

THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

April 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

Well, here it is, my first newsletter article to you as your official pastor. I wish I could find the words to tell you just how right that feels to say, so I will try my best to do so now.

When I first came here six months ago, I came to fill your pulpits and to prepare the parish for a new leader. Never did I think I would be the new leader I was preparing you for because that was simply not an option that would have worked for both Kayla and myself! The first day I arrived, I quickly learned that you are all such wonderful faith-filled people. I still remember my first Sunday here and the welcome I received at Knife River and Faith. A great welcome for someone you thought would only be around for three months. I remember the 10th graders I met with that day that were about to be confirmed later that month. I still laugh at the comment about how surprised they were to see that I was not an old man, and there are days that I am still amazed at the profound faith statements they offered. That welcome was no different the next week when I first worshipped with Bethlehem and American. With each day here, came a new fond memory, and with each memory the pain that surrounded the thoughts of leaving you all grew immensely, but since staying here with the parish was not an option, I knew it was a pain I would have to face.

When the time came to interview at a church I was heart-broken to have to accept the realization that I would be leaving you all soon. The interview went great. The people were great. All seemed well. Things progressed and as I sat in the pew of that church at worship one weekend as they gathered to welcome and meet me on the road to being their pastor, all I could think about was how I was missing worship with my people — my people being all of you at the Prairie Lutheran Parish. I remember sitting in the front pew and looking back on all the people gathered to worship at a church that wanted me to be their pastor, but knowing deep down I did not want to be theirs because I already felt called to be yours, but again that simply wasn't an option. I looked out on that sea of mostly unfamiliar faces, and again thought of the people of Stanley, Ross, and Palermo and how you quickly became so familiar.

I again remembered my first Sunday at Knife River and the warm welcome (and pancakes) I received from Darren and Christine Wing and their children. I recalled how Marie and

Betty Harstad and Don and Connie Longmuir were some of the first people I spoke to and that by the time I finally made it to Mark and Nikki Longmuir's table to meet them and their clan of 5, it seemed I could retell them their entire life stories as told by Mark's parents and Nikki's grandma and great aunt. I thought about how after all these months,

I knew Faith Lutheran so well I could close my eyes and see the sanctuary and myself looking out on all the people seeing Barb Jones, Iva Fox, Debbie Haugen, Velma and Wayne Enger, Joyce Hollekim, Carol Johnson, and many others sitting in their exact same spots each week.

I recalled how when I first arrived it was just safest to assume that anyone at Bethlehem was somehow either related to the Roises, the Lunds, or the Evans families, and then silently rejoiced that I could now tell them all apart and knew the other families there.

I thought of American and the quilting group. They were the first group of people I ever knew well in the parish, and a group of people that always help me sort out the happenings and people in all four churches.

Although I tried, I could not get the Prairie Lutheran Parish off of my mind. As I had conversation with the Synod office about this and how I was not feeling called to go to the church in Minot, it became known that some things had changed and opportunities had arisen and that there was a possibility of staying here with all of you! That is where we find ourselves now! God works in the most mysterious of ways. And I for one, am glad of this!

It has been a great honor to serve you as your interim pastor and an even larger one to now serve you simply as pastor. This will mean some changes for us! I will start asking you your names again if I still do not know you. I will work harder to develop deeper relationships with you. I will probably invite myself over to your house (don't worry, I will never show up without asking first). Together we will continue to work toward defining who we are as a parish, and what the future hold for us.

Know that I am glad to serve among you. Know that I am thrilled that plans changed and I was able to be called here. The future is bright, my dear parish, I can only imagine the great things God has in store for us and the things we will do together in the coming years. I am blessed.

Because of Christ,
Carter

April Synod News

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Bishop Mark Narum

Registration is Open April 1st!!!

You are invited to register for Synod Assembly June 1-3 at the Grand Hotel, Minot. Assembly registration will open April 1st. Our theme for this year's assembly: ***Always Renewing: One Lord-One Faith-One Baptism***. This theme will help us focus on the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation.

Each congregation is allowed at least two voting members - more depending on the size of the congregation. However, we encourage congregations to bring as many visitors as they would like. The point being, we want as many people as possible to experience this faith-filled time together.

We are blessed to have with us this year Rev. Dr. Sam Giere from Wartburg Seminary. Sam will lead the Pre-Assembly workshop on Thursday, June 1st. He will help us all dive deeply into Martin Luther's central tenants and how this can be a gift today. He will also be our Bible Study leader during Assembly.

Mission Gala Tickets soon on sale!

A limited number of tickets will be available beginning April 1st for a seat at our Annual Mission Gala. The cost of the ticket is \$30. The event is being held at Christ Lutheran Church's Augustana Hall.

You will be treated to an excellent meal complete with appetizers, entrée' and dessert. There will also be the opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items – which will be sold to the highest bidder that evening, as well as, bid on a limited number of live auction items.

All proceeds from this great evening benefit the Western North Dakota Mission Endowment Fund.

Assembly Resolutions & Rules:

The Synod's Website: WNDSynod.org is the best place for you to keep up with the latest Assembly information. Through that site, you are able to find the Rules of the Assembly, the Resolutions which will be presented, biographies of those who will be speaking at Assembly and much more. If you have questions, know that synod staff is available to help you - just call or email us.

Annual Report of Endowment Fund

Did you know that in 2016 congregations and individuals donated over \$69,000 to the Ministry Endowment Fund? And that in the same time period, the Ministry Endowment Fund was able to give twelve individuals scholarships and helped nine rostered leaders with debt buy-down?

Did you know that in the same time frame over \$118,000 was gifted to the Mission Endowment Fund and that seven grants were dispersed? All of this has happened because of faithful and faith-filled people across our synod.

An annual report is now available on the synod website under the Resources tab. Please share this information widely as we continue to work to let people know how their generosity is having a positive impact across this synod.

Proposal to add third Endowment Fund

Currently, the synod has a Ministry Endowment Fund which provides scholarships and debt buy-down for rostered leaders. There is also a Mission Endowment Fund which provides seed money for creative, Christ-centered ministry within the synod. The 2017 Synod Assembly will hear and decide on a proposal to add a third endowment fund tentatively named the Accompaniment Fund.

So, what would this third fund do? Think of it this way, Ministry Fund grants provide support to raise up leaders for God's church including congregations here on the prairie. The Mission Fund distributes grants to congregations as they renew their Christ-centered mission and ministry. However, in order for these endowment funds and grants be effective, it takes human resources behind the scenes. For the Ministry Fund grants to be effective, synod staff members must spend time accompanying people as they discern a call to ministry and then walk with them through the seminary process. Mission Fund grants make a difference in our synod because congregations are accompanied by synod staff in teaching, listening, and asking questions about the congregation's dream for expanding ministry.

The Accompaniment Fund will provide the resources necessary to fund the synod staff time required of the mission and ministry work in our synod. It is a way to look to the future by providing a consistent stream of revenue. The full case statement is part of the 2017 Synod Assembly materials.

God Bless!

Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota

Individuals or families wishing to make donations, give memorials, etc. to Lutheran Social Services can do the following:

Make check payable to: LSSND,

Mail to: LSSND, P.O. Box 389, Fargo ND 58107-0389.

To Donate online: www.lssnd.org/donate

Please know that any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you

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!

Mountrail County Food Pantry a locally supported ministry
We served 48 families in February, providing 4155 pounds of food. 150 people were served, 67 of them children and 12 of them were seniors. We had a very fun visit from the first graders They brought us food to share with others, and had a very thoughtful dialogue of question and answers. I could have visited with them for much, much longer than I did!! We are so extremely thankful for the creative ways that our community is raising money for our food pantry. It brings a fun new energy to all of us when folks might be getting a little tired of winter. God bless you all. ☺ Mary



Join us on April 30th for our 5th Sunday Parish Worship Service. Our youth will be doing all aspects of our morning worship service and will prepare and serve a meal after worship. This will also be a fundraiser Sunday for their planned trip to the LYO National Gathering. Come and be blessed by this worship and fellowship.

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 March News

Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader

Happy Spring! We've got a few different things going on for LYO right now. We are continuing to meet after Wednesday services from 7:30-8:30 PM during the Lenten season. After Lent, we will return to our regular schedule and meal.



We have started the conversation about the **2018 ELCA National Gathering** in Houston, Texas. The kids have had a little information thrown at them during our LYO time, and a letter has been sent out to families as well. We'll be having a meeting with parents interested in more information about the gathering on **Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 PM** after Lent service. Please join us to talk about fundraising, costs of the gathering, and the amazing experience these kids get to have!



One last thing: **Youth Sunday** is set for April 30th, 2017 so we will be planning details for the service and how our youth get to be involved.

Upcoming events:

- Wednesday, April 5th — parent/youth meeting for National Youth Gathering in 2018.
- Sunday, April 30th — Youth Sunday (parish-wide)

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



Recent Marriages in the Parish

American Lutheran
March 11, 2017

**Wade Anthony Decker
Carissa Rae Hysjulien**

Recent Funerals in the Parish

2/25/17-Funeral Service at ALC
Omar Hamdan

2/28/17 Funeral Service at Faith
Kermont Marvin Hollekim

3/19/17 Funeral Service at ALC
Curtis Allan Hemstad

Together-4-Prayer will meet April
6th at 9:30 at Thompson's. All are
welcome to 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.

Growing in Faith To Serve

Our next meeting is April 10th at
10:00 at ALC. All are welcome to
participate in our Bible Study.

Our Parish President Wayne Evans
has announced that **all four congrega-
tions have voted in favor of extend-
ing a call to Pastor Carter!**

Moving? Or no longer a member?

Please let the church office know.
We can change mailing address and
avoid mail forwarding expenses.

Confirmation students are expected to
attend the Lent worship services as
part of the Confirmation Studies.

Bethel Nursing Home Auxiliary

will be hosting a free-will fund-
raiser dinner on Sunday, April 23rd
from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Ameri-
can Lutheran Church. A full meal
will be served and the entire com-
munity is encouraged to come out
and show your support.

Communion Services

We will have communion on the
following dates in April

4/02: American & Bethlehem

4/09: Knife River & Faith

4/16: American & Bethlehem

4/23: Knife River & Faith

4/30: Combined Worship

Pulpit Supply for March

Thank you to the following for
providing pulpit supply to the
Parish in March: Jim Hamann,
Diana & Wayne Evans, Sarah
Sorenson, Janis Thompson and
John Mogren. We also had Meti-
goshe Ministries and Upper Mis-
souri Ministries with us in March.

Confirmation Bible Camp

June 25-30th and this year the ro-
tation is to the Camp of the Cross
<https://www.campofthecross.com/>
Register on line.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OPPEBOEN SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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

Oppeboen's Scholarship due May 15th!

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

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

Two recommendations are required for first time applicants, one from a pastor and one from a teacher. Past recipients need to fill out an application and write an essay about where you are going and what you are studying. As in the past, Marichel writes the scholarship checks and is happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Oppeboen Scholarship, (628-2550).

Concordia College

Are you planning to go to Concordia College in Moorhead, MN? In keeping with its commitment to provide a liberal arts education of high quality at an affordable cost, Concordia maintains one of the lowest tuition rates and largest financial aid programs among comparable private colleges in the region. One of these sources is a partnership between Concordia College and church congregations. Concordia will match congregational scholarships up to \$1,000 per year. Scholarship notification forms are due to the Concordia Financial Aid Office no later than August 15, 2017. The application may be completed on line. This scholarship is offered by American Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran Congregations. Marichel also manages the funds for this scholarship and is very happy to answer your questions.

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



APRIL 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Regular Weekly Activities</u> 10:00 A.M. AlAnon on Saturdays at ALC 5:00 P.M. Cub Scouts on Mondays at ALC 6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts on Mondays at ALC 8:00 P.M. A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC						1
2 Sunday Worship! EggHunt at Knife River 10 Bethlehem WELCA Potluck dinner at ALC	3 ALC 10:00 Quilting 6:00 PLP Council	4 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study at Centennial Court 2 Faith Aft Bible Study	5 8:00 NPSEU at ALC 3:40 ALC church school 5:30 Lent Supper 6:30 Worship 7:30 LYO Parents&youth	6 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 9:30 Together-4-Prayer 2 Faith Eve Bible Study	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8
9 Palm Sunday !	10 ALC 10:00 Quilting 10:00 GIFTS 6:30 Passover meal	11 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	12 Metigoshe in Motion 3:40 ALC church school 5:30 LYO 7th & 8th 6:30 LYO supper 7:00 LYO 9th -12th	13 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 5:30 Maundy Meal & worship	14 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel 6:30 Good Friday Service	15
16 Easter! 7:00 ALC "Sun rise" Service	17 ALC 10:00 Quilting	18 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	19 3:40 ALC church school 5:30 LYO 7th & 8th 6:30 LYO supper 7:00 LYO 9th -12th	20 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court WP Pastoral Conference at ALC (all day)	21 Pastor's Sabbath Noon - Scroll deadline	22 Western Prairie Cluster at New Town Bethel Lutheran
23 Sunday Worship! 11:30 ALC Council Bethel Aux Bazaar at ALC 11:30-1:30	24 ALC 10:00 Quilting	25 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	26 3:40 last day of ALC church school 5:30 LYO 7th & 8th 6:30 LYO supper 7:00 LYO 9th -12th	27 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 1:00 Scroll Assembly by Green Serv. Group (ALC)	28 Pastor's Sabbath 8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel	29
30 Youth Sunday! Combined Worship & Parish kids sing ALC Purple Serv Grp			Rural Churches serve April 5	Parish Council serves April 13		

American Lutheran Church



Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.

Thanks from the quilters for the donations of blue jeans so we can finish our graduation quilts. Our spring cluster meeting will be held in New Town on April 22nd. Sign up sheet will be in the narthex. Try it and you'll like the day.

Women of the Western ND ELCA convention will be held in Minot on June 16 & 17. Registration deadline is June 1, 2017. Scholarships are available - more information in the upcoming Scroll or check with Marilyn. A happy and blessed Easter to everyone. In Christ, *Marilyn*, WELCA President

The Monthly ALC Potluck Fellowship meal will follow worship on April 2nd. Please welcome our newest members Stacey Ramberg and son Reed.

Easter morning the youth will serve a brunch after the 7 a.m. Sunrise service. We are excited for the combined Parish Youth Sunday on the last Sunday of the month (April 30th) and the meal prepared and served by the youth to follow worship! Well done to the Stanley Blue Jays who played in the State Basketball Tournament this year. ALC donated \$250.00 for a breakfast for the basketball team.

Thank you to our Wednesday Church School kids for their part in worship on March 26th. We look forward to hearing them again on April 30th. The last day of ALWS for this year is April 26th. We want to thank all the teachers, the parents who provided snacks and a special shout out to BreeAnn for her work with the music and Sarah for serving as our Church School Superintendent. We will have Metigoshe in Motion back on Wednesday, April 12th right after school and all the children of the parish are welcome to join us.

ALC Bible School is scheduled for June 19-23.

ALC Council meets April 23rd after worship. At our special congregational meeting on March 26 we voted to extend a call to Pastor Carter and had updates on the additional cost of parsonage renovation and briefed on church council downsizing.



ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

Serve.	Purple Group	* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group
April 2017 Green Serving Group	Serves in May Les & Debbie Alvstad	Green Group Serves in April
May 2017 Purple Serving Group	Corey & Melissa Bristol Zachery Bristol	Gordon & Sharon Aas *
June 2017 Red Serving Group	Jeremy & Sarah Carkuff Mercy Carkuff	Bryan & Karen Davies Robin Enget
July 2017 White Serving Group	Travis Charnetzski Brad & Kim Ellis	Gary & Sue Evenson Jacob Hellman
August 2017 Blue Serving Group	Mark Erickson Kelly & Dawn Evenson	Brian & Traci Hysjulien Chad & Cammie Hysjulien
September 2016 Gold Serving Group	Kevin & Melissa Evenson Bill & Marilyn Evenson*	Hod & Ruth Hysjulien Marjorie Jaha
October 2017 Green Serving Group	Kali Gandrud Roger & Renae Gjellstad	Gary & Judy Johnson Lynette Johnson
November 2017 Purple Serving Group	Ryan & Beth Gjellstad Doug & Susan Halden	Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin Meyer & Diane Kinnoin
December 2017 Red Serving Group	Ron & Linda Hamers Traci & Jaci Jarmin	Chase Lindberg Dan & Karen Lindberg
Sound System Jake Hellman 1st	Keith & Taina Karow Darin Larson	Larry & Grace Lystad Gladys Meyer
Don Longmuir 2nd	Doug & Jen Larson Nellie Larson	John & Devra Mogren Greg & Stacey Mortensen
Gary Nordloef 3rd	Holly Mills Dorothy Moen	Bev Neset *
Jeff Colbenson 4th	Dale & Gwen Mortensen Doreen Moser	Jerry & Jennifer Neset Lance & Teri Ostdahl
Jake Hellman 5th	Ron & Laura Paetz Andrew Raasakka	Evonne Piepkorn Stacy Ramberg
Power Point Projectionists Katie/Sarah 1st	Heather Raasakka Mike & Gail Raasakka	Ken & Donna Ranum LaRae Rudolph
Kelly/Dawn 2nd	Gaige Reep Jerry & Nancy Rudolph	Amy Strasser Robert Western
Gary/Kaye 3rd	Denise Sundean Jim & Susie Trana	Bernard & Joanne Wirtz
Jeff/Karen 4th	Nate & McKenzie Weyrauch Skip Wing	Thank you to our serving group chair persons and vice chair persons. We appreciate all you do!
Jake Hellman 5th		
April Acolytes		
1. Cash Trulson		
2. Reese Smith		
Communion		
1. Noah Rolfe		
Communion Assistants		
2: Marlene & Carol		
16: (early): Kay & Dawn		
16: (late) Marlene & Marilyn		
30: Youth Sunday		

Serving Groups - Serving forms are placed in the folder beside the bulletin board. Tasks are 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.

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April 9th			Bell	Communion			
Greeters	Coffee	Offering	Ringers	Readings	Music	Usher	Acolyte
Mollie	Henry	Kaley	Alycia	Owen	Alexis	Jake	Katy
Annie	Briggs	Jessy	Sadee	Jack			Jonathan
Levi			Jozey	Brooke			

April Coffee/Greeters:

April 2: Scott & Nancy ~ April 9: Sunday School

April 16: Easter ~ April 23: Dustin & Barb

April 30: Combined Parish Service - Youth will do these

Ushers: *Kim & Mike Sorenson*

WELCA NEWS

“Our Mission is to mobilize women to boldly act upon their faith in Jesus Christ.” We continue to work on our “Personal care kits for spring LWR pick-up. This is in May. We will receive the date at the Spring Cluster meeting. Please bring your completed kits to the church collection basket.

A big thank you to everyone who washed and wrapped spuds, brought food for toppings, baked bars, served and cleaned up for the Lent Supper on March 9th. We will be serving again on April 5th along with Knife River and Faith. WELCA will meet on Sunday April 2nd after worship. Attend this meeting to hear the plan of April 5th serving event.

Western Prairie Spring Cluster gathering is Saturday, April 22 at Bethel Lutheran Church in New Town. Registration is 9:00-9:30. Unit roll call is New Sock for community needs. Men, women and children’s sizes are needed. There is a box at the church for this sock collection. Bible Study theme for the day is “Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet” Psalm 119:105. Plan now to attend.

Happy Easter! He is risen! Because He Lives, We Live!!!

Thanks Be To God! *Diana*

Sunday school news

In March, we wrapped up learning about the 10 commandments and how they apply to our daily lives. In April we will plan a day to use our offering monies to go shopping at the grocery store for food to share with the food pantry. Also, we are planning to lead the Bethel Home service May 7th. Please have your kids starting thinking about their favorite Bible verses or pictures they would like to use to decorate cans that will be used in the garden this summer.

Happy Easter!

Breann and Pam



Centennial Court Bible Study Tuesday April 4th

Church council meeting will be announced.

Save the Date! Synod Assembly will be in Minot this year, June 2-3. Please consider taking part in this time of fellowship, learning, and walking together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the WND Synod.

If you have signed your youth up for summer Bible Camp, remember to turn your receipt into a council member to receive full reimbursement!

Barb



THE
CHRISTIAN
PASSOVER
CEREMONY

**Mini-Passover Seder and Education
American Lutheran Church
Monday, April 10th at 6:30 PM**

Rory Porth (Jackie Nelson's Brother-in-Law) has spent much of the past two decades dedicated to learning more and more about the Hebraic Roots of the Christian faith. With his vast knowledge of the Old Testament, Rory began to feel called to teach on this subject, and will share his knowledge with us at the Prairie Lutheran Parish. Come and learn about the traditions of the passover seder meal and the significance they hold. This will not be a full seder meal, but we will have samplings of the traditional foods found at them, and desserts and conversation to follow.



Lent - Purple - Royalty Easter - White - New Life

The Faith - Full men are once again having and serving an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 16th from 9:30 to 10:25. Come and have breakfast on them and then church. We will have a short Church Council meeting at 9:00 that day also.

Women Cluster Meeting is on April 22 in New Town at Beth-el Lutheran Church. The theme is "Lamp Unto My Feet." Socks will be collected up to that time. There will be a basket to put them in on the entrance table.

Faith will be serving along with Knife River and Bethlehem for Wednesday Lent supper on April 5th. We need two volunteers to help with serving and clean-up. Let Barb know if you can help.

School kits will be sent off in early May, so if anyone has items for this project bring to church so Kathy can put these kits together.

Christmas Shoe Box project we sent off twenty from Faith. Good job!

Charity Circle has table decorations for this month.

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on April 4 at 2:00 in the church basement. Kathy is the hostess along with a Bible Study.

Evening Bible Study will meet on April 6 at 2:00 in the church basement. Barb is the hostess along with a Bible Study.

Prairie Lutheran Parish Council meets April 6th at 6:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce that at our congregational meeting we voted to extend a call to Pastor Carter Hill.

Flower Blossom & meaning: Sunflower - loyalty, adoration.

Happy Easter Everyone!

Debbie



Sunday School MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Readers

2nd - Barb
9th - Phyllis
16th - Debbie
23rd - Darlene B.
30th - Parish Worship

Work:

Darlene B. - Chair
& Janice K.

Sunday School Flash

Our classes will meet on these dates:
April 9, 16, 23 at 9:30.

Its been a fun and fast year, its unreal that its almost done for the season, but we have a few Sundays to go so don't stop coming now!

Happy Spring!
Kathryne

Coffee Time

2nd - Darlene V.
9th - Sarah
16th - Easter Breakfast
23rd - Novelyn
30th - Parish Worship

Altar and Greeters:

Darlene V. & Lori H.



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.

And behold there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled the stone from the tomb and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lighting, and his raiment like snow; and for fear the keepers did shake and became as dead men.

And the angels did answer and spoke to the women, fear not ye, for I know you seek Jesus, who was crucified. **He is not here, for He is Risen!**

Matthew 28: 2-6

He is risen.



JANITORS: for April are Larry & Dorothy Goodall.

Thanks!

WELCA - There will be no WELCA meeting in April but there will be a meeting in May.

PRAIRIE LUTHERAN PARISH COUNCIL

Will meet at 6:00 p.m. at ALC.

SPRING GATHERING FOR WELCA will be held **Saturday, April 22**, at Bethel Lutheran in New Town. The theme verse is "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet" from Psalm 119:105.

If you are interested in attending or want more information contact, Marie Harstad, WELCA President, phone # 628-2959. This is for all the women of the congregations.

EASTER BRUNCH AND WORSHIP - A Pot luck brunch will be served prior to the service starting at 8:15 a.m. A freewill offering will be taken and given to the Parish LYO fund for their activities. WORSHIP at 9:00 a.m.

YOUTH SUNDAY: Combined parish worship is April 30 and the youth are doing the service and a fund raiser meal for the National LYO gathering trip.

THANK YOU – to **Warren Craft** for all his work getting our rural water hooked up to the church as well as helping with the new water heater and other jobs that needed to be done. It is much appreciated!! It is wonderful having nice pure water.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-The results of the congregational meeting on Sunday, March 26th, to issue a call to Pastor Carter Hill was unanimously approved. **WE WELCOME PASTOR CARTER AS OUR PASTOR AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS MINISTRY AMONG US.** Our prayers are with Pastor Hill, the call committee and Parish Councils as they proceed with the call process.

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER.

Knife River Sunday School Report

Its hard to believe Spring is finally here! I know I am ready for it! April 2nd will be our annual Easter Egg hunt. Hopefully, it will be nice enough outside we can do it out there. We will continue to learn about the Easter season. We have finished our lesson on the Lords Prayer. I am so proud of the kids for the work they put into learning this and also the meaning behind it. We will be leading this in worship on April 9th and will also will be singing this day. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

We are going to start learning a couple songs to present on Mothers Day. There may be a couple other fun things to go along with this for all the mothers!!

I will be getting out information on Bible school this summer soon! It will be the last week of May again so keep this time open!! We will be doing something different this year, but will be tons of fun!! Have a Happy Easter,

Nikki

To: Prairie Lutheran Parish

Event: Ordination of Carter Hill

When: at 4:00 p.m. ~ May 21st

Where: English Lutheran Church
in Hazen, ND

All are welcome to join in the celebration!

Our Parish members celebrating birthdays this month!

April Birthdays

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



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

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

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SUNSHINE



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