thou shall be boring, untidy, inelegant and unattractive at times.

IX. Thou shall not even feel guilty.

X. Especially thou shall not be thine own worst enemy, but be thy best fiend.

Above all things to remember, to rest in the Lord Jesus who said, "Come to me all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

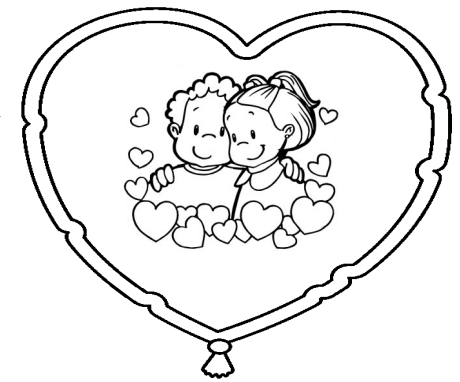
**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Blaine Hamers, Gail Raasakka
- 2 - Kale Enget, Lori Hanson, Kevin Halvorson, Brad Anderson, Mari Jarmin, Scott Evans
- 3 - Scott Johnson, Teague Nelson, Scott Rudolph
- 4 - Darcy Buerkle, Jason Zuchara, Jessica Lerohl, Brian Hamers, Alexis Bruhn, Joleen Lidstrom
- 6 - Adam Jarmin, Clarence Kvamme, Mica Schoenborn
- 7 - Brock Borud, Heather Mills
- 8 - Shea Aas, Dan Harwood, Zeke Wienbar, Nicole Longmuir
- 9 - Miranda Colbenson, Bill Sem, Betty Harstad, Holly Albright, Jodi Zimmerman
- 10 - Karrie Halvorson, Dan Meiers
- 11 - Rita Locken
- 12 - Kenny Bykonen, Kinley McDonald, John Mogren, Lyla Roehrich
- 13 - Sandy Dennis, Aidan Olson
- 14 - Brady Rodenhizer, Dennis Nielsen, Courtney Smith, Taylor Smith, Scott Nelson, Lowell Vedaa, David Lee Garaas
- 15 - Tammi Colbenson, Pat Jensen, Bev Neset, Eric Abrahamson, Lynne Mraz, Emery Meiers, Gavin Vigness
- 16 - Mattiea Oldham, Walt Dunham
- 17 - Jennifer Nelson, Chase Enget, Stan Wright, Audrey Dazell
- 18 - Ryan Nelson, Cooper Sem, Sherry Sundean
- 19 - Christi Guthmiller, Renee Grinolds, Noma Rian, Iva Fox, Kianna Bruhn
- 20 - Adam Johnson, Mackenzie Johnson, Keenan Henning, Lindsey Henning, Gary Mork, Jr., Brylee Oldham, Lance Ostdahl
- 21 - Brad Borud
- 22 - Renae Gjellstad, Jim Trana, Brent Rodenhizer, Tina Lynnes, Asher Nichols
- 23 - Brent Borud, Annie Barnhart
- 24 - Barry Summers, Mazi Koester, Caylie Dunham
- 25 - Kari Grinolds, Ardyce Alvstad
- 26 - Alyssa Anne Nielsen
- 27 - Mark Morgan, Macy Nesheim, Marllys Juma
- 28 - Axel Sandeen, Susan Vachal, Stevie Halvorson
- 29 - Kaitlynn Lindberg, Virginia Noble



**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 - Donna and Eric Simpson
- 11 - David and Tammi Colbenson
- 14 - Randall & Diane Ostahl
- 14 - John & Denise Enge
- 15 - Mike & Clarissa Parmeter
- 20 - Jim & Cheryl Evensvold
- 28 - Tom & Betty Simmers



happy anniversary

*Happy Valentine's Day*

**Are we up-to-date with you?**

If you are no longer affiliated with the churches of our parish and wish to have your name removed from our parish mailing list, please call the church office or email us at: [office@prairielutheranparish.org](mailto:office@prairielutheranparish.org)

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