

THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

October 2016



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.



<h2 style="margin: 0;">+ Prairie Lutheran Parish +</h2>			
<p>"Four Congregations, One Prairie"</p>			
<p>Bethlehem Lutheran Church Ross 9:00am Sundays</p>	<p>Knife River Lutheran Church Hwy 8 South of Stanley 9:00am Sundays</p>	<p>American Lutheran Church Stanley 10:30am Sundays</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church Palermo 10:30am Sundays</p>
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October Gospel Seeds

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Bishop Mark Narum

Getting to Know Western ND...

It is a gift to be able to host guests from our Churchwide office. In mid-September, we were visited by Victoria Flood, the ELCA Director of Mission Support and Nick Kiger, Associate Director of Mission Support. They came to be a part of our Synod Council meeting, to engage with us in conversation around ministry on our territory and the ministry we are involved in - together - across the United States and around the world.

They arrived on Thursday, September 15 and stayed through Sunday, September 18. This allowed time for meetings with clergy and chances to tour both rural and town settings of our synod. It also gave them multiple opportunities to hear about our changing landscape, as well as, worship in five different congregations while they were here. (Yes, we kept them on the move.)

We are partners in this Gospel work, and it is important we tell the stories of the incredible Christ centered ministry happening in this part of God's world. It is good to have guests who can hear the passion of our people.

We also learned more about what is happening across our church. We talked together about how Mission Support - the undesignated dollars your congregation shares with the Synod and Churchwide - is helping start new congregations, transform other congregations, put missionaries around the world, train up new leaders and much more.

The most frequent words Victoria and Nick used were "Thank-You". They were thankful for our partnership, your faithfulness and for the way people on this territory work to share God's love with our neighbors.

Council Actions...

Some of the actions taken during September's Synod Council meeting:

*Approved a Mission Support Strategy which seeks to continue to grow the amount of money we share with our Churchwide partner over the next 5 years. By 2021, the goal is to share with our Churchwide partner 50% of the undesignated giving shared by congregations with the synod.

*Approved a plan to have Faith Simonieg work as a planned giving

consultant within the synod on a part-time basis; her work will be helping individuals with gift plans and congregations create endowment funds.

*Agreed to participate in a study process to help identify ways to assist small member congregations find new and creative ways to enhance worship music. The study is being led by Jay Beech and Dr. Rollie Martinson.

*Reviewed the results of the synod audit.

*Heard that revenue from congregations to the synod is slightly down compared to the same period last year.

*Spent time talking about issues of race, the Churchwide Assembly action to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery and how we, as a synod, might work to build stronger relationships with our Native American neighbors.

*Approved a number of changes to the Synod Constitution. Those changes will be made available to congregations of the synod and will be voted on at our next Synod Assembly. Those changes include removal of term limits for the bishop.

*Directed staff to redraft the 2017 Synod Budget and return the stewardship position to half-time. The redrafted budget will be reviewed by Synod Council at its February meeting.

Invitations Welcomed!

Synod Staff and Synod Council members would love to be invited to talk with your church council, lead an adult forum, do a brief temple talk or any other opportunity to talk with church groups about our work together. We want you to know about the Christ centered ministry we are involved in together. Call the Synod Office (701-223-5312) and will work to set up a visit.

Rostered Leaders Appreciation Month...

This synod is blessed with faithful leaders. Each has different gifts, but they strive for the same goal - that all around them would know the love of Jesus. Join me in letting them know the importance of their work.

One way your congregation might show your appreciation is to give your Rostered Leader the gift of participating in our Spiritual Renewal Retreat - January 20 - 22 at Metigoshe Ministries. This retreat has been created as a way for rostered leaders and their families to spend time in rest, spiritual reflection, and renewal. Contact the Synod Office for more information.

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod
Mark Narum

*I asked our (past) vice pastor to share a message one more time for
The Scroll: Pastor George Schuessler,
Pastor at Zion (Berthold) & Carpio Lutheran (Carpio)
Thank you Pastor George for stepping in when we were without a
Pastor at Prairie Lutheran Parish!*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Another terrorist's bomb explodes, racial strife paralyzed another city in America, fear and mistrust motivates people to physically block the building of a pipeline across the Missouri River, ah, if only we could make a difference in the world. Jesus' disciples in Matthew 20 wanted to make a difference in their time of being is the world as well. Jesus said that they would make a difference in verse 23. We too can make a difference in the world of today!

As Jesus reminded the disciples, so he reminds us that to make a difference is to be fully committed to being a model of Christlikeness. "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:25-28)

It's using your gifts unselfishly to help others. If Jesus Christ, the King of kings, served others, so must we. Our attitude must be like his! And as we serve those around us, we become ministers of Christ's grace. The Apostle Paul describes this unconditional love in 1ST Corinthians 13 as being patient, kind, and rejoicing in the truth. Just imagine the positive and life-changing way those around us could be touched if we had the patience to seek understanding with them, the kindness to physically and spiritually care for them, and the ability to rejoice with them in the truth of a resolution that finds a better way for all. Now that can't help but to make a difference in our world!

Perhaps the best difference of all is found in the growing difference in our own hearts! Hearts that are patient, kind, and rejoice in the truth not only for a neighbor: but for a friend or spouse, a parent or child, or even our God. Let us give the people around us every reason in the world to want what we have by the way we live our lives in Christ Jesus, the love of God. That's making a difference!
Sincerely in Christ's service,
Pastor George

Message from Pastor Carter Hill

The Apostle Paul writes that in Christ we are continually made new creations. Everything old has passed away. Behold, everything has become new! New beginnings are filled with various feelings all across the spectrum of emotions, and here you find yourselves at the crossroads of pastoral leadership changes which include many goodbyes and hellos. And with each of these goodbyes and hellos comes a new beginning that brings about these different emotions: sadness, worry, relief, the grief of losing leaders, and hope and excitement in seeing what new leadership can bring to this place. My dear friends in Christ of the Prairie Lutheran Parish, you are in for many new beginnings, and I am excited to join with you in one of them. My name is Carter Hill, and I will be your interim from October 1st through the end of the year. It is a short time, yes, but in that time we will be able to accomplish great things. I will be able to hear what makes you proud to be a part of the Prairie Lutheran Parish and together we can enter into faithful conversations about what your hopes and dreams are for the future. I have been hired by your parish council to carry out the duties that come along with the office of pastor. I have been hired to preach and administer the sacraments, teach confirmation, provide pastoral care to those homebound, to those facing crisis, and to anyone in need, and to work along side your wonderful staff. I am also here to listen, have conversations, and mend relationships with members that have fallen away from the church over the past few years. Coming to serve God along with all of you in your setting is an exciting time for me. It will be a welcomed return to the earliest roots of my life. I was baptized and spent my earliest years at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Roseglen, North Dakota — one of the four congregations that made up the Prairie Rose Parish. My earliest memories and the foundation of my faith were formed in that church that was nestled in the middle of a field overlooking the beautiful North Dakota prairie. A white steeple that could be seen for miles scraped the open skies telling everyone that passed that God is not dead here in the wonderful prairies of North Dakota, but that God is present and alive among us. Now let us dig in, listen to one another, challenge one another, and discover where God is leading us; for you are a wonderful, united, and generous parish — four churches, united as one, stronger together, serving all of God's people in need. I look forward to visiting with you, and getting to know you. Know that my phone is always on, and I am always prepared to listen and help in any way that I can.

A familiar face to welcome you at Prairie Lutheran Parish

Marichel Mariscal began working for American Lutheran Church in August of 1976. She began working afternoons (part time) doing office work. The pastor at the time was Jeff Franko and it was while he was still serving here that her position went to full time. The increase came when she accepted the Treasurer position that was vacated by Dolly Ellis. Marichel has seen many changes over the years in the way that things are done. She served as secretary/treasurer until September 2013 when she changed duties to only serving as the (part time) Treasurer. Advancement of technology has simplified some tasks she did in the past. When she began employment she served only American Lutheran but while Pastor Narum was here the Prairie Lutheran Parish was formed and she became a parish employee. The parish increased activity and tasks in the office. Also the increased oil field activities made a big difference. During her years she has had the opportunity to work with several different pastors and many on the councils and various committees. Over the years she has taken an active interest in the life of the church, singing in the choirs, playing in the hand bell choir, making banners for the sanctuary to name a few. Marichel said that she hasn't looked at this position as a job but rather as an honor to be able to come to church and serve. *"The time has gone so quickly for me and it is because it is a pleasure to be here."*

Marichel is blessed with a son, John and daughter Dianha; three beautiful granddaughters, Annabel, Cecilia & Lyla.

The Pastors that she has worked with include:

Jeff Franko (Pastor)
 Carla Gilbertson (Interim)
 Richard Widerholdt (Pastor)
 Mark Kindem (Pastor)
 Mark Narum (Pastor)
 Gerald Roise (Intern)
 Chad Peterson (Intern)

Debra Bottjen (Intern)
 Adam Barnhart (Intern)
 Gregory Anderson (Interim)
 Raymond Anderson (Intern)
 Renita Eidenschink (Pastor)
 Carolyn Philstrom (Pastor)
 Rory Philstrom (Pastor)

When asked "what is it you exactly do as the Treasurer?" Marichel offered this insight.

"And what is it I am doing now in the back office, besides counting offering and filling up offering records for the congregation? The treasurer's work includes: pay daily expenses, from American and from the Parish, payroll/salaries, keeping records of children's payments at Wee Care, managing incomes from memorials, dividends, fees, etc., dealing with IRS payments, Board of Pensions, State taxes and non-profits, Workers Comp, W-2 Forms (and other forms), bank reconciliation, provide verification of charitable giving when requested. You may check out these on the Treasurer's pages at the end of the Annual Reports."



When asked about the best part of the job, Marichel said *"Please let them know that I love my job and working for them."*

It is most obvious that others here share the same sentiment for her. Thank you.



Welcome Pastor Carter Hill

In observance of Pastor Appreciation Day on October 9th we will have a very special time of worship at American Lutheran. The gifted musical group "The Replacements" will offer an inspiring morning of worship music. Their genera is country gospel and they sing songs that will be familiar to most of you. The band consists of Jim Mayfield, Ardis Loock, Ed Folk, Marlene Grabow, Jerry Martin, Karen Martin and Floyd Borud.¹

Come and be blessed!





Prairie Lutheran Parish News

Going South?

If you are going south or moving, please let the church office know. We can change mailing address & avoid mail forwarding expenses. Thanks

We have no ministerial acts in the parish to report for September.

Parish Mens Bible Study: Please note we will meet at 8:00 a.m. every Thursday morning in October at Centennial Court for our Bible Study.

Together 4 Prayer -Will meet at 9:30 a.m. on either the 6th or 13th Please check with Janis 628-2042. All are welcome.

Growing in Faith To Serve
Pastor Carter met with us in September and we enjoyed that fellowship. GIFTS will meet October 17th at 10 a.m. at American Lutheran. We will continue with a Bible Study format. Please come!

Mountrail County Food Pantry
In August the food pantry served 44 families, a total of 138 people, 50 children, 77 adults and 11 seniors. We provided 3510.5 pounds of food. ☺ Thank you all. Mary

Combined Worship/Confirmation
There will be no combined worship and fellowship in October as we will have confirmation at American, Faith and Knife River the fifth Sunday - October 30th (Reformation Sunday).

Parish Council to Meet
The Prairie Lutheran Parish Council will meet on Monday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. at ALC.

Pulpit Supply

Thank you to Don Longmuir, Sarah Sorenson, Wayne & Diana Evan, Pastor Christoph Schmit and Pastor Janis Sloka for providing pulpit supply to the Parish in September. Also thanks to all who helped with Rally Day in their respective churches.

Come to Jesus!

The Western Prairie Cluster fall gathering will be October 15, 2016 at Christ Lutheran in Minot. Registration is 9:00-9:30. Registration deadline is October 10th. See your church bulletin boards for more information.

Parish Worship Committee

Met on September 21st and had nine of the twelve committee members present. Music was selected for October. In September a member of the congregation said *"using setting 4 was like coming home after a long trip away."*

Let your committee members know what you'd like to sing in November! We want this to be your time of worship & praise!

Table Du Jour

On behalf of the Table Du Jour committee we want to thank everyone that helped in anyway to make our project a big success again this year. We had a total of 21 tables decorated in very unique themes. We had 4 patriotic tables which were so appropriate because it was held on September 11th. A special tribute was made to 911 first responders and victims with a special comments made about our Stanley native, Ann Nelson who died in the Twin Towers that day.

Special thanks also goes out to Kayla Lapica for her beautiful music and Laurie Robinson Sammons, who shared her faith walk through the death of several family members, including her husband of 37 years. Her story of how she found restored joy and a renewed strength in her faith, family and friends. She shared how she struggled to find and follow her own inner voice once again. She stressed that "in loss there is much to be found... if you let it!"

Another great big thank you goes to the Naomi Circle, especially Linda Hamers who did the food organization and prep work, for the preparation and serving of a delicious meal. The 5 young girls did an awesome job serving the meal also.

Thanks to everyone who supplied us with door prizes for the day. The grand prize of 2 tickets to the dueling piano concert was donated by the Park Board and was won by Kim Humphreys of Minot. Congrats! Thanks again to everyone!

(Submitted by Renae Gjellstad)

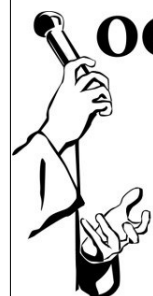


Bethlehem Lutheran's annual pancake and sausage breakfast is coming:
November 6th

Serving after church and continuing until 1:00.

American Lutheran's annual lutefisk and meat ball supper is coming:
November 6th

Serving from 4:00~7:00
Take-out available.



OCTOBER

Pastor
Appreciation
Month

Thank you
Pastor Hill
for coming to
serve as our
Interim Pastor!

 I WILL GIVE
you pastors
ACCORDING
TO MINE HEART,
which
SHALL FEED YOU
WITH
knowledge &
understanding.
JEREMIAH 3:15

Notes from Pastor Carter - 3rd Grade Bible Class

One of the first items of business when I begin at the Prairie Lutheran Parish is to gather together four times on Thursday afternoons starting October 13th with the 3rd graders. We will enjoy a short introduction into the Bible, and will find ways to discover what the word of God means to the world and to them in their own lives each and every day. I look forward to gathering with them to better understand Bible Stories, to act out those stories, to create Biblical drawings and crafts together and of course share a few snacks. This is an exciting time. We will gather after school and finish at 5 PM on Oct. 13 & 20 and Nov. 3 & 10. Bible Sunday will be November 13th at Bethlehem and American and November 20th at Faith & Knife River.

Confirmation - First order of business will be to gather with those who are about to be confirmed! Part of your confirmation is to write a faith statement to be read on October 30th at your confirmation in your home church. Your faithful youth director Eden Cuypers and I will gather with you to help you in the writing process. Letters have been sent to the parents of all the confirmands with the schedule. We will meet Oct. 2nd 1:00-2:30; Oct. 9th 1:00-3:30. Please have your final draft of your faith statement to me by Oct. 12th if you didn't finish it on the 9th; and I will have it back to you by Oct. 13th. We will not meet on the 12th. You may email faith statements or drop them off at the church. Oct. 16th we will gather for lunch and a time to read our faith statements to one another. Come hungry and be ready to share your story. Looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you! Blessings to you all!

Confirmation begins after school on October 5th

October Sunday Acolytes
ALC: Noah Swegarden and Leevi Meyer. (acolytes)



Love.

We've kicked off the school year and LYO with a goal of loving ourselves! Our group is focusing on the theme, "Love Your #Selfie." The activities, lessons, and scriptures are focused on how much God loves us for who we are and how special we are in his eyes. Many times we have negative thoughts about ourselves and our self-worth, but we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

A new addition to LYO is our Instagram account if you wish to follow something of the things we are focusing on. Please feel free to follow all of our social media for news and updates with our group.

Instagram: prairielutheranparishlyo
Facebook: Prairie Lutheran Parish



Weekly LYO

We are planning to continue our weekly LYO events on Wednesdays at 6:30. One date that we will skip is Wednesday, October 19th.

A meal will be served each week followed by activities or games that go with some group discussion.

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

What do we do at LYO?

At LYO, we use our Wednesday nights to come together, eat, talk and laugh. We also share in our highs and lows for the week, work through a couple of activities/games and discussions. At the end, we have a brief prayer time before we leave. All 7th-12th graders are welcome to join us!

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



OCTOBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Regular Weekly Activities</u> 10:00 A.M. AlAnon on Saturdays at ALC 5:00 P.M. Cub Scouts on Mondays at ALC 6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts on Mondays at ALC only in the event of rain (summer months) 8:00 P.M. A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC						1
2 Sunday Worship! Breakfast at Knife River 11:30 Faith Council 1:00 Pastor/confirmands	3 ALC 10:00 Quilting	4 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Centennial Court Study 1 pm Faith Evening Study 2 pm Faith Morning Study	5 3:40ALC church school 3:40Parish Confirmation 6:30 LYO & Meal	6 8:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Bethlehem Council	7 Pastors Sabbath	8 Remember to register for the LYO Gathering Remember to register for Cluster Gathering
9 Sunday Worship! Clergy Appreciation ALC Contemporary 1:00 Pastor/confirmands	10 ALC 10:00 Quilting 6:00 Parish Council	11 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	12 3:40ALC church school 3:40Parish Confirmation 6:30 LYO & Meal 7:00 ALC Council	13 8:00 Men's Bible Study	14 Pastors Sabbath 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	15 Western Prairie Cluster at Christ Lutheran, Minot
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23 Sunday Worship!	24 ALC 10:00 Quilting	25 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	26 3:40ALC church school 3:40Parish Confirmation 6:30 LYO & Meal	27 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 1:00 Scoll Assembly by Faith	28 Pastors Sabbath 8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel	29
30 Reformation Day! Confirmation at Faith, Knife River & American Green Serving Grp ALC	31 ALC 10:00 Quilting					

American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.



October



The colors of fall are here and I love the beauty of it all. We again had a great day at the Table Du Jour with 21 beautifully decorated tables, great entertainment, good conversation and tasty lunch. Thanks so much Renae and Marlene for the organization.

Welcome to Interim Pastor Carter Hill.

We've already enjoyed your visits and enthusiasm.

WELCA meeting highlights:

Linda Hamers is our new secretary.

A kitchen shower for dish towels, hand towels and dish wash cloths has been set up in the narthex.

Birthday and Christmas cards will be sent to honorary WELCA members. "Thinking of you" cards will be bought and put out for sale with the other cards. Please check the price on the bottom of the box as some prices have changed.

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain Call List, please call one of the WELCA officers.

The Cluster meeting is October 15th at Christ Lutheran in Minot. Watch for more details. It is a fun day so sign up on the sheet in the narthex so rides can be arranged.

In Christ,
Marilyn, WELCA President



In Memory of

Elaine Lystad
Elaine Lystad
Elaine Lystad
Elaine Lystad
Elaine Lystad
Kay Western

Undesignated

Donor

Orville & Betty Harstad
Greg & Susan Johnson
Gerald & Lucille Solberg
Sharon Lehr
Dale & Polly Olson
Family & Friends

Sound System

Jesse Lee
Mel Saler

Norma Kjellberg
Norma Kjellberg

Wee Care

Donation

Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger

Building

Elaine Lystad
Kay Western
Shelly Craft
Dorothy Corpron
Donation

Kenny & Cleo Bykonen
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Meyer, Diane & Kevin Kinnoin

ALC Serving Groups - The serving group is posted on the church bulletin. The groups will continue to meet the LAST Sunday of the month previous to the month they are scheduled to serve.

* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

October 2016	Gold Group
Gold Serving Group	Serves in October
November 2016	Ron & Shelly Aadnes
Green Serving Group	Shane Aadnes
December 2016	Delores Anderson
Purple Serving Group	Dave & Paula Brown
January 2017	Brandon & Beth Dean
White Serving Group	Jared Enget
February 2017	Scott & Jordan Evans
Blue Serving Group	Rocky & Adriana Fladeland
March 2017	Dolores Hagen
Gold Serving Group	Larry & Nancy Hagen
April 2017	Curt & Nancy Hemstad*
Green Serving Group	Gerry & Chancey Henin
May 2017	Jason & Christy Iverson*
Purple Serving Group	Norma Kjellberg
June 2017	Duane & Janice Lindberg
Red Serving Group	Dennis Lynnes
	Jason & Lacey McDonald
	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
	Troy & Jenny Smith
	Clay & Sarah Sorenson
	Steve & Cathy Springan
	Bill & June Stevens

Power Point
Projectionists
Katie/Sarah 1st
Kelly/Dawn 2nd
Gary/Kaye 3rd
Jeff/Karen 4th
Jake Hellman 5th

October Acolytes
Leevi Meyer
Noah Swegarden

Oct. Communion Assistants
October 9-Stacy, Sarah & Dave C.
October 16-Nellie, Jeremy & Dave N.
October 23-Dawn, Marilyn & Kay
October 30-Nellie, Marilyn & Stacy

Green Group

Serves in November
Gordon & Sharon Aas *
Lorraine Anderberg
Bryan & Karen Davies
Robin Enget
Gary & Sue Evenson
Jacob Hellman
Brian & Traci Hysjulien
Chad & Cammie Hysjulien
Hod & Ruth Hysjulien
Marjorie Jaha
Gary & Judy Johnson
Lynette Johnson
Marion Johnson
Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin
Meyer & Diane Kinnoin
Chase Lindberg
Dan & Karen Lindberg
Ken Lystad
Larry & Grace Lystad
Gladys Meyer
John & Devra Mogren
Bev Neset *
Jerry & Jennifer Neset
Lance & Teri Ost Dahl
Evonnie Piepkorn
Ken & Donna Ranum
Bill & LaRae Rudolph
Amy Strasser
Robert Western
Bernard & Joanne Wirtz



No information available on Trunk or Treat yet but watch your bulletins and the newspaper as plans are made.



October Coffee/Greeters:

Oct. 2: Jason & Andie

Oct. 9: Sunday School *Oct. 23:* Jessica Niemitalo

Oct. 16: Crystal Laparra *Oct. 30:* ?

October Ushers: Wayne & Diana

WELCA highlights

The school kits for LWR are filled and ready to be boxed for shipping on October 23 or 24th

Thank you Lesley and Andie for all your time and effort for this mission project and thank you to everyone who donated items. 22 school kits were packed!! The soap bars collected will also be sent to LWR on the October date. We will continue to collect for the Trinity Cancer Center.

There is a list of suggestions in the collection box. Western Prairie Cluster will meet for the fall Gathering on Saturday, October 15, at Christ Lutheran in Minot. The theme for the gathering is "Come To Jesus". The theme comes from Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." Andie will be dancing for this event and invites anyone else who would like to dance to join her!

WELCA Thank Offering Service will be Sunday November 13th. Volunteers are needed to head this up. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Psalm 105:4

Tuesday @ Ten Bible Study invites everyone to pray for our government officials and the upcoming elections everyday at noon.

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone. For kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

Diana

Sunday School News

Welcome back to Sunday School! In October we will be studying lessons under the theme, "The Lord is my Shepherd", and starting a unit on "Daniel in the Lions Den". We are working this year to memorize the books of the Old and New Testaments. No Sunday School classes October 23.

Breann and Pam

Dates to remember

Oct 2nd~Interim Pastor, Carter Hill's, first Sunday with the parish (Knife/Faith)

Oct 4th~Bible Study at Centennial Court 10:00am

Oct 6th~Council meeting 7:00pm

Oct 10th~Parish council meeting 6:00pm

Oct 14th~Bethlehem hair at Bethel Home

Oct 15th~Western Prairie Fall Cluster gathering, Minot

Oct 30th~ Reformation Sunday; there will NOT be a joint worship this 5th Sunday

(Save the Dates) Nov 6th Pancake Breakfast; Nov 13th Women's

Thankoffering worship; Nov 20th Fall Festival worship

Sympathies to the family of Kim Sorenson on the death of her grandmother, and to the families of Les Anderson on his passing.

October is Rostered Leaders Appreciation Month! Please lift up in prayer the Pastors from your life. Consider taking time to call or send a card and let them know how much you appreciate their leadership, faithfulness, and guidance.

Remember Adam and Annie Barnhart, our Pastoral intern around 2006-2007? Just a note to let you know Adam has recently started a new call as the Pastor at Holden Village! Their new address will be posted on the bulletin board at church.

Your council updates:

Construction update: The siding is completed, but we are waiting for ABC siding to wrap the windows. The clear portion of the stained glass windows have been installed and we have worked with Kathy Monti on a stained glass design. She has ordered the glass and will begin work soon. The basement windows and a few upstairs windows have been replaced as well. The Sunday School room remodel is nearly complete as we wait for the doors to arrive. A special thank you to John Anderson, Gary Evans and Roger Evans for donating their time and talents to complete this remodel. We are looking at bids for replacing the roof. If you have any questions about any of these updates, please talk with one of our council members.

Your council moved to share \$1000, from our mission outreach line, with Lutheran Disaster Response for the Louisiana flood recovery.

Bishop Mark has encouraged us as congregations and people of faith to lift up in prayer, the current situation near the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:26-27

Barb

(Note: Communion Services at Bethlehem: October 9, 16, 23 & 30th)



The next Faith Church Council meeting will be immediately after worship on October 2.

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on October 4 at 2 p.m. at the home of Velma Enger. A group Bible Study also.

The Evening Bible Study will meet on October 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Iva Fox. A group Bible Study also.

Western Fall Cluster Gathering will be in Minot this year at Christ Lutheran Church on October 15. Theme will be "Come to Jesus!"

On October 30 we have 2 people being confirmed, they are Brendan Wilson and Gabby Rolfe. We are having coffee and cake at 9:30 that day in celebration of their special day with the confirmation service at 10:30. Yet another milestone in both of their lives. Congratulations from Faith Lutheran!

Thank you to all the ladies for sharing your recipes, past and present for our new cookbook which is now being sent out and printed and soon to be out in the public to be sold. We'll let you know when this happens.

Christmas Child Collection items are underway so get your box or boxes and start filling.

Than you to all that come and help on Quilting Day at Faith Lutheran Church. Your help is always appreciated.

As it stands now, we will have communion each Sunday in October.

Congratulations to Edna Ostdahl on her 90th birthday and to Thelma Solberg on her 100th and may you have many more. They have seen a lot of changes throughout the years.

Faith Circle has table decorations for the month of October. Join us for coffee on Oct.2 after worship & meet Pastor Hill. Communion Service will be each Sunday in October.

Continue praying, for it has healing power, especially for Geraine, Vicki, Kathy, Wanda, Bennie and anyone else you can think of.

Flower of the Month & Meaning: Narcissus = Egotism

"Fall leaves are turning and falling." *Debbie*

Sunday School Update

Faith Sunday School is scheduled for October 9 & 16 at 9:30 a.m. Come and join us! *Kathryne*

October - Church Servants

<u>Altar and Greeters:</u>	<u>Work:</u>
Kathryne	Barb - Chair, & Tammy
<u>Coffee Servers</u>	<u>Readers</u>
2nd - Iva	2nd - Barb
9th - Jennifer	9th - Debbie
16th - Sarah	16th - Eileen
23rd - Carol	23rd - Gabby
30th - Cake	30th - Debbie

Meet Pastor Carter Hill

Carter Hill, a 2016 graduate of Wartburg Seminary, lives with his wife, Kayla, and their Siberian Husky, Norah in Minot. Kayla, a native of Washburn, is completing her pastoral internship at Christ Lutheran there, and will graduate with her Master's of Divinity degree in 2018. They are excited to be assigned to their home Synod, Western North Dakota. Carter will spend a few nights a week in Stanley and will commute the other days. If you would like to meet with him, please call him to set up a time, or drop by American Lutheran during the following hours. It is still best to call if you plan to drop in as he may be out and about doing other business for the parish. He will also plan to be at Bethlehem and Knife River by 8:00AM on Sundays for a time to visit with members, and he will even make coffee if someone teaches him how. Look to the calendar to see the weeks he will be at your churches.

Monday: 9:30-4:00PM

Tuesday: Text Study and Church Business/Visits, please call to set up a time.

Wednesday: Noon-3:00PM

Thursday: 9:30-4:00PM

Friday: Out of the Office

carterbhill@gmail.com - 701.425.7041



JANITORS for October are Jana Enger and Jim Enge.

MISSIONS - The ladies of Knife River wish to thank Diane Moen for her contribution of fleece to make blankets for missions. A total of 32 blankets were made to honor Diane's mother, Grace Amundson, who passed away in April. Seven blankets will be given to local charities and the remainder will be given to the Lutheran World Relief.

MEET & GREET - Pastor Carter Hill will be joining the folks at Knife River for a breakfast Get-To-Know-You on Sunday, October 2nd at 8:30 a.m. Darin & Christine Wing are making pancakes and you are welcome to come and meet our interim minister and worship with us that morning. We are fortunate to have him scheduled for worship on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday. On the second Sunday we will have Pastor Janis Sloka and on the 4th Sunday we will have Pastor Jon Halvorson.

CONFIRMATION - We will celebrate the confirmation of Dyllon Craft on October 30th, Reformation Sunday. Cake and coffee will follow the morning worship service in his honor.

FALL GATHERING - The Western Prairie Cluster of the WELCA will have its fall gathering at Christ Lutheran in Minot on October 15. The theme is "Come to Jesus." If interested in attending call Betty (628-2649) or Jean (629-1625).

PRAIRIE LUTHERAN PARISH COUNCIL - will meet at 6:00 on Monday, October 10th at American Lutheran.

THANK YOU - to those who provided pulpit supply to Knife River this month: Don Longmuir, Pastor Christoph Schmit, Wayne and Diana Evans.

Jean

Sunday school was kicked off to a great start with our Rally Sunday service that was lead by all the kiddos along with a great potluck breakfast afterwards. Thank you to all who helped make this a well attended Sunday service. Thanks to all the children for doing such a great job in front of the congregation! Also a big thank you to Nikki Longmuir for leading the kids in their skit and music.

We are looking forward to Pastor Carter Hill's new leadership role in our parish for the next few month's. It will be an exciting time as he leads our congregations, help's to prepare our third graders to receive their bibles, and confirmation begins. We will be holding a welcome/pastor appreciation breakfast for Pastor Carter Hill on Sunday October 2nd at 8:30.

We will be holding Sunday school on October 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th. We have some exciting events coming in October also, starting with a pancake breakfast on Sunday the 2nd of October. The Sunday School will sing at worship on October 30th. We will also be holding a Halloween party on Sunday October 30th after church service. Have your kids bring their costumes to dress and show off during coffee and be ready for games, treats, and lots of fun!



It is also Operation Christmas Child time again. I will have the boxes along with information available the weekend of October 9th through the collection day November 13th. Who ever is interested in filling a box can pick them up at the church any Sunday and have them filled and dropped off by Sunday November 13th when I will collect them and take them to the pick up point in Minot. It's pretty neat to be able to track the boxes journey to putting a smile on a child's face and God's word in their hearts!

Have a wonderful month of October and God Bless!

Christine

Communion Service will be each Sunday in October at Knife River.

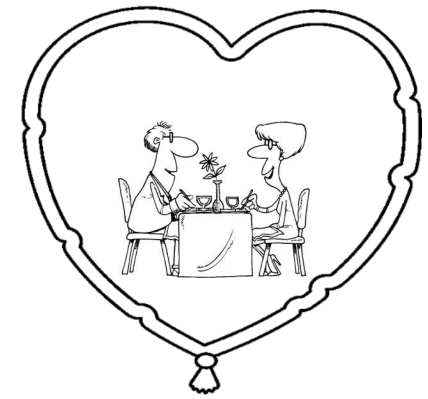
Our Parish members celebrating birthdays this month!

- 1 - Aaron Nelson, Kerrington Jo Lee, Annie Roise, Marie Harstad, Hannah Hynek
- 2 - Orville Harstad
- 3 - Gail Weisenberger, Kyle Hanson, Darlene Vesey
- 4 - Evon Moen, Gene (Skip) Wing
- 5 - Melissa Rostad, Mike Sorenson, Pam Germundson, Christine Wing
- 6 - Jeff Olson, Isaac Summers, Melissa Evenson, Roger Vesey
- 7 - Nichole Hoffert, Hope Greenlee, Kevin Kinnoin, Ashton Olson, Madaline Meiers
- 9 - Erika Simpson, Harrison Dupay, Erin Meiers, Eileen Jones
- 10 - Kay Nordloef, Derrick Erie, Kim Walker
- 11 - Rebecca Anderson, Briggs Lund
- 12 - James Horne, Maizy Steen, Cade Schneider, Alice Wienbar
- 13 - Nancy Hermanson, Kaydence Vachal, Rick Wendt
- 14 - Rand Olson, Sara Herr, Harper Mortensen, Denim Dunham
- 15 - Diane Klein, Johanna Lee, Gerry Nelson-Henin, Mike Reep, Laynee Littlecreek, Madison Walter
- 16 - Amy Strasser, Reed Neset, Kevin Johnson, Beth Gjellstad, Lynette Meiers
- 17 - Benjamin Colbenson, Jamie Rice, Becky Johnson, Sandy Anderson, Kevin Johnson
- 18 - Amber Greenlee, Raygen Lee, Laurie Craft, Peggy Bauer
- 19 - Katherine Wilhelmi, Bev Juma
- 20 - Joan Liebl, Milo Mell, Taylor Halvorson, Cooper Skarsgard, Janice Rehak, Jane Dobrovolny
- 21 - Ashley Carpenter
- 22 - Laurie Faber, Kristal Grinolds, Graci Parmeter, Dylan Enger, Santana Lidstrom, Lakyn Bruhn
- 24 - Cole Hysjulien, Abby Reep, Jim Evensvold, Emma Brewer
- 25 - Jim Konen, LaRae Rudolph, Isaak Longmuir, Charles Francis III,
- 26 - Chad Lystad, Jenny Smith, Bernard Wirtz, Paige Aadnes, Dorothy Goodall, Brooke Vachal, Samantha Honrud
- 27 - Cheryl Weisenberger, ReeAnn Mehus, Josh Westby, Kayla Lapica, Chester Johnson
- 28 - Jacob Hanson, Jim Johnson, Brandi Aadnes, Adriana Fladeland, Michael Crowder
- 29 - Aaron Anderson, Kelly Meiers, Jayce Johnson
- 30 - Linda Hamers, Jackie Nelson, Riley Halvorson
- 31 - Diane Laib, Lisa Martin



October Anniversaries:

- 1 - Jed & Jodi Bohmbach
- 4 - Matthew & Shilo Stone
- 5 - Lance & Teri Ostdahl
- 12 - Charles & Marlys Juma
- 12 - Chris & Lori Hanson
- 16 - Gary & Darla Craft
- 17 - Leonard & Marie Stettner
- 17 - Jubal & Deann Jarmin
- 18 - Ron & Shelly Aadnes
- 18 - Gene & Jessica Lerohl
- 20 - Kori & Ty Taylor
- 21 - Clarence & Janice Kvamme
- 26 - Michael & Kim Sorenson
- 30 - Curt & Grace Johnson
- 30 - Cory & Jamie Rice
- 31 - Curt & Nancy Hemstad



Our Birthday & Anniversary lists are not always up-to-date. If you see non-members names listed, mistakes or omissions, please let your congregation's reporter know. If you are no longer a member and wish to have your name removed from our parish mailing list, please call the church office.

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