THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

September 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 Knife River American Faith
Lutheran Lutheran Lutheran Lutheran
Ross Hwy 8 South of Stanley Stanley Palermo

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Some Words from Sarah

Acts 5: 38-39 says, "Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." Think about the words "But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men." These words amaze and remind me that with God ANYTHING is possible. If we believe this then our focus should be on spreading the light, love, joy and word of Jesus Christ. Sometimes I think we get caught up in why things won't work when we should focus on the words above. "But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men." You see, it's really not about us. It's really about spreading the gospel and as long as it is from God, He's going to make sure it all works out.

And I feel God working in our Parish. I feel Him working through our Parish and Church Councils. I feel Him working through the church staff. And I feel Him working through all of you. Our Parish has some wonderful things happening because God is working through all of us at Prairie Lutheran Parish. I invite you to reflect on the following questions: What excites you when you think about our Parish? Where do you find yourself being called to serve in our Parish? What gifts has God blessed you with that you can share with others? How can you spread the word of Jesus Christ? There are many ways to get involved and to activate your faith. Here are just a few ideas:

o Attend church weekly and worship with your faith family. Starting September 13, you will have the opportunity to worship from 6:00-6:30 pm or you love Sunday service, that will still be there as well. How exciting!

o Invite a friend or a new family to attend worship with you.

- o Attend one of the Parish's Bible Studies. We will be adding one on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm.
- o Volunteer and get involved in our Parish Ministries.

Do you feel called to help with the run the after-school fellowship time for the school kids in between school and Wednesday Church School? Let Pastor Carter or I know! Do you feel called to help with Wednesday School or Sunday school at the one of the rural churches? Let Pastor Carter or I know! Do you feel called to be a Confirmation Mentor for 7, 8,9, and 10th graders? Let Pastor Carter or I know! Do you feel called to be song leader in worship? Again, let Pastor Carter or I know. There are so many opportunities to serve and share your gifts with others and we would love to have you serving along side us! When I think about our Parish and the the exciting things that are happening, I hear the words from Acts, "But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men" and then I thank God that I am a part of such an amazing Parish!

God Bless!





Pastor Carter writes....

Just a few quick words about things that will be happening soon in our parish! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Carter or Pastor Sarah.

Remember that we will now be offering various programming on Wednesday evenings (beginning September 13th). If you have a child that is Church School age, you may tell them to go to the elementary school gym on Wednesdays after school to wait for us to bring them to the church or do some activities in the gym first before coming over to American. Since the school will be releasing an hour early and we do not have enough volunteers at this time to teach Church School, we will be doing a youth fellowship time until church school begins at 4. This will hopefully be more convenient for you and your work schedules! Please have all students meet at the gym, even your older ones, as there are some days we will stay and do some activities in the gym.

Also when you come to pick your child up! Come on in for a quick meal, and then join us for worship! Church School will finish at 5:15, and a meal will be served from then until 6PM, when worship begins. After worship please join us for Adult Bible Study led by one of the pastors! Also LYO will be happening during this time!

Confirmation will begin on the 13th as well. Please be sure you look for a letter from the pastors that was sent. If you have a child in 7th-10th grade and you did not get this letter, please call Pastor Carter at 701.425.7041

LYO August News Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader

We're kicking off the school year and LYO with several events coming up! We are going to be starting our weekly Wednesday night LYO events on **Wednesday**, **September 13th** with all of the other awesome activities going on. The youth will meet at 6:30 PM after the worship service.

Any youth going to the National Youth Gathering next summer will be serving the meals that are also provided on Wednesday evenings before the worship service. We have reserved our flights, and we're getting into some great months of planning and excitement. (Less than a year!)

As we closed out summer, we had 13 youth participate in our August lock-in. Our theme verse, Psalm 16:8, kept us focused on how we won't be afraid, for we know God is at our side, always. We used the theme verse in our scavenger hunt, competed in a few olympic games, enjoyed some movie time, and played lots of hide and seek.

I am so excited to see all of us meet on Wednesdays through confirmation, Wednesday school, a meal together, worship, and LYO! All 7th-12th graders are welcome to come to LYO at 6:30 for some Bible study as well as plenty of fun and fellowship.

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



Contact information: (701) 840-2871 (cell phone) Eden.drevecky@gmail.com

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 500th 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 in September to sign up for the bus! Or call John in the church office to get your name on the list. Catch the Reformation excitement!





On Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p. m. CST, PBS gives the Reformation television exposure when it airs "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World." This one-time only, nationwide showing is a great reasons for us to gather with others and explore Luther's lasting impact on Christianity.

The show is also available at http://newluthermovie.com/elca/

ELCA

Prairie Lutheran

Wee Care Updates

We are happy to announce that we have hired a teaching assistant! Crystal Laparra was hired to help at our center. She has experience working with preschool age children and will be a great asset to Wee Care.

The first day of Wee Care is Tuesday, September 5. We will be having classes 2 days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays in September. We are in the process of going through the relicensing process. Once all of the paperwork is complete and approved, we will once again be licensed and able to hold classes 3 days per week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We anticipate that happening by October.

If you have questions or student referrals, please message us on the Wee Care Learning Center Facebook page or leave a message at the ALC office.

Parents of Third Graders

The Bible Class for the 3rd graders Grade Bible Sunday will be in November. More information on this will be coming.

Parish News

Pulpit Supply for August

Thank you to Don Longmuir for doing pulpit supply in August.

Communion Services

We will have communion on the following Sundays in September 9/03: Faith & Knife River Sept 10, 17 & 24 all services

The Morning Parish Bible Study

The morning parish Bible Study that was formerly the GIFTS Bible Study is growing in numbers! Our next Bible Study which will be led by Pastor Carter is Wednesday, September 13th at 10:00 at ALC. All are welcome to this Bible Study. Carter has asked that we think about whether we wish to meet more frequently in the future for these morning studies.

Discover Who You Are

The next scheduled GIFTS event is LifeKeys with Beth Anderson in Bismarck, September 22-23. This will begin in October and 3rd lis not your "usual" event. Register on-line at: http://wndsynod.org/ (Or stop in the office and John will help you get registered.)

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.

A note left on my desk states:

Knife River brings meat, chips and pickles. we will meet in the gym of Bethlehem brings dessert, cookies, bars American brings salads Faith brings buns

In the event of bad weather the elementary school. Watch Facebook or your email for any notifications.

Gospel Seeds - September 2017

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Building Vital Jesus Focused Communities...

Earlier this summer I was invited to serve on an ELCA Task Force focused on Congregational Renewal. In the ever-changing American religious landscape, the church is in the process of taking stock of the work we do together in Congregational Renewal.

The word that is being used is "Vitality". This is our group's working definition: Communities of Jesus where there are life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world.

As a church, in this time of change, we are recognizing that congregations are not the only places where people are being introduced to the life changing story of Jesus. People are being welcomed into the faith by campus ministries, Outdoor Ministries, Bible Study groups and more.

This definition recognizes that encountering Jesus is a life-changing experience. We believe in a God who takes us as we are - warts and all - and through the power of the Holy Spirit changes us. God's Holy Spirit is continually at work forming and reforming us.

This is all about relationships. It is in relationship with other people we come to know of Jesus. Passing on the faith is not done in a vacuum; it happens one person to another within a community. Relationships with God and one another pushes us out into the world. Now this can be uncomfortable, because we are challenged to reach beyond our comfort zones, to reach to places we have never been and as individuals may never go. Go we do, though, as a larger church being and living and speaking the Good News of Jesus Christ wherever we go.

Why...

So why did I say "yes" to serving on this Task Force? What's in it for the people of the Western ND Synod? The work of helping congregations think about Vitality is one of my passions. This is the most important work we do – introducing others to Jesus. Some of those "others" are our own people - some are not - but we are called to share Jesus with others. The truth is, if a congregation decides that's not why they exist, they have sealed their fate – they will die.

I pray for vital Jesus communities where the Gospel is freely shared - where life flourishes. I hope others are willing to live into this dream.

Embracing Stewardship...

Without a plan for implementation, congregational leaders struggle to engage members in stewardship. With that in mind, you are encouraged to plan to gather a group of people from your congregation for the *Embracing Stewardship* events to be held October 14th in Minot and October 15th in Dickinson. Through this event, participants will hear concise methods for establishing a holistic, year-round stewardship program in their congregation. Through self-selection, participants may choose to work toward creating a plan and time frame for how stewardship efforts will unfold in their congregation.

In the following year, congregations may choose to participate in a stewardship engagement process. They will work with a synod staff member who will provide contacts and visits to help the volunteers initiate an effective holistic stewardship program and ensure their efforts stay on track. A limited number of spots are available for this opportunity. Would you like to begin a book study on the book *Embracing Stewardship*? A limited supply of books is available through the synod office. To learn more about the event or the book study possibilities, give Faith Simonieg a call.

What am I reading...

Here are several books I am currently reading:

"The Church Unknown: Reflections of a Millennial Pastor", by Rev. Seth Nelson. This book, written by a young pastor, wrestles with a question he is often asked (especially by parishioners), "Why are fewer young people involved in the church?". Nelson serves rural congregations in Montana and provides some helpful insights and thoughts to ponder.

"Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church", by Rachel Held Evans. The author, formerly a member of an Evangelical church, shares her own story – that of a young person's journey wrestling with life, faith, politics and more. This book is filled with challenge and grace.

"Reviving Old Scratch: Demons and the Devil for Doubters and the Disenchanted", by Richard Beck. The author points out that there is little talk of the Devil in many mainline churches. He invites the reader to ponder the Biblical descriptions of devil and demons with a wondering about our own beliefs.

Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod





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!





Mountrail County
Food Pantry
a locally
supported
ministry.



Our food pantry served 63 households in July, for a total of 196 people, giving out 4767.5 pounds of food. Of those 196 people, 83 were children, and 17 were seniors.

We were very thankful to receive \$2000.00 from the Veterans Gaming Funds and several donations! ☺

We are excited to read (in the front page of the Promoter) about the start of a wonderful program at the school, called S.A.C.K.!! (Stanley Area Cares for Kids) I've said it many times, but I just have to say it again. This community is amazing!!! The heartfelt compassion and concern for those who may be in need of food, is absolutely astounding!! Please keep S.A.C.K., its volunteers, the donors, and our Cashwise folks, in your prayers in the months to come. This is an honorable project that they are starting, and as they sift through the ins and outs, figuring out how to make things run smoothly, your prayers will make a big difference for them. \odot

Here's wishing everyone a happy, safe, and fun-filled September. \odot *Mary*

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

"Fall Festival with Friends"

Our fall festival is set for Sunday, October 8th following worship at American Lutheran. It will be held in the fellowship hall from 11:30 to 2:30. There will be a free will delicious harvest meal, which will be open to everyone. We will also be having a silent auction, items to bid on and a bake sale. A new area of interest is being added this year, "granny's attic." We would appreciate our church members to donate to our bake sale and granny's attic. Gently used items for the attic may be left at the church in the first room to the left upstairs in the Sunday School area. NO clothing or shoes please. It will be open to the public. It's going to be a great day, so mark your calendars!

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

Sunday Worship Schedule: Bethlehem: 9:00

Bethlehem: 9:00 Knife River: 9:00 American: 10:30 Faith: 10:30

SEPTEMBER 2017





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Weekly Activities 5:00-6:00 Cub Scouts on Mondays at ALC 6:00-8:00 Boy Scouts on Mondays at ALC 8:00 P.M. A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC 10:00 A.M. AlAnon on Saturdays at ALC			Wednesday Parish Schedule starting Sept 13 2:45 After School Fellowship 4:00 Parish School Fellowship 4:00 Confirmation 5:15 Fellowship Supper 6:00 Worship 6:30 LYO		1 Pastor's Sabbath Special Education Childrens Screenings at ALC 8:00-12:00	2
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17 Sunday Worship! Bethlehem & Faith Sunday Schools begin 5:00 Family League at Knife River	18 ALC 10:00 Quilting	1910 Sunday Text Study10 Bethlehem Bible Study2:00 Knife River WELCA	20 See Wednesday Parish Schedule above	21 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	22 Pastor's Sabbath 8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel Scroll Deadline LIFE KEYS (GIF	TS) in Bismarck
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American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.



September 3rd Join us as we return to the 1st Sunday potluck fellowship. September 6th Pastor & Parents of Confirmation Students meet

September 10th Parish Sunday School Rally Day is at Knife River.

September 11th ALC WELCA at 2:15

September 13th Parish morning Bible Study at 10:00 at ALC

September 13th Wednesday activities begin. See calendar for times.

September 15th Bethel Home Health Fair at ALC.

As the ALC Council met on August 30th, we were unable to get any other updates for the newsletter.

We welcome Santana Lidstrom as our church custodian. Also welcome Paul Dennis as our parish communications director. If you have items for the bulletin, email them to him at paul.dennis.33@gmail.com

<u>In Memory of</u>
Quilting Lorraine Anderberg
<u>Quilting</u> Marion Johnson
Quilting Curt Hemstad
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<u>Building</u> Curt Hemstad
Building Carey Patten
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Organ Fund Evonne Moen

Vacation Bible School Irene Gjerdevig

Undesignated Omar Hamdan *Undesignated* Curt Hemstad **Undesignated** Curt Hemstad Undesignated Dennis Zietz

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Corrine Johnson Ron & Diane Klein Curt & Grace Johnson

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Dale & Dolly Ellis Donna Ranum & Family

Earl Rogstad Earl Rogstad

Gordon & Sharon Aas

Earl Rogstad



ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

Serve.	Green Group		
September 2017	Serves in October		
Gold Serving Group	Gordon & Sharon Aas *		
October 2017	Bryan & Karen Davies		
Green Serving Group	Robin Enget		
November 2017	Gary & Sue Evenson		
Purple Serving Group	Elsie Ganskop		
December 2017	Jacob Hellman		
Red Serving Group	Brian & Traci Hysjulien		
January 2018	Chad & Cammie Hysjulien		
Blue Serving Group	Hod & Ruth Hysjulien		
February 2018	Marjorie Jaha		
Gold Serving Group	Gary & Judy Johnson		
March 2018	Lynette Johnson		
Green Serving Group	Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin		
April 2018	Meyer & Diane Kinnoin		
Purple Serving Group	Chase Lindberg		
May 2018	Dan & Karen Lindberg		
Red Serving Group	Larry & Grace Lystad		
Sound System	Gladys Meyer		
Jake Hellman 1st	John & Devra Mogren		
Don Longmuir 2nd	Greg & Stacey Mortensen		
Gary Nordloef 3rd	Bev Neset *		
Jeff Colbenson 4th	Jerry & Jennifer Neset		
Jake Hellman 5th	Lance & Teri Ostdahl		
Power Point	Evonne Piepkorn		
Projectionists	Stacy Ramberg		
Katie/Sarah 1st	Ken & Donna Ranum		
Kelly/Dawn 2nd	Bill & LaRae Rudolph		
Gary/Kaye 3rd	Amy Strasser		
Jeff/Karen 4th	Robert Western		
Jake Hellman 5th	Bernard & Joanne Wirtz		

Gold Group Serves in September Ron & Shelly Aadnes Shane Aadnes Dave & Paula Brown Jacob & Ashley Carpenter Brandon & Beth Dean Jared Enget Scott & Jordan Evans Rocky & Adriana Fladeland Larry & Nancy Hagen Nancy Hemstad Gerry & Chancey Henin Jason & Christy Iverson* Duane & Janice Lindberg Evan & Erin Meiers Eric & Shannon Mell Norman & Julie Mell Jackie Nelson Earl Rogstad Layne & Tyra Rolfe Robert & Elaine Sandry Pam & Kelly Shunke Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard Trov & Jenny Smith BreeAnn Sorenson* Clay & Sarah Sorenson Steve & Cathy Springan

* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

Bill & June Stevens







September

Acolytes: Kaisa Mortensen, & Elle Sorenson Communion Assistant: Jordan Larson

If you are unable to serve, please find someone to serve in your place. 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.



Coffee/Greeters:

Sept 3: Dustin & Barb Roise

Sept 10: Combined Service at KR

Sept 17: Mike & Kim Sorenson Sept 24: Jason & Andie Roise

<u>Ushers:</u>

Mari Jarmin Chris Schneider

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

Dates to remember

September 10th Rally Sunday at Knife River; Bethlehem bring bars/desserts

September 14th Bethlehem Council meeting 7:00 pm September 17th Bethlehem begins Sunday School

Council moved to continue supporting Brandee with a \$1000 scholarship towards her education. The report from the Heart River community is that she is doing wonderful, loves the classes she has taken, and is very grateful for our continued support and prayers. Council also moved to support intern pastor Sarah Sorenson's education costs with the monies from our Christian Education Support Fund in the amount of \$1050. \$2000 was shared with our LYO; split evenly between supporting their travel expenses to the youth gathering and purchasing food for meals they will prepare and serve as fundraisers in the upcoming year. We pray that each of the individuals affected by these gifts continue to feel God's handiwork in their lives. We give thanks to God for the gifts they each, in turn, share with us!

Barb

WELCA NEWS

WELCA donated school supplies to the Stanley Schools for the school shoppers store at the open house. Please remember our Trinity Cancer Care ongoing donations. A collection basket with a list of needs is in the church basement. Keep all our students, and teachers and the entire staff in prayer as the new year begins! God's Blessings on your Harvest!

Diana

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Please join us for RALLY SUNDAY September 10th!! It is hard to believe it is that time of year again! This year we will be gathering together as a parish at Knife River to kick off our upcoming year of Sunday School! Sunday school kids, please be at the Knife River church by 10:00am to practice some songs together as a parish. Worship will begin at 10:30, and there will be lunch and lots of fun activities following. We will begin regular classes on September 17th. We are looking forward to a fun filled year of learning about Jesus! *Breann and Pam*



Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



September 5th the Afternoon Bible Study will meet at 2:00 with Velma as hostess at her home with a Bible Study.

<u>Evening Bible Study</u> is undecided on their next meeting. They will be in contact with the group.

September 13th Parish Morning Bible Study 10:00 at ALC. September 14th WELCA meets at 2:00 at Faith. Hope Circle serves lunch.

Women's Fall Cluster meeting will be held in Berthold at the Zion Lutheran Church on October 7th. More info to follow next month.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Walker families in the passing of Pauline. She will be truly missed by everyone, but memories can't be taken away.

Hope Circle has table decorations to the end of the year.

"Autumn Leaves but Jesus Doesn't"

Debbie

Sunday School Update

September 10th is Parish Sunday School Rally Day at Knife River Lutheran Church as a "kick-off" for the Sunday School season. The kids should be there at 10:00 for practice before the service at 10:30. Afterwards everyone is

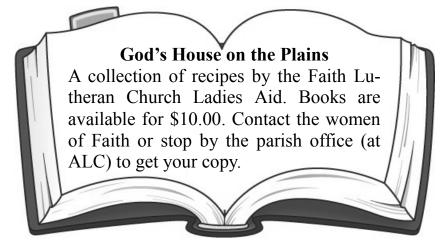
invited to a grill out lunch. (Faith will provide the buns.)

September 17th at 9:30, Faith will have their first session of Sunday School.

Welcome back and hoping you all had a wonderful summer. Kathyrne

Our September Church Servants

ReadersCoffee 3^{rd} - Debbie 3^{rd} - Debbie 10^{th} - Rally Day 10^{th} - Rally Day 17^{th} - Eileen 17^{th} - Lori 24^{th} - Emma 24^{th} - MonicaWork:Alter & Greeters:

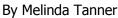


Phyllis & Iva



Debbie, Ch.,

Friendship Prayer I got down on my knees today, And said a prayer for you, For you are always in my heart, And I often think of you, I asked the Lord to send his angels, To protect my dearest friend, I prayed that all the joy and happiness, You have will never end, I asked the Lord to comfort you, When you are feeling blue, And when you have a tear, He'll wipe away that too, I asked the Lord to bless our friendship, So our ways will never part, For true friends always stick together, For we're in each others hearts.













JANITORS for September are Jana Enger and Jim Enge. Thanks!!

JOINT RALLY SUNDAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH AT KNIFE RIVER AT 10:30 A.M.

Plans are underway for a very special worship/rally with the Sunday School kids.

Knife River is providing the meat, Faith the buns, Bethlehem the desserts and ALC the salads. If you would like to bring your own lawn chair (as it is an outdoor service) you are welcome to. Chairs will also be provided. For more details see the special article in this newsletter.

In the event of inclement weather, the Rally will be held at the Stanley Elementary School.

FAMILY NIGHT IS RETURNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 5:00 P.M.

A fun night is planned with a **Puppet Show** and will be presented by Steve and Maxine Brewer, Nikki Longmuir and others. A meal will follow served by Jana Enger and Camie Anderson. Please come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, September 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Goodall.

THANK YOU to all who donated items for the "Back to School" drive.

Marie





Knife River Sunday School News

The school year is here!! Hope everyone had a great summer!! This means Sunday School is also starting back up. Rally Sunday is Sept 10 at 10:30. Please have the kids to the church by 10am so we can run through a couple songs. This will be a very fun day so hopefully you can all make it! Sept 17 at 5:00, will be the first family league. There will be a puppet show this evening. Sept 24, we will continue with regular Sunday school. We will be learning about the 10 Commandments.

Our parish is starting a Wednesday (Sunday) school Sept 13. Kids pre-k through 6th grade are welcome to attend. This will start at 4:15 every Wednesday at ALC. This will be followed by a supper and a family church service. I will continue to have Sunday School at Knife River, so these Wednesdays will be extra time to learn and have fun with kids from the other churches!

I'm excited for this new year with all the new and exciting things happening for us and our parish!

Nikki

Ephesians 4:16

From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Our Parish members celebrating birthdays this month!

September Birthdays

- 1 Rhonda Erie, Scarlett Raasakka, Ronald Seibel
- 2 Collin Petras, Megan Ryals, Jubal Jarmin, Jeff Meiers
- 3 Whitney Nordloef, Scott Ostdahl, Darlene Johnson, Sandy Baade, Bishop Mark Narum
- 4 Gary "Fritz" Weisenberger, Edna Ostdahl
- 5 Nancy Konen, Kara Nichols, Wayne Enger, Brian Hagen
- 6 Arlo Borud, Danny Lindberg, Dorothy Moen, Chelsea Harstad
- 7 Lindsay Hauge
- 8 Michele Kinnoin
- 9 Denise Hanson
- 10 Abby Westlake, Bernard Walker
- 11 Carrie Giese, Cadyn Trulson, Jerome Erie, Robin Borud
- 12 Abe Roehrich, Jacob Bruhn
- 13 Kathy Rolfe, Marion Dorau
- 14 Grace Lystad, Marshall Hermanson, Maura Mills
- 15 Gordon Aas, Elmer Nelson, Jackie Rudolph, Steven Wing, Kiplee Nordloef
- 16 Keaton Westlake, David Enger, Daniel Johnson
- 17 Carissa Decker, Faith Anderson
- 18 Thelma Solberg, Katy Roise
- 19 Jennifer Ellis, Jake Smith, Meredith Craft, Greg Rugland
- 20 Debbie Johnson, Lacey Johnson, Heather Raasakka, Joe Bruhn, Ace Marmon, Lee Alvstad, Carlyle Halvorson
- 21 Marlene Grabow, John Enge, Debbie Pappa
- 22 Brenna Mell, Lindsey Ellvanger, Gabrielle Rolfe
- 23 Cristi Trulson, Brian Hysjulien, Darlene Cvancara
- 24 Carly Rismon, Courtney Sigloh, Nicole Bruhn
- 25 Gordon Patten, Brad Farhart, Taina Karow, Hunter Warta
- 26 Kloe Juma
- 27 Jody Lidstrom, Kimberly Dupay, Danica Hermanson, Joshua Bruhn
- 28 Deloris Oja, Kim Lowe
- 29 Betty Bloom, Mary Kilen, Scott Bruhn, Lainey Enockson
- 30 Marilyn Evenson, Lynn Grabow, Myron Johnson





SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 1 Jim and Susie Trana
- 2 Ryan and Beth Wilhelmi
- 2 Myron and Mary Johnson
- 4 Lonnie & Pam Fladeland
- 4 Jeff & Lynette Meiers
- 5 Bernard & Kim Walker
- 8 Colin & Susan Vachal
- 9 Jerry and Jennifer Neset
- 15 Duane and Janice Lindberg
- 15 Norman and Julie Mell
- 15 Craig & Novelyn Wienbar
- 17 Dennis and Brenda Nielsen
- 19 Kevin & Tanya Kvamme
- 23 John & Devra Mogren
- 24 Jason & Misty Zuchara
- 26 Dan & Katie Harwood
- 27 Brian and Traci Hysjulien
- 27 Drew & Kylie Drosdal
- 29 Jason & Danielle Dupay





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