

THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

May 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

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



From Our Pastor Carter's Thoughts

It has been a very busy two weeks from the six services during Holy Week to walking with two families after the death of a loved one. I am tired, but honestly, it is a good kind of tired. It is a kind of tired that comes only after knowing and feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

I say that because as I was passing through the fellowship hall at American Lutheran yesterday, a few of the quilting ladies stopped me and told me I should try to preach more about the Holy Spirit because they are interested in what role the Spirit plays in our lives. A few even commented that Lutherans are scared of the Spirit. Which is a comment I have heard many times actually. So, what then does the role of the Spirit play in our lives? The answer is everything.

In the Nicene Creed we confess that we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. When you were born the very spirit of God was breathed into you, and the Spirit does not simply stop there. The Holy Spirit is the very agent of which we came to believe. The Holy Spirit speaks to us through the Word of God, and creates within us the ability to believe in our salvation that has been given to us by Jesus Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection to new life. If it were not for the Spirit, simply, we would not be.

I believe Martin Luther explains it best. He writes: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith." You believe, not because of your own understanding, but because of how the Holy Spirit has worked with your lives.

As I mentioned, I am a good kind of tired because I have encountered the Holy Spirit these past weeks. Worshipping with you, and walking with you in grief and loss are holy moments. They are moments in which Christ is revealed to me, and Christ is revealed to me through the Spirit. I heard many comments that people found *my* Good Friday service very powerful. I am very thankful that this service spoke to you, however, it was never *my* service, but it was God's.

Also, it was not me that made this powerful to you, but it was the Holy Spirit working among you and within you, for it is the Holy Spirit that helps you see Christ in others, and be Christ to our others.

So where do you see God in your daily life? Where do you see the Holy Spirit working within you helping you to believe? Where do you see the Spirit working within others helping them to believe? Where do you see the Holy Spirit within your own lives, and the lives of others, helping you and all of God's people to be the hands and feet of Christ to others?

An elderly Catholic Sister (a nun) was on her death bed. Her name was Sister Margaret. I'm sure someday I will tell you more about her. I got to know her well during her final days in the hospital, and in a moment of my own doubt and unbelief, she taught me more about the Spirit than I could have ever imagined. She, through the Holy Spirit, sensed my anxiety, my fear, and my doubt. In this moment, she told me to grab the Bible from her bedside table. The leather bound binding was worn in one place, it was a very clear handprint from where she had carried her this Bible for more than 90 years. She told me to turn to Romans Chapter Eight. Read verse nine she instructed. So I did, "But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." "Breathe in," she instructed. "Do you feel that?" She asked. "Do you feel that sense of peace? That slight moment of calmness and that slight moment of knowing that God exists?" She paused as I continued to breathe. "That is the Holy Spirit within you, restoring you, and making you whole once again."

So I invite you, my dear parish, to follow those instructions from Sister Margaret. I invite you to breathe, and to feel the spirit among you. O, Spirit, seep in. Seep into our fears and our anxieties. Seep in between us, and make us whole. O, Spirit, seep into every fiber of our being to help us know that we are loved forever and always by our God and creator. May the Spirit be ever present to you this day and always, my dear church.

Because of the Spirit,
Carter

Gospel Seeds - May 2017

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Bishop Mark Narum

Who will serve?

Ministry is not a numbers game, it is all about relationships. Ministry happens as people of God gather around Word and Sacrament working to connect the Holy with everyday life. Ministry happens in worship on Sunday, around the dinner table on Monday and in faithful work any day of the week. Ministry happens as people share their hopes and dreams, their fears and their failings.

Ministry can happen anywhere or at any time. Ministry is the work of all of God's people.

Some people though are called or set aside for specific roles of ministry within the community of faith. Pastor or Deacon, even Synodically Authorized Ministers in training for ordination are set aside to serve. Who will step into these roles in the years to come?

Troubling Numbers...

We have gone through the spring assignment process – Western North Dakota was blessed to receive 2 candidates. We are thankful to God for these individuals however we reported 12 congregations or parishes in need of a first call candidate.

Across the entire church, we are dealing with a declining number of individuals entering seminary. Many of those who are entering seminary are not from rural places, so the thought of serving in a rural setting is unsettling for many.

What shall we do?

Whether or not your congregation has an opening at this moment should not matter, because we are in this together. The truth is that in the last 5 years 65% of our congregations have been or are in the call process. This is our issue together; both town and country churches have openings. Some have been waiting up to three years for the right candidate.

All of us can keep our eyes open for people whom we believe have the gifts for service within the church. Pray for them and encourage them to consider serving the church as a pastor or deacon. We all can financially support those who are in seminary, as concern over educational debt is one of the hurdles facing candidates considering seminary.

Discernment Retreats...

We are noticing that the more we talk about the need for qualified candidates, the more people begin to ask questions. We are in conversation with a number of people about the possibility of entering into theological education.

Our next Discernment Retreat is scheduled for June 23-24 at Camp of the Cross. At this event individuals will have a chance to ask questions, talk with others who are wrestling with a call to ministry, as well as worship and pray together. This is a cooperative effort of the synods in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. For more information, call the synod office 701-223-5312 or email beth@wndsynod.org.

Synod Assembly Announcements:

Registration is now open for the 2017 Western North Dakota Synod Assembly, visit wndsynod.org/synod-assembly for complete details. Here are a few things you should know:

- Register before May 15th and you will save \$20 per person.
- Pre-Assembly Workshop is June 1 from 10:30 to 3:00 with Rev. Dr. Sam Giere – “In Faith, For Faith: Reclaiming the Heart of Salvation”, cost \$15 which includes lunch.
- Tickets for Thursday evening's Annual Mission Gala are also available, cost \$30/ticket.
- A number of resolutions have been submitted this year. We are going to try something different to allow people to hear the issues behind the resolutions. We will have open discussion on the various resolutions during the Friday plenary. This will allow voting members to hear the issues, discuss the issues and have time to think about them before they are brought to the floor for consideration and action on Saturday.
- We invite you to bring your “Sweet Deal for CAR” funds with you to assembly, which marks the beginning of collecting funds to support ministry priorities in our companion synod church.

Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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

**Join us for Theology on the Prairie! April 30- May 2, 2017
"LEADING CHANGE"**

Join other GIFTS leaders and Rostered Leaders as we explore with Louise Johnson, President of Wartburg Seminary "Leading Change". Event to be held at Camp of the Cross.

In a time of rapid change (some would say decline) in the landscape of American religious life, the calling to lead church organizations has become synonymous with change leadership. Change leadership is a sophisticated task that calls for the leader to navigate a series of complex, interconnected systems. No two challenges are alike. No two systems are alike. No two solutions are alike. Effective change leadership involves careful identification and analysis of challenges; familiarity with key concepts in change leadership; collaboration with other high-capacity leaders; and planning and accountability in addressing tough challenges. And perhaps most of all, deepened faith and the accompaniment of trusted colleagues.

Registration Cost \$180 / Person

Retired or GIFTS \$110 / Person

Scholarships are available!

**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!



Lutheran Social Services
c/o Bryan Quigley
46500 506 Street North West
Kenmare, ND 58746-8906

American Lutheran Church

February 23, 2017

Dear American Lutheran Church Endowment Committee:

On behalf of Lutheran Social Services, I would like to extend a sincere "thank you" for the \$2,000. grant approval. American Lutheran Church has consistently been leaders in good ministry to the area. We hope this endeavor is successful and meaningful to the clients and community.

Becky and Sonja from Lutheran Social Services in Minot will keep American Lutheran Church in the "loop" as to its progress.

If you have further questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 701-240-4505. Thank you for your support. Sincerely, Bryan Quigley.

Mountrail County Food Pantry a locally supported ministry

The food pantry served 50 families in March, providing 4113.50 pounds of food. 172 people were served, of which 77 were children and 12 were seniors. We had a very fun food donation from the 2nd grade Cub Scouts, Wolf Pack #4357. They asked some delightful questions, and may even come back to help us unload a truck this summer!! ☺ We also were the recipient of a food drive by Troop 357! Karen E. delivered for them, and we surely appreciated the food! The FFA had a contest to see which teacher received the most funds....the teacher that won, had the opportunity to kiss a pig. ☺ The Mountrail County Ag Association held a chili cook-off at The Leader, and the proceeds went to the food pantry. I understand that even some tips were donated!! We also received a gift from the St. Joseph's Community Foundation. Every year they give to local food pantries, and other service-orientated organizations. What a wonderfully uplifting and moving message that Shelly Weppler offered!! An event like that really underlines the fact that there are so very many good things happening all around us!! ☺ Happy Spring!

Mary

Mountrail County Food Pantry
PO Box 39, Stanley, ND 58784

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. Before closing, we have a brief prayer time before we leave.

All 7th-12th graders are welcome to participate in LYO on Wednesdays at 6:30.



Love.



Instagram: prairielutheranparishlyo
Facebook: Prairie Lutheran Parish



Serve.

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

LYO has been very busy during the last couple of months as we planned for Easter, continued with our conversation about the National Youth Gathering, and working on Youth Sunday activities with our junior high and high school kids.

We had a great turn-out of kids and parents to help with our Easter breakfast where we served eggs, sausage, and muffins between the two services on Easter. Even though we had a few bumps on the road during our muffin-making process, our group had a fun time providing the meal on Sunday.

After meeting with parents and kids about the National Youth Gathering in 2018, we have about 10-12 students who are committed to attending the gathering in Texas. I am hoping/planning that by the time we register everyone in the fall, our number will grow so we can have a big, wonderful group to attend.

The parish-wide Youth Sunday is set for Sunday, April 30th where kids from all four churches will come together to lead worship and share some new things during the service. I'm extremely excited to see how all of their ideas turn out as we praise God and bring our focus to our faith.

As we get to the end of our school year, be on the lookout for our summer LYO plans! Last year, we met about once a month due to busy schedules and vacations.

If you have any questions or concerns about LYO, please feel free to call, text or email me:



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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 distributes the applications and 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.

Recent Baptisms in the Parish

American Lutheran April 16, 2017

Elizabeth Fern Wittmayer

Daughter of
Kelly & Amber

Faith Lutheran April 23, 2017

Remingtynn Rae Hamers

Daughter of
Blaine & Kayelee

Knife River Lutheran April 23, 2017

Amelia Rae Koester

Daughter of
J. C. & Alexis

Recent Funerals in the Parish

4/19/17-Funeral Service at Faith

Wanda Marilyn Wienbar

4/24/17 Funeral Service at Faith

Richard Scott Fox

Together-4-Prayer will meet May 4th 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 May 10th at 10:00 at ALC. Please note we have changed from Monday to Wednesday. All are welcome to participate in our Bible Study.

Confirmation Bible Camp

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

Communion Services

We will have communion on the following Sundays in May:

5/07: All Congregations

5/14: Knife River & Faith

5/21: All Congregations

5/28: All Congregations

Pulpit Supply for April

Thank you to the following for providing pulpit supply to the parish in April: Eden Cuypers, Pastor Dan Paulson, Don Longmuir and all those who assisted in the worship service on Palm (Passion) Sunday in our congregations.

Closed

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on May 29th.

Something New


You may notice that the Gospel reading on Sunday doesn't match your devotional. Pastor Carter is implementing a plan to do repeat sermons (same sermon two Sundays in a row) by himself and the pulpit supply.

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



MAY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ALC 10:00 Quilting	2 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study at Centennial Court 2:00 Faith Aft Study	3 6:30 Combined LYO & meal	4 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 9:30 Together-4-Prayer 8pm Bethlehem Council	5 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	6
7 Sunday Worship! ALC Quilt Sunday Boy Scout annual pancake fundraiser dinner 11:30 - 1:00 at ALC	8 9:00 Quilt Packing Day at ALC	9 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	10 10:00 GIFTS 2:00 Faith Eve Study 6:30 Combined LYO & meal	11 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	12 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	13 Oppeboen scholarships due on May 15th. Please put them in Marichel's mailbox at the church.
14 Sunday Worship! Graduate Day K.R. Mother's Day	15 ALC 10:00 Quilting 6:30 ALC Council	16 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	17 6:30 Combined LYO & meal	18 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	19 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> Noon - Scroll deadline	20
21 Sunday Worship! ALC Red Serving Grp Carter's Ordination 4PM, English Lutheran, Hazen, ND	22 ALC 10:00 Quilting	23 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	24 6:30 Combined LYO & meal	25 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 1:00 Scroll Assembly by Bethlehem	26 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel	27
28 Sunday Worship! Graduate Day A.L.C. H.S. Graduation Day	29  MEMORIAL DAY Church Office closed	30 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study VBS begins at Knife River	31 6:30 Combined LYO & meal VBS at Knife River	<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		

American Lutheran Church



Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.

Women of the ELCA - Love - Grow - Serve.

Thanks to all of you for the money and articles given to make up the LWR kits and thank you Renae and Linda for heading it up and completing the kits. Quilt Sunday is May 7th and quilt packing day will be 9 a.m. on Monday, May 8th. Volunteers are needed to help pack and transport them to Minot Midwest Express.

Thanks to all who cleaned the kitchen, the fellowship room chairs and the room of decorations.

The Lutheran Brotherhood bought a new refrigerator and coffee maker for the kitchen. Thanks so much! Eden and the LYO will be using the old fridge for keeping Wednesday eve meal supplies.

If you have misplaced your prayer chain listing from the Scroll, I have more so contact me.

Congratulations to the 2017 graduates. Our prayers are with you on your future journey. *Marilyn*, WELCA President

Thanks to all who helped with Lent & Easter worship services.

The Boy Scouts will have a pancake brunch following worship on May 7th (So no monthly Potluck Fellowship meal in May).

ALC Council meets Monday, May 15th at 6:30.

Our graduates will be honored on Sunday, May 28th with cake served before worship. Congratulations Seniors (and parents)!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 19-23.

Thank you to the WELCA who cleaned the kitchen, sacristy and fellowship hall. Everything looks so nice and clean again!

Rather than having the viewing of the remodeled parsonage now, Pastor Carter has offered do an open-house once they are moved it. Watch the Scroll and your bulletins for the date and time.



A **big thank you** to the ALC Lutheran Brotherhood for their donation of a new Bunn coffee maker and a new refrigerator for our kitchen.



Serve.

ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

	Purple Group	Red Group
May 2017 Purple Serving Group	Serves in May Corey & Melissa Bristol	Serves in June Rudy & Ardyce Alvstad
June 2017 Red Serving Group	Zachery Bristol	Chris & Annie Baumann
July 2017 White Serving Group	Jeremy & Sarah Carkuff	Wayne & Konni Bohrer
August 2017 Blue Serving Group	Mercy Carkuff	Arlo & Faye Borud *
September 2016 Gold Serving Group	Travis Charnetzski	Brad Borud
October 2017 Green Serving Group	Brad & Kim Ellis	David & Tammi Colbenson
November 2017 Purple Serving Group	Mark Erickson	Jeff & Karen Colbenson
December 2017 Red Serving Group	Kelly & Dawn Evenson	Brett & Lindsey Ellvanger
January 2018 Rotation of Groups	Kevin & Melissa Evenson	Jerome Erie
Sound System	Bill & Marilyn Evenson*	Rhonda Erie
Jake Hellman 1st	Kali Gandrud	Julie Erie
Don Longmuir 2nd	Roger & Renae Gjellstad	Michelle Gamble
Gary Nordloef 3rd	Ryan & Beth Gjellstad	Aaron Gandrud
Jeff Colbenson 4th	Doug & Susan Halden	Lynn & Marlene Grabow *
Jake Hellman 5th	Ron & Linda Hamers	Dan & Katie Harwood
Power Point	Traci & Jaci Jarmin	Pat Jensen
Projectionists	Keith & Taina Karow	Lynn & Carol Mehus
Katie/Sarah 1st	Darin Larson	Gary & Jenette Nelson
Kelly/Dawn 2nd	Doug & Jen Larson	Scott & Dawn Nelson
Gary/Kaye 3rd	Nellie Larson	Phil & Cassandra Petz
Jeff/Karen 4th	Holly Mills	Cory & Jamie Rice
Jake Hellman 5th	Dorothy Moen	Scott & Jackie Rudolph
May Acolytes	Dale & Gwen Mortensen	Austin & Abi Vachal
1. Camden Reep	Doreen Moser	Beau & Kim Vachal
2. Kendall Rice	Ron & Laura Paetz	Lowell & Judy Vedaa
Communion	Andrew Raasakka	
1. Graci Parmeter	Heather Raasakka	
	Mike & Gail Raasakka	
	Gaige Reep	
	Jerry & Nancy Rudolph	
	Denise Sundean	
	Jim & Susie Trana	
	Nate & McKenzie Weyrauch	
	Skip Wing	

* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

Thank you to our serving group chair persons and vice chair persons. We appreciate all you do!

STEWARDSHIP



Communion Assistants

7: Kyle
21: Dawn
28: Carol & Stacy

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 serving our congregation.

MEMORIAL Day

May

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
"We are good soil."

May 14th			Bell	Communion			
Greeters	Coffee	Offering	Ringers	Readings	Music	Usher	Acolyte
Briggs	Katy	Henry	Jessy	Jonathan	Owen	Jack	Brooke
Sadee	Levi	Jozey	Kaley	Annie			Molly
Alycia			Jake	Alexis			

May Coffee/Greeters:

May 7: Jason & Andie

May 14: Sunday School

May 21: Mike & Kim

May 28: Curt & Leslie

Ushers: *Colin & Susan*

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday, please find a replacement. Thank you!

WELCA Hi-Lites

A big thank you to everyone who worked and brought that delicious macaroni salad for the April 5th Lent Supper.

A big thank you to Bev & Janice for gifting quilts from the "quilt cupboard" to several members of our church.

A big thank you to Bev for choosing a quilt for the Camp Metigoshe Quilt Auction to be held June 24th.

A big thank you to Andi and her kindergarten class for all the tied fleece blankets for LWR. Awesome giving! Awesome service.

A big thank you to Andi for attending the Camp of the Cross annual meeting. She reported that the camp is in great need to finish the inside of the new dining center. We voted to send them \$250.00. Please spread the word for this need, as camp season is very near.

We are once again supporting both the after-prom and after-graduation parties with a donation.

Saturday April 22nd Addy and myself attended the Spring Cluster meeting at New Town. WELCA collected 61 pair of socks for the unit roll call. The Minot Homeless Coalition will distribute socks where needed. Thank you everyone.

Diana

"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a lamp unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Sunday School news

Thanks to the youth for singing during Easter morning worship! You sounded fantastic! Also a special thanks to the confirmation students for serving an amazing Easter morning breakfast! Thank you to all who gave a freewill offering for their trip to the LYO convention next summer. May 7th we will be leading a worship service at the Bethel Home for the residents, watch for more details. Also, we will let you know when we set a date to clean up the Ross area. We still plan to use our offering monies to purchase food items for the food pantry and will set a date for that this month as well.

Church council meeting May 4th at 8:00

Pastor Carter's ordination will be held May 21st at English Lutheran in Hazen at 4PM with a meal following. All are welcome. What an exciting day this will be!

Registration is open for the synod assembly, being held in Minot this year. Please let council know if you are interested in being a participant and your registration will be paid by the church! You may support the synod's Mission and Ministry Endowment Funds by attending the Thursday June 1st Mission Gala dinner and voting on live and silent auction items. The general assembly is June 2-3 and you can find information about the agenda, resolutions, and more at the synods website: wndsynod.org.

Barb



*A mother holds her
children's hands
awhile,
and holds their
hearts forever.*





Happy Mother's Day



May Days

First off the bat "Thank You" to following ladies (Novelyn, myself, Darlene B., Darlene V., Barb and Eileen) for helping to clean church on April 15 to get ready for Easter Sunday.

Another "Thank You" to our Faith-Full men for serving once again an awesome breakfast on Easter Sunday.

We as Faith Lutheran want to "Welcome" Pastor Carter into our parish as our Pastor. We are glad to have him and his wife when they move to Stanley.

Our sympathy goes out to the Wienbar families for the loss of a mom, friend, grandma (Wanda). She will truly be missed by everyone. Her memories will be with us all forever and ever.

Our sympathy also goes out to the Fox families for the passing of a dad, neighbor, friend and grandpa (Scott). May his memory last in all of us forever and ever. He will be truly missed.

Faith Circle has table decorations in the month of May.

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on May 2 at the home of Phyllis at 2:00 along with a group study.

Evening Bible Study will meet on May 10 at the home of Janice at 2:00 along with a group study.

The Synod Delegates are Iva and Debbie. Synod assembly is June 2 & 3 in Minot at the Grand Hotel.

June 8 WELCA meets at 2:00 at the church. Faith Circle serves lunch.

Congratulations to all the graduates of 2017. God Bless One & All!

Flower blossom & meaning: Sweet Pea - Good-bye, departure.

Happy Mother's Day to all moms! *Debbie*



Sunday School

Our classes will be on: May 7, 14, 21 at 9:30. The 21st is the last day of Sunday School until the fall.

Its been a fun and busy year but fast. There will be an outing for the kids but its undecided when & where. We'll be in touch.

Everyone enjoy your summer and see you back in the fall. Till we meet again, enjoy, have fun, be safe! *Kathryne*



Readers

7th - Debbie

14th - Jennifer

21st - Lori

28th - Debbie



Serve.

Coffee Time

7th - Phyllis

14th - ?

21st - ?

28th - ?

Work:

Phyllis - Chair

Darlene V. & Constance


Altar and Greeters:

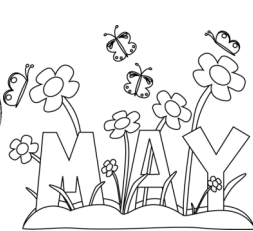
Barb & Claranne



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.





JANITORS for May are Bill and Lil Meiers. Thank you!

WELCA will meet at Jean Nelson's on **Tuesday, May 8th**, at 2:00 p.m.

BAPTISM - little **Amelia Rae Koester** was baptized on Sunday, April 23rd. She is the daughter of JC and Alexis Koester and her sponsors were Brian and Caryn Iverson and Blake Harstad. We welcome little Amelia into God's family at Knife River and ask for God's blessings upon her.

MOTHER'S DAY - The Sunday School is planning a special event for all the moms at the church service on **Sunday, May 14th**.

GRADUATES - will be honored on **Sunday, May 14th** (**Mother's Day**) at **Knife River** and our graduates are: **Caitlyn Enger, Kennedi Fladeland, Trevor Harstad and Kaydin Meiers**. Coffee and cake will be served following the worship service. **Congratulations to our graduates and we wish God's blessings upon them as they start a new stage of their lives.**

Sunday, May 14th, will be a special Sunday in our congregation honoring our mothers and our graduates!!

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. God bless!!

Knife River Sunday School Report

The kids did a **GREAT** job last month leading the Lords Prayer during worship. They truly did work very hard and I am very proud of them! We have started working on a Mothers Day program, which will be on May 14th. The kids will be singing and leading the service this day. All kids (Sunday school, confirmation, etc) are welcome to come to practice and join us. There will be a project after the service for the kids to do with **ALL** the women of the church.

We will finish up with Sunday School May 21st. Its hard to believe the school year is almost over!!

I am excited to share that Camp of the Cross will be leading our Bible School this summer!! It will be May 30-June 2 from 10-2pm with a program that Thursday evening. Kids will need to bring a sack lunch with them each day. This will be for kids grades K-6th. Please let me know by May 15th if you would like to register you child. There will be a limited number of spots so let me know asap. (629-5101). And spread the word!

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!

May Birthdays

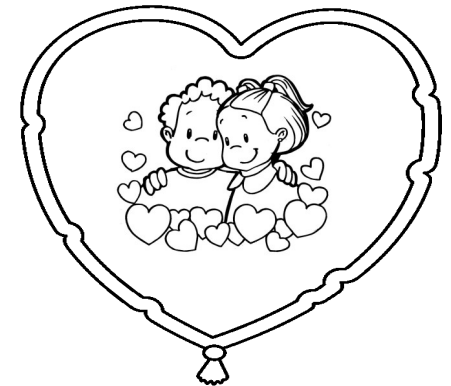
- 1 - Dave Brown, Mabel Howell
- 2 - Calum Sorenson, Syd Craft, Hayley Trulson Jundt
- 3 - Jessa Longmuir
- 4 - Eric Ostdahl, Craig Wienbar, Sadee Uran
- 5 - Kelly Wittmayer, Megan Mills, Shadov Sveen, Andie Roise
- 6 - Jen Whitmore
- 7 - Alex Johnson, Grady Uran, Lisa Uran, Waylon Dazell, Deanna Haugen
- 8 - Halle Larson, Alexis Koester
- 9 - Nixie Anderson, Misy Zuchara
- 10 - Kris Halvorson, Gunnar Simpson, Jason Barstad, Reynold Vesey
- 11 - Robert (Hod) Hysjulien, Jerome Lautenschlager, Mark Longmuir, Sara Aadnes, Dawn Evenson, Bill Rudolph
- 12 - Stacy Craft
- 13 - Sherry Laib, Shelly Rogstad, Carmen Wing
- 14 - Judy Johnson, Mark Western
- 15 - Jack Porter Wilhelmi, Cooper Rismon, Parker Manson, Arlan Ostdahl, Nicole Johnson, Jim Enge, Curt Trulson
- 16 - Rachel Mehus, Kevin Craft, Joe Farhart
- 17 - Wayne Evans
- 18 - Gary Nelson, Jamie Gandrud, Chancey Henin
- 20 - Geraldine Smola, Anna Ross, Lillian Johnson, Wes Peck, LeRoy Andersen
- 21 - David Colbenson, Benjamin Barnhart, Ashton Lee Peterson, Sawyer Thor Skarsgard, Ryan Faber
- 22 - Jenna Locken, Kelly Evenson, Linda Wienbar, Abby Wing
- 23 - Judy Vedaa, Tanya Skaar, Brett Ellvanger
- 24 - Nicholas Lee, Jacob Anderson
- 25 - Steven Sundean, Sophie Vachal, Evan Meiers, Sienna Weigel, Fancy Reynolds
- 26 - Joanne Wirtz, Lane Michael Gandrud, Lexi Ann Neset, Sadie Carkuff
- 27 - David Minton, Beth Wilhelmi, Santana Lidstrom, Anya Hudson, Traci Hysjulien
- 28 - Jordan Larson, George Littlecreek, Waylon Bruhn, Debbie Lund
- 29 - Carol Mehus, Jordan Evans, Jana Enger
- 30 - Robert Western, Tara Swegarden, Howard Rolfe, Darla Craft, Dustin Meiers, Bev Fretheim
- 31 - Gladys Meyer, Donna Simpson, Leonard Stettner

May ANNIVERSARIES:

- 2 - Dan & Becky Anderson
- 3 - William & Marilyn Evenson
- 3 - Ryan & Beth Gjellstad
- 3 - Larry & Grace Lystad
- 5 - Shane & Stephanie Pappa
- 5 - Grady & Lisa Uran
- 8 - Monte & Breann Lund
- 9 - Jacob & Jessica Niemitalo
- 9 - Philip & Cassandra Petz
- 11 - Jim & Tara Swegarden
- 12 - George & Amy Littlecreek
- 18 - David & Barbara Nesheim
- 25 - Howard & Kathy Rolfe
- 26 - Gary & Kaylen Nordloef
- 27 - Scott & Nancy Meiers
- 28 - Jason & Andie Roise
- 28 - Jennifer & Brian Manson
- 29 - Charles & Claranne Baddeley
- 31 - Carter & Kayla Hill

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