

THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

March 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 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.

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.



Prairie Lutheran Parish

Four Congregations gathered into One Parish

9:00 am Sunday Worship

Bethlehem
Lutheran
Ross

Knife River
Lutheran

Hwy 8 South of Stanley

(701) 628-2550

PrairieLutheranParish.org

10:30 am Sunday Worship

American
Lutheran
Stanley

Faith
Lutheran
Palermo



**From Our Pastor
Carter's Thoughts**

When I drive to Stanley from Minot the sun is often rising in my rearview mirror. The darkness of the world passes away and the sun begins to shine. Driving seems safer. The entire prairie seems safer. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Each day as I drive and see the beautiful sunrise behind me I see the promise of light that God has given us. Through this, I see God alive and active in our world. Then as the week continues I have the pleasure of seeing God each day in all of you.

Each day I am greeted by John as I walk into American to head to my office. I always ask him how he is, and he always responds, "I'm blessed." And that we all are. We are blessed. I see God in John.

I see God in Marichel when I walk into her office to see how she is doing each day. There is something so calming about her presence. Which is well needed as she continually explains to me the different financial situations of the parish.

I see God on Mondays when I sit with the quilters from the parish. A group of women that gather often to bless others. Each year they provide warmth to many people and over the decades thousands of people across the globe. They have covered pews with quilts at the funerals of those that once quilted with them, and provided meals to their grieving families. I see God active in them, active in our conversations, and active in their service that reaches all across the world.

I see God on Wednesdays when the youth of our parish gather together. I hear their faith and love of God in their conversations. I see God in Eden who faithfully serves as our Parish Youth Worker and encourages our youth to continually

discover how much God loves them.

I see God in the Men's Bible Study on Thursday mornings. Where men of all ages from 27 to 90 gather together to discuss what God's word means for us today.

And my dear parish, I see God in all of you. Whether it be when you drop by my office, or when we chat on the phone or see one another around town, or on Sunday mornings when we gather together as the one body of Christ to proclaim Christ crucified and risen. Together we sing our praises to God, together we lift our prayers to God, and together we live lives driven by the mission and love of God.

As we enter into the season of Lent, a time of reflection within our faith lives, my hope is that we enter into a time of deep personal thought about where God is present in our lives. And as we begin to see where God is at work in our days may we continually become people grounded in good news, faith, hope, light, and love. For that is what Christ calls us to do.

God is at work in you, in me, in our families, friends, and neighbors. God is at work all around us, my dear parish, so now let us open our eyes to see just where.

Not only do I have the pleasure of seeing God in the sunrise of my rearview mirror, but I also have the great joy of seeing the sunset in my mirror each day as I return to Minot. The sun sets on Stanley and as the beautiful colors mix and turn to dark, I see God. I see God in that sunset above the town telling me that you all are not alone, and that God is with you, holding you in the palm of God's hand. Where do you see God today? I see him in you.

Be blessed, my dear friends, for you are a great blessing to me.

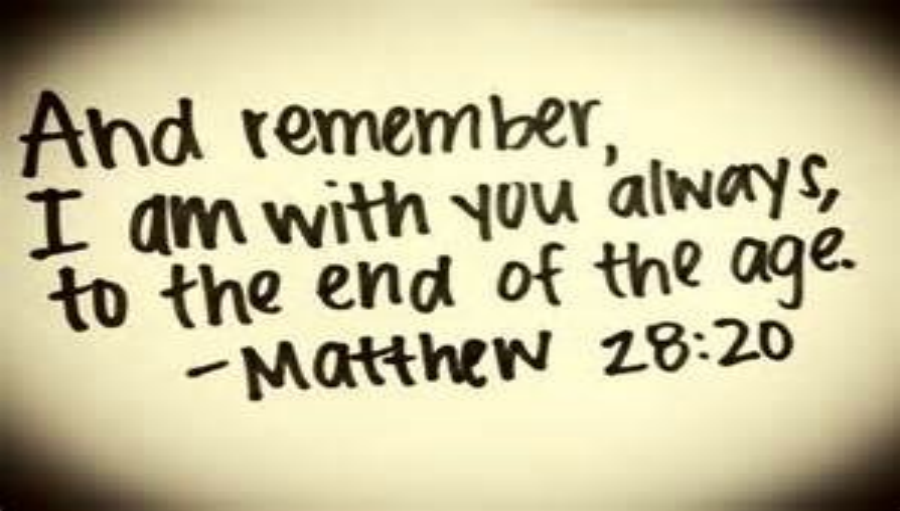
Because of Christ,
Carter

Synod News

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



As we go to the press this month, we have not yet received our Gospel Seeds from the Bishop. You may access the Bishop's monthly message by visiting the Synod website later in the month.



Notes from your parish administrator....

As we enter the Season of Lent, I am reminded of the song The Upper Room. It must have seemed very strange to these disciples to think that Jesus would soon not be walking with them on the dusty roads and challenging them to think "outside of the box." As we enter this season of reflection, how might we be challenged if we looked at ourselves through the eyes of Jesus? What things in our life have we put aside but need to be worked on? Jesus encouraged his disciples in his final days of walking beside them. He continues to assure us that He is always near. So during Lent, examine what you might change to strengthen your faith walk and your relationship with God.

The Upper Room

There in a quiet upper room
They gathered together once again
The Master stood among the twelve
He called his closest friends

Soon I must leave you said the Lord
My Father will call me from this place
Although you may not understand
My life is in His hands
I must obey

They sat in the silence tears in their eyes
He spoke once again to ease their minds
Be not afraid
Do not despair
When you need me I will always be there

Come sit beside me said the Lord
For here at this table we are one
Come share this simple meal with me
And show that you believe
I am God's Son

This bread is My body
Broken for you
This wine is My blood
Which is shed for you
Take now and eat
Take now and drink
Do this always in remembrance of me

Walk in my footsteps said the Lord
Be steadfast in everything you do
And keep me always in your heart
Though we may be apart
I am with you.



Amazed. Inspired. Grateful. That is how we are feeling. The Lutheran social ministry came together with over 500 others to give Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota the best Giving Hearts Day yet. In December, we set out to raise \$50,000 for people in need in North Dakota...what happened on that day was nothing short of a miracle.

We didn't just hit our goal of \$50,000, we surpassed it and raised \$104,616!

We broke down barriers, we surpassed expectations, and we created a milestone we all should be proud of. There are thousands of people across our great state that will receive healing, help, and hope from this ONE day.

Bryan Quigley,
Associate Development Officer
Advancement

Western North Dakota Synod Assembly - Grand Hotel, Minot, ND June 2-3, 2017

The Synod Assembly is the annual gathering of all 172 congregations of the Western North Dakota Synod Assembly. We gather together for worship, education, celebration, and to do the business of this synod.

Any member of any congregation of the Western North Dakota Synod is invited to register and participate in synod assembly. Each congregation elects lay voting members based on their baptized membership numbers (*see Voting Member Information for ratio on next page*). All other (non-delegate) members are invited to register as visitors to the assembly and may participate in all aspects of the assembly including worship, workshops, presentations, meals, etc.; however, visitors do not have voice or vote in elections or business items on the assembly agenda. Rostered ministers (pastors and ELCA deacons) who hold a letter of call from a congregation or synod council, as well as retired rostered leaders also have voice and vote in the assembly plenary sessions. Attendance at the assembly is expected of all rostered leaders under call. Register at: <http://wndsynod.org/synod-assembly/>

The information needed by your congregation's delegates is available at this website. Remember to reserve your hotel room soon before they fill up. Also the Mission Gala dinner tickets sell out quickly!

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.

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

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.

During the Lent Season we will have LYO
with a little different format than usual.

**All 7th-12th graders are welcome to remain after the
Wednesday Lent Worship Service for LYO**

Instagram: prairielutheranparishlyo
Facebook: Prairie Lutheran Parish

Jeremiah 29:11-14 *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD....*

LYO February News

Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader

Our last month of LYO has brought a lot of fun and interesting conversations with our kids. Several weeks ago, we switched our schedule to try something new, and then in the last month we also hosted a lock-in event at the beginning of February.

The new schedule that we're trying allows us to have some separate time between junior high and high school students, yet they still get to spend their mealtime together.

The LYO lock-in was a big success! We had 16 students as well as several adults who helped lead small group discussions, supervise all of our activities, and help with food and materials. We had small group discussions on how our words we share are so important. We had several games and activities to keep us laughing, and we watched a movie. The service project we completed was to make tie-blankets for our residents at the Bethel Home. Thank you to all of those who helped us have a great time serving God and others as well as building our relationships with each other!

Upcoming events:

- ELCA National Youth Gathering is coming up in June 2018 in Houston! (More details and planning for the event will be coming up soon, so please keep your eyes open and contact Eden with any questions!)
- Youth Sunday will be set for April 30th (more details to come)

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



Contact information:

(701) 840-2871 (cell phone)

Eden.drevecky@gmail.com



Love.



Grow.



Serve.



Wednesday Lent Supper 5:30 worship 6:30
Confirmation students are expected to attend worship on Wednesdays.

Together-4-Prayer will not meet in March.



Recent Funerals in the Parish

Funeral Service 1/30/2017

Jennie Eloise Smith

Funeral Service 2/13/2017

Marion Jean Johnson

Recent Baptisms in the Parish

American Lutheran

Scott Gregory Carkuff

Son of Jeremy & Sarah

American Lutheran

Swayzi Ann Nichols

Daughter of Landon & Kara

Parish Worship Committee

Your Parish Worship Committee met in February to select the worship settings and music for March. The committee met a second time in February to discuss the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service. 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.

Call Committee Members: Wayne Evans (chairman), ALC: Carol Hanson, Jeremy Carkuff; Bethlehem: Jason Roise, Lesley Trulson; Faith: Sarah Brewer, Warren Walhaug; Knife River: Warren Craft, Nicki Longmuir and Parish Youth Representative: Noah Rolfe. The committee met February 22nd.

Pulpit Supply for January

Thank you to the following for providing pulpit supply to the Parish in January: Jim Hamann, Sarah Sorenson, Kelly Roemmich, Don Longmuir, Christoph Schmit and John Mogren. Thank you to Andie Roise and Iva Fox for agreeing to be worship leaders one Sunday.

Growing in Faith To Serve

We cancelled our study February 13th due to a funeral. Our next meeting is March 13th. Bring your Bible and join us.

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. We welcome you to join us as we learn together and share our faith walk.

Communion Services

We will have communion on the following dates in March

3/05: Bible Camp (maybe)

3/12: All Congregations

3/19: American & Bethlehem

3/26: Bible Camp (maybe)

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

Report from our parish supported Food Pantry

There was a record number of families that found help at the food pantry in January. We served 63 families, giving out 5976.5 pounds of food. Of the 63 families, 98 were children, and 17 were seniors. We now have a Facebook page, (Mountrail Community Food Pantry) so if folks want to check that out, and even "Like" our page, they will be able to see some of the unloading pictures, as well as updates on deliveries, etc.

Thank you to the many donations that show up in our food pantry, or in the mailbox. The help is tremendously appreciated, and the timing...well, that is totally divine. Literally.

Mary

If you'd like to volunteer please contact Mary at 628-2925.

Freedom in Christ as a Call to Serve"
with Dr. Martin Lohrmann



March 4, join us for a day of engaging theological conversation at First Lutheran Church, Minot.

GIFTS events are open to all and are an engaging gathering of people interested in ongoing adult faith formation. Come for Bible study, fellowship and the opportunity to Grow In Faith To Serve.

This presentation is the second in a year-long focus on Martin Luther: Teacher for Today, commemorating 500 years since the Lutheran Reformation. We'll join Dr. Lohrmann of Wartburg Seminary in exploring the themes of Spirit & Service in the Lutheran Confessions.

Coffee and check-in will be available at 8:30 a.m. Event begins at 9 a.m. Your Event Registration Fee of \$15 covers lunch and snacks.

Register at: <http://wndsynod.org/>

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

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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			1 3:40 ALC church school 5:30 Lent Supper-ALC 6:30 Worship 7:30 LYO	2 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 8:00 Bethlehem Council	3 Pastor's Sabbath	4 GIFTS 1st Lutheran, Minot "Freedom in Christ as A Call to Serve" 8:30 a.m.
5 Sunday Worship! Bible Camp Worship 11:30 Faith WELCA & Potluck dinner ALC children sing Potluck dinner at ALC	6 ALC 10:00 Quilting 2:30 ALC WELCA	7 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study at Centennial Court	8 3:40 ALC church school 5:30 Lent Supper-Beth. 6:30 Worship 7:30 LYO	9 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	10 Pastor's Sabbath 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	11
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American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.



WELCA meeting will be March 6th at 2:30 p.m. at the church. All women are invited to attend. Donations are being accepted for various kits for the Lutheran World Relief. They will be packaged in May. Thanks to the women who volunteered to help prepare, serve and clean up after the spaghetti meal fund raiser. The donations were given to the Metigoshe Ministries kitchen remodeling project.

Again, a reminder that the articles for the LWR kits (health, school, baby) are needed. They will be shipped in May and the articles received yet are few. A Blessed Lenten Season.

Marilyn, WELCA President

Those transferring memberships to American: Greg & Stacey Mortensen, Kaisa, Ella and Mya; Breeann Sorenson, Dalton, Hayley, Khambel and Teegan. We welcome you!

The Monthly Church Potluck Fellowship meal will follow worship on March 5th. Please join us!

Also Lent Supper: American serves on March 1st and March 29th

Fellowship Meal

ALWS kids will sing on the first Sunday in March (5th).

Parents please have your children here early!

Remember this is going to be a special Camp Meeting Worship with Metigoshe Ministries coming to lead us. On March 29th we will have another special Camp Meeting Worship with the Upper Missouri Ministries coming to lead worship.

We had a great time in February with Metigoshe in Motion at our American Lutheran Wednesday School.



Some Council notes:

Work on remodeling the ALC parsonage is progressing well. Please stop over and see the changes that have been made. It's looking good! We continue to be plagued with leaks from the church roof.

We are consulting about how we might improve the lighting in the sanctuary.

We need to update our ALC constitution and the proposed revisions are being studied. Bible School is scheduled for June 19-23.



Serve.

ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

	Green Group	Gold Group
March 2017	Serves in April	Serves in March
Gold Serving Group	Gordon & Sharon Aas *	Ron & Shelly Aadnes
April 2017	Bryan & Karen Davies	Shane Aadnes
Green Serving Group	Robin Enget	Dave & Paula Brown
May 2017	Gary & Sue Evenson	Jacob & Ashley Carpenter
Purple Serving Group	Jacob Hellman	Brandon & Beth Dean
June 2017	Brian & Traci Hysjulien	Jared Enget
Red Serving Group	Chad & Cammie Hysjulien	Scott & Jordan Evans
July 2017	Hod & Ruth Hysjulien	Rocky & Adriana Fladeland
White Serving Group	Marjorie Jaha	Larry & Nancy Hagen
August 2017	Gary & Judy Johnson	Curt & Nancy Hemstad*
Blue Serving Group	Lynette Johnson	Gerry & Chancey Henin
September 2016	Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin	Jason & Christy Iverson*
Gold Serving Group	Meyer & Diane Kinnoin	Norma Kjellberg
October 2017	Chase Lindberg	Duane & Janice Lindberg
Green Serving Group	Dan & Karen Lindberg	Dennis Lynnes
February 2017	Larry & Grace Lystad	Evan & Erin Meiers
Blue Serving Group	Gladys Meyer	Eric & Shannon Mell
	John & Devra Mogren	Norman & Julie Mell
Sound System	Greg & Stacey Mortensen	Jackie Nelson
Jake Hellman 1st	Bev Neset *	Earl Rogstad
Don Longmuir 2nd	Jerry & Jennifer Neset	Layne & Tyra Rolfe
Gary Nordloef 3rd	Lance & Teri Ostdahl	Robert & Elaine Sandry
Jeff Colbenson 4th	Evonne Piepkorn	Pam & Kelly Shunke
Jake Hellman 5th	Ken & Donna Ranum	Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard
	LaRae Rudolph	Troy & Jenny Smith
Power Point	Amy Strasser	BreeAnn Sorenson
Projectionists	Robert Western	Clay & Sarah Sorenson
Katie/Sarah 1st	Bernard & Joanne Wirtz	Steve & Cathy Springan
Kelly/Dawn 2nd		Bill & June Stevens
Gary/Kaye 3rd		
Jeff/Karen 4th		
Jake Hellman 5th		

ALC Council meets on Sunday, Mar 12 after worship.

March Acolytes
1. Katie Wilhelmi
2. Reese Smith
Communion
1. Cruz Jarez

Communion Assistants
March 12: Marlene
March 19: Kay

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.

March

Our Lent journey begins



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

March Coffee/Greeters:

March 5: Jubal & Deann ~ March 19: Jamie & Pam

March 12: Sunday School ~ March 26: Allen & Debbie

Ushers: Scott & Nancy

New Member! Welcome to Lisa, Levi, Kaylee, and Sadee Uran. We are blessed to have you join us as members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Special thanks to Pastor Carter for your service to our parish.

We have been truly blessed by your ministry!

Next council meeting Thursday March 2nd at 8:00 pm

Bethlehem serves supper for Wednesday Lenten service
March 8th

Barb



Bethlehem Lutheran Church - WELCA News

"Our mission is to mobilize women to boldly act upon their faith in Jesus Christ"

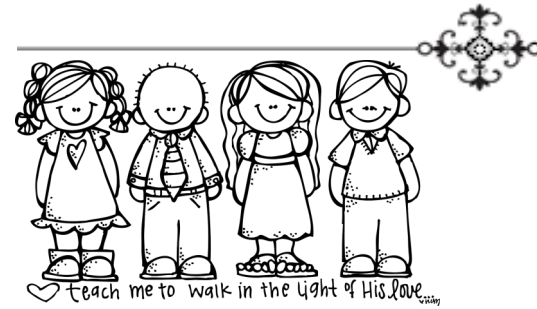
A reminder our mission project is the "Personal Care Kit". Please bring completed kits to the church for spring LWR pick-up.

Thank you to everyone who fixed hair on February 10th. Our turn is the 2nd Friday of the month at 8:00 am. We can always use another set of hands so come when you can. Fellowship is great! Next date is March 10th at 8:00 am.

Our WELCA will be serving Lent supper on March 8th and again on April 5th along with Knife River and Faith. This will all be planned before you read this. Hmmm. Also a reminder to support Faith WELCA by purchasing their "Gods House on the Prairie" cook book. The books are available by contacting one of the Faith WELCA members or copies are also on the WELCA table at ALC.

Diana

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16



The kids are studying the 10 commandments and how to apply them to their daily lives. Congrats to our Sunday School 5th graders, Brooke, Molly, and Jonathan, who celebrated their first communion!

Pam

LOVE LIFE
LIVE  LENT
TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD



March



The calendar says "Spring is March 20th" nice weather or not!

March 1 - Starts Lent with Ash Wednesday meal & worship.

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

A reminder: If you plan to bring items for school kits, we send them in early May. Any questions call Kathy at 628-3499.

March 12 - Communion Service at Faith.

Being there is Sunday School on the 5th & 26th of the month, the Camp Metigoshe Ministries will be at Faith on March 5th for service and Camp Epping Ministries will be with us on March 26th for service so that they can involve the Sunday School kids also.

Evening and Afternoon Bible Studies will not meet until further notice by their hostess.

We had our Annual Meeting on January 22 during the service time. It was opened with the litany and also the song printed on the booklet. Our President Barb brought the meeting to order.

- 1) Council Member : Warren Walhaug
- 2) Western North Dakota Synod Delegates: Iva Fox and Debbie Haugen.
- 3) Auditing Committee: Sarah Brewer, Eileen Jones and Jen Wilson.
- 4) Bethel Home Delegates: Barb Jones & Iva Fox
- 5) Nominating Committee: Debbie Haugen & Wayne Enger
- 6) News Reporter: Debbie Haugen

We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer, Table Grace and had a delicious potluck meal.

I hope everyone says their prayers every night, I do.
Flower blossom with meaning; Snapdragon - you are dazzling but dangerous.

Ponder this: Happiness keeps you sweet,
Trials keep you strong,
Sorrows keep you humble,
Success keeps you glowing,
But only God keeps you going!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all my Irish readers!

Debbie



Sunday School Flash

Our Sunday School class this month are March 5 & 26 at 9:30.

It is hard to believe we are this far in our Sunday School season already. The kids are eager to learn.

Have a great month!

Kathryne

Readers

- 5th - Camp staff
- 12th - Phyllis
- 19th - Eileen
- 26th - Camp Staff



Coffee Time

- 5th - WELCA potluck
- 12th - Lori
- 19th - Kathy
- 26th - Monica



Work:

Wanda - Chair
& Sarah



Altar and Greeters:

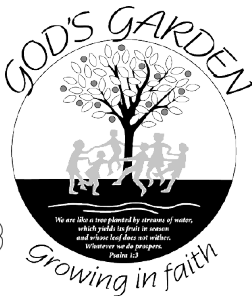
Sarah & Vicki

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.

Irish Blessing

May you live a long life
Full of gladness and health.
With a pocketful of gold
As the least of your wealth.
May the dreams you hold dearest,
Be those which come true.
May the kindness you spread,
Keep returning to you.



JANITORS:

Janitors for March are Ron and Julie Roehrich. Thanks!

WELCA

It is Knife River's turn to serve soup and sandwich for Lenten Services at ALC on Wednesday, March 22nd. Work Group chairman will be notified.

FIRST COMMUNION

The 5th graders from Knife River who received their First Communion at the Joint Service of the Parish on January 29th were: **Jace Anderson, Audrey Dazell, Norah Hermanson and Aubrey Locken.** God's blessings to all of you.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Ilelen Tiisto** who passed away on January 22nd. Her funeral service was at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on January 27th with burial following at Knife River. Blessed be her memory.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anthony and Carrie Sigloh on the birth of their son, **Bently Sigloh**, on February 1st. He joins his two sisters, Carissa and Courtney. We pray for God's blessings to little Bently and his family.

CONGRATULATIONS to JC and Alexis Koester on the birth of their new daughter, **Amelia Rae**, born on February 17th. She joins her sister, Mazi, and we welcome little Amelia among us and wish God's blessings upon her and the family.

Psalm 127:3 Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from Him. (New Living Translation Bible)

Knife River Sunday School Report

Thank you to the kids for singing in church in February. You all worked hard and did a great job! We are still working on learning the Lords Prayer. We are almost to the end and will be sharing it with you one Sunday this month! I'm so proud of the kids for the work they are doing in learning this! We will also be starting to learn about Easter and how Jesus was Risen!

No Sunday School March 26th.

The annual Easter Egg hunt for Sunday School will be on April 2.

Nikki



Believe it or not, the first Saint Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City on March 17, 1762. Irish Americans were not the first, however, to celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick. Irish families have traditionally celebrated the feast of Saint Patrick as a religious holiday for thousands of years - a great pause during the Christian season of Lent when prohibitions were lifted for one day of dancing, drinking and feasting on meat. Corned beef and cabbage anyone?

Irish Humor

May those who love us love us,
And those that don't love us,
May God turn their hearts.
And if He doesn't turn their hearts,
May he turn their ankles,
So we'll know them by their limping.
- Irish Proverb

Traditional Irish Blessing

May good luck be with you
where ever you go.
May your
blessing
outnumber
the
shamrocks
that
grow.

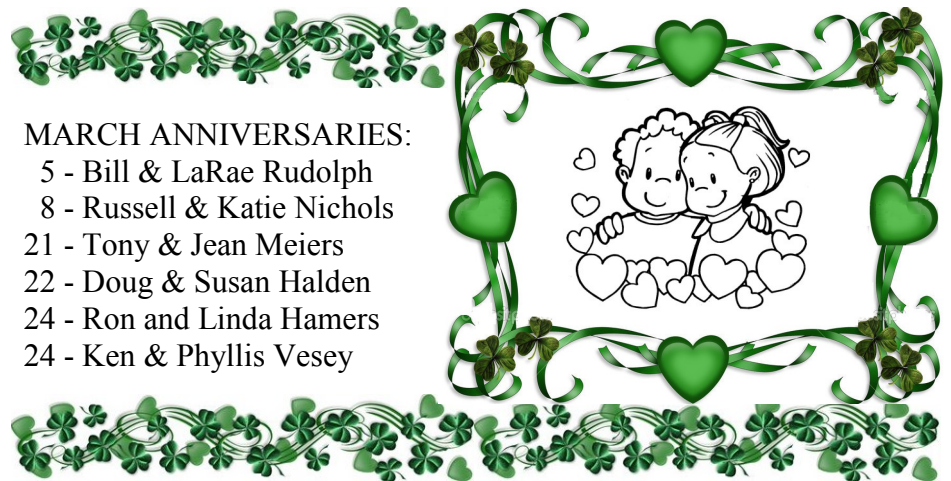


Our Parish members celebrating birthdays this month!

March Birthdays



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



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

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

Are we up-to-date with you?

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