

# THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

August 2017



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

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



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



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



## Prairie Lutheran Parish

Four Congregations gathered into One Parish

9:00 am Sunday Worship

Bethlehem  
Lutheran  
Ross

Knife River  
Lutheran

Hwy 8 South of Stanley

10:30 am Sunday Worship

American  
Lutheran  
Stanley

Faith  
Lutheran  
Palermo

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## Some Words from Sarah

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I am excited to be writing this letter to you as your new quarter time Pastoral Intern! Writing this message to you all makes this become even more real to me! Many of you know me but for those of you who do not, here is a little introduction of who I am and about my call to become a Pastor for Prairie Lutheran Parish.

I am married to Clay and we have 3 children; Hannah who will be a Junior, Elle who will be a Freshman, and Calum who will be a 7th Grader at Stanley High School. I am a member of American Lutheran Church, where I was confirmed, married and where my children have been baptized and now confirmed. I am the School Counselor at Stanley High School where I will continue to serve full-time when school begins in August. I love running, reading, traveling, track season and spending time with my family and friends at the lake.

When I think of my call to ministry, I relate most to Moses' story in the Bible...Minus the burning bush speaking to me! I have felt God knocking at my door, telling me that this is my plan. Much like Moses, I said things like, "I'm not good enough" or "I'm not holy enough" and even, "not yet, Lord." And God kept on coming back to me, just like he did to Moses in Exodus. In June, I attended a discernment retreat at Camp of the Cross with about 10 other people in our Synod, who were also trying to hear God's voice and plan. It was at this retreat that Matt, our retreat leader, said something that really opened my eyes. He talked about our inner call and outer call and what happens when these things happen together. The inner call is that little voice inside telling you, "I think you should be a Pastor." And the outer call is when people around you start seeing gifts in you and telling you, "I think you should be a pastor!" You see, I've had an internal call for some time now. That little voice inside telling me

what God was calling me to do. Then recently after providing pulpit supply some of you have said those very words to me...You were my outer call! It was at this retreat that I set all my excuses aside and decided that I needed to listen to where God was calling me. And the more I thought about it, the more I realized that God is calling me to serve a Parish that I already love and think of as my family. I feel welcome and at home in each of our four churches. I realized that I get to be God's servant and deliver His message in a Parish where I grew up into the person I am today. How blessed can I be? I still felt that God was calling me to continue to serve as the School Counselor at the high school. When I think of my position at the church and the school, I feel that they are closely related. In both places, I am here to lift others up. I am here to help others succeed. I am here to spread the light of Jesus Christ.

I am humbled and honored to serve as Pastor at Prairie Lutheran Parish. I enter this journey prayerfully and joyfully and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for our Parish. God Bless!



## **From Our Pastor Carter's Thoughts**

We are all about business this month it seems.

### **Why Confirmation Matters, But Must Change:**

There are new and exciting changes coming to confirmation this year! Our hope is to better enter into the lives of the youth of our parish to teach them not only about what faith is, but also why it matters, and how to continue to nurture it throughout their entire lives. The church is changing. Faith is changing. So the way we live out our faith is also changing. The best part about all this change is that God does not change. The message of grace and love is still the same, but now we must work hard to be sure that it is heard and known. Many of you can remember back to your confirmation days and recall memorizing basically all of Martin Luther's Small Catechism and having to be present in worship 50 out of the 52 Sundays a year. Well, you see, that just doesn't work today. The power wielding days of the church are over. People more often than not attended church because it was an obligation that came with guilt if not fulfilled. That is, for the most part, gone. So how do we change to live into this? Can we keep teaching the boring old Small Catechism? YES! Because what the Small Catechism is not – is a boring old book where words hardly come to life in our minds, but it is a book that is meant to be brought to action! Each word is to be brought to life. We will continue to teach the Creeds and the Ten Commandments, but what I don't care about is whether or a not a person can recite the Creeds from memory or correctly name and order all Ten Commandments, but rather that each and every young person knows the power of saying "I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth." That each person knows how to live into these words.

That the gift of faith to believe is powerful, and it is the basis of everything we are in life for we are created in the image of God. My dear church, we have been great at teaching the catechism, now let's dig deeper into life and teach why it matters because we have not been so great at that. Why does faith matter? I ask all of you to ponder that question, and take away people's usual first answer. Our faith is more than life insurance for eternal life, so why does faith matter beyond our promise to life forever and be reunited in God's kingdom.

***On Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting for parents for confirmation. Parents be on the lookout for letters this month about what time your child's grade will meet that night. Can't wait to see you then!***

### **Rally Sunday:**

On September 10th at 10:30am we will gather for Rally Sunday! This is a time where we gather together to uplift the start of the programmatic year for the church. It is a celebration for our young people to be energized for Sunday School, Confirmation, LYO, and it will be a celebration for us as we kick off Parish-Wide Adult Education later this fall. This year we will worship together outside at Knife River Lutheran Church! How awesome! There will also be a grill-out lunch afterwards, and rumor has it that there will be a couple of bounce houses there after worship with some other activities for the youth.

Like I have said and will continue to say, we are better together! How great it will be for hundreds of us to gather outside in God's beautiful creation to worship our creator!

*Carter*





# ***Gospel Seeds - August 2017***

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Bishop Mark Narum

## **Strengthening the Core...**

Fitness coaches teach that a person needs a strong core – muscles around a person's midsection – as a firm fitness foundation.

The truth is as people of God, gathered into congregations, we need to have a strong core as well.

Synod programmatic staff spent a day in spiritual retreat with Rev. Paul Hoffman this summer. Paul has been leading clergy mentoring groups in Western North Dakota for several years. He is a retired ELCA Pastor, passionate about faith formation, and inviting people into a life-giving relationship with the risen Christ. He is certain that healthy congregations focus on their core – in other words, they invest time and energy on the central things.

What are these central things? Proclamation of the Word in worship, the celebration of Holy Communion, preparing people for the sacrament of Baptism and a solid prayer life. None of this is flashy; it is simply a consistent tending to the gifts we have been given.

I encourage all our congregations to take stock of their core. What happens in your congregation to teach the practice of prayer, of leaning to listen to one another and pray for one another? How is your congregation working to deepen the understanding of what it is that is happening in worship? Why do we do what we do? What does it mean to “gather to be sent”? How is the congregation set up to teach about the sacraments, the incredible gifts being given in these ordinary things made Holy by God's Word?

I invite you to deepen conversation with the leadership of your congregation. May your core, grounded and rooted in Christ, be strengthened.

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***You are invited to a Festival Worship with Holy Communion  
October 29, 2017 at the Bismarck Event Center  
to commemorate the  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.  
Worship will begin at 11:00AM.***

## **Another Mentoring Group to Start...**

This fall a new rostered leaders mentoring group will begin. Sherie Heine works with Pastor Hoffman to coordinate these groups. There is room for 6 to 8 participants. These groups gather for worship, conversation, prayer, learning and mutual consultation at Camp of the Cross. This is an excellent continuing education opportunity for any rostered leader.

Leaders, watch your emails for further details on how to sign up for the next mentoring group or call Sherie (701-721-5025) for more information.

## **Suggestions needed for Nominations/Elections Committee...**

This year's Synod Assembly approved changes to the Synod Constitution including how Conference Deans are appointed. The Synod's Nominations and Elections Committee (made up of one person from each conference) are to provide names to the Synod Council for appointment.

The next Synod Council meeting is September 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Prior to that meeting, Nominations and Elections are seeking the names of people interested in serving as Conference Deans in the following conferences:

-Turtle Mountain: Rev. Kathi Nygaard is serving an unexpired term and is eligible for appointment to what would be her first term.

-Western Prairie: Rev. Michon Weingartner has served two terms and is not eligible for re-appointment.

Synod Council will be discussing (and possibly approving) Continuing Resolutions which will lay out the complete process which will be used in appointing these positions in the future.

To lift up a name, please contact a member of the Nominations/Elections Committee or Sherie (liaison to the Committee).

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

Synod Council meets in September. If there are issues you believe should be discussed, I invite you to be in contact with any Synod Council member. You can find the complete list of council members either in your synod directory or on the synod web page.

**Rev. Mark Narum**

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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Prairie Lutheran Parish  
Staffing Changes - July 11, 2017

My Dear Parish,

I write to you to inform you of some wonderful and exciting things happening in our parish. There are some changes coming in staffing to better serve each and every one of you.

First, Sarah Sorenson has answered God's call to pastoral leadership in the church. She will begin the TEEM program this fall; a program developed for people to take a different track toward ordination rather than the usual Master of Divinity route at a seminary by serving the church throughout their entire education; this education takes place primarily online. Until Sarah finishes her education and is able to be called and ordained here (a conversation and congregational votes that will take place when she completes her required classes), she will be a synodically authorized minister (SAM). A SAM holds all responsibilities of a pastor including presiding over weddings, baptisms, and communion. However, they are only authorized to perform such duties within the parish they are assigned.

Sarah has discerned for some time that her call to be a school counselor is not over, so she will join us on a one-fourth-time basis as she continues to serve the school full-time. We give thanks that she has answered God's calling to be a pastor, and I look forward to Christ's ministry she will carry out in our congregations, and I know you all will too.

Second, since Sarah's call will only be a quarter time, the parish board passed some other moves towards fully staffing our parish. One major shift will be using John Mogren, our Parish Administrator, in new ways. John has a passion for outreach and uplifting the spiritual gifts of all people! A portion of his job duties including creating bulletins, the newsletter, and other secretarial tasks will be given to the new position of parish secretary, and John will now fill the remainder of his full-time position with various areas of ministry for the parish. If you are interested in the secretary position; a forty hour per month position please email John Mogren at:

[office@prairielutheranparish.org](mailto:office@prairielutheranparish.org) to receive a full job description.

Eden Cuypers, our Parish Youth Worker, will begin to work a few more hours for us each week to expand her position from not only youth, but also family based intergenerational ministry. There are also conversations happening with someone experienced in pastoral visitation that could help assist our parish a few hours per week, so we meet as many visitation needs as possible.

It is an exciting time to be church together. We are using creative ways to staff our parish as the pastoral shortage crisis in our church becomes even greater. We give thanks to Sarah for answering God's call, and we give thanks to all others for being open and willing to try new things. I am excited to see what the future holds as we move forward with a full staff towards offering new programs for families, fellowship for not only youth, but young-adults, Bible-studies and Christian Education for all ages, and whatever else all of you and we as your parish staff can dream of together.

As I have said since I arrived here, "we are better together," and that we are my dear friends. We may think we are four small churches, but together, we make one large church; we make a powerful Christian community. So, let us move boldly towards the future holding true to our roots of each congregation, but also seeing the greatness we have as a community together as the Prairie Lutheran Parish.

My dear parish, let us cultivate a place together in our community where people can come and know they are loved, forgiven, and freed by Christ's death and resurrection, and also loved deeply by all of us as we live into our Christian vocation of choosing love over hate, and loving our neighbors so deeply it hurts. Let us proclaim from floor to rafter, that all are welcome here in this place. The Holy Spirit is alive, active, and moving fast in this place, so grab on, and hold on tight, and let's see where God takes us!

Because of Christ,  
Pastor Carter Hill



## Changes at Wee Care Preschool



There's still summer left to enjoy, but we've been thinking about the year ahead at Wee Care.

Our previous teacher, Colleen Cottam, is moving so we began looking for a replacement immediately to ensure we'd be ready for students by fall. We're thrilled to have filled this need right from our own parish! Many of you may already know Breann Lund, who is a long-time member of Bethlehem Lutheran in Ross. We'll let Breann introduce herself:

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I am so excited for the opportunity to become the new Wee Care teacher! My husband and I live on a ranch in the Ross area. We raise cattle and have pigs, chickens, and horses too. We have one daughter and two sons. Our family enjoys working together on our ranch and going camping and fishing. I graduated from Minot State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 2004. I have 8 years of experience teaching in elementary school classrooms. In 2012, I decided to work part time after we had our third child. Since then, I have been substitute teaching in the Stanley School system. I look forward to meeting you and for all that this coming school year will bring! *Breann*

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Wee Care classes will be 2 days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays this school year. Start date is Tuesday, Sept. 5. Morning session is 8:45 -11:15 and afternoon session is 12:45-3:15.

With the change in staff, we are unable to hold classes 3 days per week at this time. It's been just the last couple of years that we increased to 3 days per week, so we're essentially going back to the way it was previously. We plan to work toward the state's requirements for re-licensing next year, which means that we can offer classes 3 days per week again.

Message us on Facebook if you have questions!

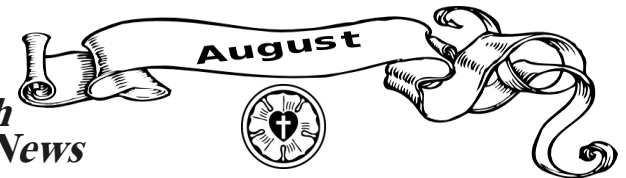
We are looking forward to seeing you and your preschoolers this fall!

- The Wee Care Board

Beth Wilhelmi, Stacey Barstad, Abby Reep, and Danielle Fladeland



**Prairie  
Lutheran  
Parish  
News**



### Recent Baptisms in the Parish

**Chris Parkinson and sons  
Bryton & Teigan Parkinson**  
Bryton & Teigan  
are sons of Chris & Constance  
Baptized by Pastor Carter  
Camp Metigoshe July 19, 2017

### Recent Weddings in the Parish

**Tanner Daniel Johnson  
Cheyenne Ashley McKenzie**  
Married by Pastor Carter  
on July 15, 2017 at A.L.C.

### Recent Funerals in the Parish

**Curtis Allan Johnson**  
American Member  
7/1/17 Funeral at American

**Gladys Marion Anderson**  
Bethlehem Member  
7/22/17 Funeral at American

**Evon Marie Moen**  
American Member  
7/23/17-Funeral at American

### Return to Parish Rally Day

Back by popular demand our churches will combine for Sunday School Rally Day on September 10! Knife River has graciously offered to host us again. Our service will be at 10:30 with dinner to follow. Mark your calendar. More information will be printed in the September Scroll.

### Communion Services

We will have communion on the following Sundays in August  
8/06: American & Bethlehem  
8/13: Combined parish worship  
8/20: All churches  
8/27: All churches

### Pulpit Supply for July

Thank you to the following for providing pulpit supply in July: Janis Thompson, Jim Hamann, Barb Solberg. Also thanks to Iva Fox, Betty Harstad Lesley Trulson and John Mogren for being our worship leaders in July.

### Together-4-Prayer

Will meet August 3 at 9:30 at Thompson's. All are welcome to join us!

### Growing in Faith To Serve

Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at ALC. All are welcome to the Bible Study. The next scheduled GIFTS event is LifeKeys with Beth Anderson in Bismarck, September 22-23. Trust me, this is not like any of the "usual" GIFTS EVENTS. You won't want to miss this one! It is fun and you'll learn much!

### Movie Night!

The Men's Bible Study group has been discussing having a movie night at the church. More information on this will be coming.

# 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 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to participate in LYO**



**Love.**



**Grow.**

Instagram: prairielutheranparishlyo  
Facebook: Prairie Lutheran Parish LYO



**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 August News Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader

The end of July signals several different things for LYO and all of the youth at Prairie Lutheran Parish. The kids have a bit of a break from weekly LYO to a few monthly events that bring us together and check-in during summer break.

Our July LYO event took us to Minot again, but this time we enjoyed laser tag, arcade games, pizza, and more Dairy Queen ice cream. We corralled a group of 16 kids into a mini-bus and vehicle to go and have fun and fellowship together.

The last requested summer event will be a lock-in at ALC on **Thursday, August 10th—Friday, August 11th**. Our start time will be at 7:30PM on Thursday, and the kids will (sleepily) return home on Friday morning at 8:00. Our back-up date will be August 17-18 if needed.

The kids that are attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018 have been working with different events in the community this summer to raise money that goes toward their trip.

After school begins, we will start up with our weekly LYO events on Wednesday evenings. So, our first Wednesday will be **August 30th**. All 7th-12th graders are welcome!

If you have any questions about LYO, please contact me.



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## Prairie Lutheran Parish

American-Bethlehem-Faith-Knife River  
We are one together in mission

### "The Pantry"

The Prairie Lutheran Parish will be teaming up with other local churches, the Stanley Park District, Mountrail County Health Foundation and the Stanley Public Schools to help with the fact that children in our area are not getting the nutritious food they need on a regular basis. Nearly one in six children in America lives in households that struggle to put food on the table. That means they struggle with hunger sometime during the year.

Starting on Friday, September 8th, "The Portable Pantry" will allow children in the Stanley elementary school that are on the free or reduced meals program to bring home a bag of food each Friday. Each week a group will get together in a classroom at the Elementary school and bag up the food for each child designated in a reusable grocery bag.

In the near future, "The Pantry" will be setup at the high school where students can go shop for what they need.

Informational brochures and applications for this program will be available at each local church and at the Grade School and High School guidance counselors' offices.

Cashwise has graciously approved to mark the food items The Pantry board has chosen for the month so shoppers can pick up items as they shop. A large tote will be placed up front for drop off of the food purchased by shoppers.

The local churches are spearheading this campaign with seed money to start it off with and food donations. Grants will also be applied for once The Pantry has its 501c3 accreditation. But, this is a community effort, so any service organization that would like to help bag food for a week, donate food or money or help with any needed movement of food please contact Steph Everett at 628-1405 or talk to Sarah Sorenson or Eden Cuypers!

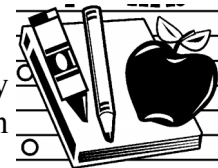


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### Prairie Lutheran Parish Project Announced

The local churches, Stanley School District, Stanley Health Foundation and Stanley Park and Recreation are teaming up to do a Back to School Supply Drive.

Prairie Lutheran Parish would be in charge of donating School Supplies such as pencils, notebooks, crayons, markers, 2 pocket folders, and binders. These donations can be dropped off in the ALC big Sunday School room or at the high school for Sarah Sorenson (from now until Aug 22) or on August 4 from 2-4 we will be having a Back to School Bash at the high school and items can be dropped off there. We will set up a store the night before school starts at the elementary school for families who need to "shop" for items. *Sarah Sorenson*



### Food Pantry Ministry

Mountrail County Food Pantry a locally supported ministry

The food pantry served 63 families in the month of June, of which 82 were children and 14 were seniors, providing 5907.5 pounds of food. Our volunteers are cheerfully showing up to help during the summer months, and we surely do appreciate them!! There has been a steady flow of traffic through our doors on Monday's. We are fortunate to live in a community that is determined to keep food on the shelves in a clean, accessible food pantry. ☺ Jacob, from Ace Hardware made our day by giving us TWO shopping carts!! This will help our traffic flow tremendously on those busy days! Cashwise continues to donate baked goods. Two great reasons to shop locally when you can! Fresh vegetables taste THEE best!! Thank you for the community support that we receive, to keep food on our shelves. Thank you to the volunteers who show up without fail to help unload our truck, and put all of that food on the shelves, to be ready for the month ahead.

We consider ourselves very blessed indeed. ☺

*Mary*

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







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



# AUGUST 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Regular Weekly Activities</u> 10:00 A.M. AlAnon on Saturdays at ALC 8:00 P.M. A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC		1 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Centennial Crt Study 2:00 Faith Aft Bible Study	2	3 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 9:30 Together 4 Prayer	4 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	5
6 Sunday Worship! <b>NO</b> Monthly ALC potluck	7 9:00 Knife River church cleaning ALC 10:00 Quilting	8 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	9	10 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 8 p.m. Bethlehem Council	11 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	12
				<div>Parish LYO "lock - in" at ALC</div>		
13 Sunday Worship Combined parish 9:30 Rolls & Coffee 10:30 worship with the Heart River Band	14 ALC 10:00 Quilting 2:00 Senior Companion representative at ALC. All welcome!	15 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	16 10:00 GIFTS	17 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	18 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	19
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27 Sunday Worship! 11:30 Gold Serving Grp meets at ALC	28 ALC 10:00 Quilting	29 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	30 Parish LYO (time to be determined) 6:30 ALC Council	31 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 1:00 Scroll Assembly by American	<div> September 10th Mark your calendar!</div>	

# American Lutheran Church



Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.

WELCA-Just a quick reminder! Plans are being made for the WELCA Fall Fund Raiser on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to a brunch lunch and sale. Volunteers are needed so if you are interested and willing to help please call Renae Gjellstad or Marilyn Evenson. Watch the bulletin for a meeting for planning this day. *Marilyn, WELCA President*

2017 Table du Jour - Our Table Du Jour this year is going to have a new flare and have a title of "Fall Festival with Friends." The date is October 8th and it will be held from 11:30 to 2:30. The day will include a delicious meal, bake sale, silent auction items and a "granny's attic." It will be open to the public. Anyone who is interested in donating items for granny's attic may leave them in the 1st room to the left upstairs in the Sunday School addition. Please bring only slightly used items. NO clothing or shoes please. We will have more information in the next Scroll.

If any questions, please call Renae at 701-629-1952. *Renae*

No monthly potluck in August. We will resume monthly potluck fellowship when the summer camping season is over.

Parish Sunday School Rally Day is September 10<sup>th</sup> at Knife River. Please plan to attend this worship service. Our Wednesday Church School will start on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars.

The church council is still working on resolving some of the concerns that have brought to them such as lighting in the sanctuary. Let us know if you have noticed a difference with the new bulbs.

The North Lawn Committee (Jim Trana, Steve Springan and Don Longmuir) presented plans for the landscaping of the north side of the church at the July meeting. Pictures of this plan will be on display in the fellowship hall or narthex. Please contact one of the committee members if you have suggestions or comments on the plan.

Michelle's hours were changed again. Plan ahead and get your meeting written on the calendar outside the parish office door to ensure the church is unlocked.

Next council meeting is Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Our blessings on Sarah as she pursues her call to ministry.

We had an pleasant surprise with the drop-in visit from Pastor Mark Kindem and family. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> visit recently from a previous pastor. The monthly council minutes are printed and in the folder next to the bulletin board. Please feel free to stop and read them.



Serve.

August 2017 Blue Serving Group	Serves in September Ron & Shelly Aadnes
September 2017 Gold Serving Group	Shane Aadnes Dave & Paula Brown
October 2017 Green Serving Group	Jacob & Ashley Carpenter Brandon & Beth Dean
November 2017 Purple Serving Group	Jared Enget Scott & Jordan Evans
December 2017 Red Serving Group	Rocky & Adriana Fladeland
January 2018 Blue Serving Group	Larry & Nancy Hagen Nancy Hemstad*
February 2018 Gold Serving Group	Gerry & Chancey Henin Jason & Christy Iverson*
March 2018 Green Serving Group	Duane & Janice Lindberg Evan & Erin Meiers
April 2018 Purple Serving Group	Eric & Shannon Mell Norman & Julie Mell
Sound System	Jackie Nelson
Jake Hellman 1st	Earl Rogstad
Don Longmuir 2nd	Layne & Tyra Rolfe
Gary Nordloef 3rd	Robert & Elaine Sandry
Jeff Colbenson 4th	Pam & Kelly Shunke
Jake Hellman 5th	Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard
Power Point	Troy & Jenny Smith
Projectionists	BreeAnn Sorenson
Katie/Sarah 1st	Clay & Sarah Sorenson
Kelly/Dawn 2nd	Steve & Cathy Springan
Gary/Kaye 3rd	Bill & June Stevens
Jeff/Karen 4th	
Jake Hellman 5th	



No August Acolytes

No sign-up form for communion servers:  
Council members please volunteer as communion servers on Sundays.



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.

ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

Blue Group

Serves in August

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

\* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group



### August Coffee/Greeters:

Aug 6: Curt & Lesley Trulson  
 Aug 13: Combined Service at ALC  
 Aug 20: Jubal & Deann Jarmin  
 Aug 27: Colin & Susan Vachal

### Ushers: Gary & Vicki

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

Please note August 13<sup>th</sup> will be a joint worship at ALC at 10:30 with rolls, juice, and fellowship prior to worship starting at 9:30. We will be led in worship and music by Heart River Band.

Bethlehem council August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8 pm.

Our sympathies to the family of Gladys Anderson. May God bless you and keep you.

Our garden continues to produce well and people are encouraged to pick produce to share with others.



God's blessings to Sarah Sorenson as she begins her journey into ministry!

Thank you everyone for the love, care, prayers and support. We are so Blessed! Love, *Diana & Wayne*

*Barb*

## LUTHER 500 - SAVE THE DATE

### Synodwide Worship Service

Sunday October 29, 2017 - 11 a.m. -

Christians from across Western North Dakota are invited to gather at the Bismarck Civic Center Sunday, October 29, 2017 to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. A Festival Worship is planned for 11:00AM at the Bismarck Civic Center to commemorate this historic event and pray for God's guidance as we seek to be faithful, Christ-centered witnesses into the future.

Rev. Mark Narum, who serves as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod says, "This is a once in a life time event for most of us. I encourage all congregations across the synod to consider making this their Sunday morning worship for this one Sunday." Bishop Narum went on to say, "It is not often that we get a chance to come together and provide a united Lutheran witness to God's grace, love and mercy which comes to us through the risen Christ."

Teams are at work now planning the festival worship service. Included in the day will be choirs and bells performing glorious music. Holy Communion will be celebrated this day.

**The Prairie Lutheran Parish is planning to have a "Fun Bus" (or buses) going to this event. Watch for a sign-up form in your church to sign up for the bus!**

**Catch the Reformation excitement!**



**REFORMATION**  
**2017** It's *Still* All About  
**Jesus**







★ "God's House on the Plains" ★



We rejoice with the Parkinson family on the recent baptism of Teigan and Bryton. They were baptized by Pastor Carter on July 19th at Camp Metigoshe.

We will be having a joint church service at the ALC on August 13th as Heart River will be doing the service. All are welcome to the 9:30 fellowship hour before worship. Please come for coffee and rolls.

Thank you to those who have been cutting down the dead trees and removing them from the church yard.

Thank you to all who made the Sunday School children's trip to the zoo such a great experience on July 10<sup>th</sup>. FUN!

Sunday School Rally Day will be September 10<sup>th</sup> and we understand the combined parish will be hosted at Knife River. Our Sunday School classes will begin at Faith on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will have communion services on August 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Sarah Sorenson as she pursues God calling to ministry in our parish.

Evening Bible Study is cancelled until September.

Our sympathy to the family of Clara Groth (Debbie Haugen's mother) on her passing away. May God Bless her memory.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>** the Afternoon Bible Study will meet at 2:00 at the Phyllis Vesey's home.

Flower blossom & meaning:

Zinnia = thoughts of absent friends

Stay Cool! *Debbie*

## Our August Church Servants

### Readers

6<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Jones  
20<sup>th</sup> - Janet Jensen  
27<sup>th</sup> - Darlene Bruhn

### Work:

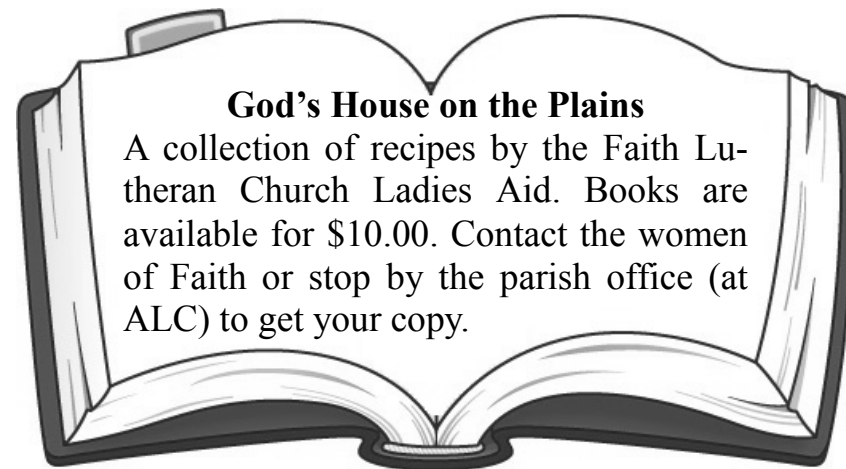
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### Coffee

6<sup>th</sup> - Phyllis Vesey  
20<sup>th</sup> - Constance Parkinson  
27<sup>th</sup> - Darlene Bruhn

### Alter & Greeters:

Geraine



### **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.

### **Senior Companions Needed For Our Area**

Do you enjoy visiting and having coffee with people? If you do, Lutheran Social Services is looking for you! There is a new program starting in Stanley, called Senior Companions. We need men and women (55 and older) to spend some one-on-one time with seniors in our area. Come to our meeting on Mon., August 14, 2:00 at American Lutheran Church and find out what this is all about! You will get to meet Sonja Mickelson, who is the Western ND Coordinator for Lutheran Social Services. And Pastor Carter will also be with us to help get our project going. (And, I heard there was going to be coffee and Scotcheroos, too!)







**JANITORS** for August are Kevin and Sandy Harstad. Thanks!!

**GOD'S BLESSINGS TO PASTOR CARTER** as he was installed as pastor of our parish on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. We wish him the best and look forward to his ministry with us!

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE** is being conducted by the local churches, Stanley School District, Stanley Health Foundation and Stanley Park & Recreation. The Prairie Lutheran Parish is in charge of donating the following school supplies: pencils, notebooks, crayons, markers, 2 pocket folders and binders. These donations can be dropped off in the big Sunday School at ALC or at the high school for Sarah Sorenson (from now until August 22) or on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 when they will be having a Back to School Bash.

KR WELCA recently met and we are planning to give to this school drive in lieu of school kits for LWR this fall and are encouraging the members of our congregation to join us in this endeavor.

If it is handier for you, you may bring your donations to Knife River by Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, and they will be delivered to the school. Thank you in advance for support of this project.

**THANK YOU** to Connie Longmuir for filling in as our organist when needed. We greatly appreciate your willingness to help us out!!

**WOMEN** - we are going to clean the kitchen cupboards, stove and closets at the church on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. and anyone who is interested is welcome to come and give us a hand. You can bring a coffee item or something for a little light lunch at noon.

**WELCOME** to Sarah Sorenson for filling in a very important ministry in our congregations and we look forward to your pastoral leadership among us. May God bless you in your new ministry and your studies as you begin the TEEM program. We are excited for you!!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Joint Parish Sunday School Rally – Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at Knife River

Family Leauge – at Knife River on Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.



Knife River Sunday School News

Just a quick note!!!

Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 10th. Please keep this date open. It will once again be a joint service at Knife River! Please have ALL Sunday school kids to the church a half an hour before the service begins so we can go through a couple songs and possible readings.

Thanks, *Nikki*

**Rally Day**



***Our Parish members celebrating birthdays this month!***

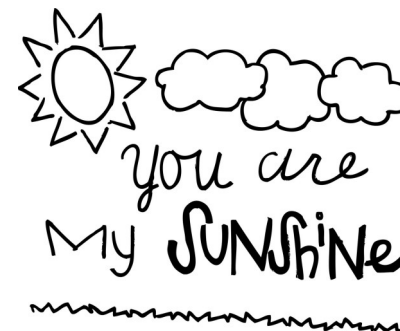
**August Birthdays**

- 1 - Doug Halden, Seth Evenson
- 2 - Ryland Craft, Ted Dobrovolny
- 3 - Christopher Nordloef, Dolores Hagen
- 4 - Harold Hager, Sheryl Sorenson
- 5 - Nancy Rudolph, Tyra Rolfe, Thosten Lidstrom
- 6 - Don Bingen, Judy Lee, Leslie Alvstad, Carissa Debilt, Sarah Brewer
- 7 - Jared Enget
- 8 - Abby Iverson, Sharon Prochaska, Chris Baumann
- 9 - Norma Kjellberg, Carrie Sigloh
- 10 - Brendan Wilson, Dane Dunham
- 11 - Sarah Sorenson, James Miller, June Stevens, Rylee Littlecreek, Bayla Skarsgard, Michael Craft
- 12 - Rynne Pappa, Tom Simmers
- 13 - Dan Dennis
- 14 - Bray Meyer, Sherri Konen, Darwin Mrnak, Caryn Nelson, Katie Harwood
- 15 - Jessica Ranum, Ella Mortensen, Sam Juma
- 16 - John Wing, Sharon Aas, Kylee Janz, Noah Swegarden, Samantha Hollekim, Wesley Johnson
- 17 - Jason Reep, Norman Mell, Walter J. Dunham, Jim Hollekim
- 18 - Carsten Hysjulien, Stephanie Pappa
- 19 - Keith Karow, Jr., Bill Whitmore, Don Hoirup
- 20 - Greg Mortensen, Marichel Mariscal, Margo Aas, Omni Roise
- 21 - Chase Lindberg, Scott Klein, Franna Fladeland, Jeff Bruhn
- 22 - Katie Nichols, Ruth Feldman, Nancy Kvamme
- 23 - Ira Walter
- 24 - Hannah Sorenson, Alexis Lee, Mike Parmeter, Stran Fladeland, Randi Moore, Jamie Germundson
- 25 - Renae Minton, Troy Smith, Kamryn Grace Halvorson, Lisa Lapica, Dylan Olson, Diann Dunham
- 26 - Rocky Fladeland, Rick Haugen
- 27 - Holly Halvorson
- 28 - Cathy Springan, Kaden Evenson
- 29 - Melissa Johnson, Fern Nelson
- 30 - Owen Craft
- 31 - Jeremiah Nelson, Brycen Yazzie



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 1 - Chris & Lindsay Olson
- 1 - Layne & Tyra Rolfe
- 1 - Jaren & Jasmin Enockson
- 4 - Adam & McKenzie Jarmin
- 4 - Gary & Judy Johnson
- 4 - Lowell & Judy Vedaa
- 5 - Gary & Sue Evenson
- 5 - Brian & Tammy Hamers
- 6 - Roger & Addy Evans
- 6 - Cole & Lauren Hysjulien
- 9 - Jacob & Ashley Carpenter
- 9 - Ron & Marion Herfindahl
- 9 - Scott & Haley Mortensen
- 10 - Curt & Summer Meyer
- 11 - Richard & Linda Halvorson
- 11 - Orville & Betty Harstad
- 11 - Clay & Sarah Sorenson
- 11 - Warren & Coleen Walhaug
- 12 - Lenin & Betty Lidstrom
- 12 - Beau & Kim Vachal
- 13 - Michael & Yanci Crider
- 18 - Curt & Lesley Trulson
- 19 - Ron & Julie Roehrich
- 19 - Bill & Monica Sem
- 22 - Steve & Cathy Springan
- 23 - Joe & Dawn Kriewald
- 25 - Kevin & Darlene Johnson
- 27 - Arlo & Faye Borud
- 29 - Kevin & Joanne Lapica
- 29 - Nate & Mackenzie Weyrauch
- 30 - Wayne & Diana Evans
- 30 - Jesse & Rita Locken
- 31 - Kelly & Dawn Evenson



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