

# THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

October 2017



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



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

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



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



## Prairie Lutheran Parish

Four Congregations gathered into One Parish

9:00 am Sunday Worship

Bethlehem  
Lutheran  
Ross

Knife River  
Lutheran

Hwy 8 South of Stanley

10:30 am Sunday Worship

American  
Lutheran  
Stanley

Faith  
Lutheran  
Palermo

(701) 628-2550

[PrairieLutheranParish.org](http://PrairieLutheranParish.org)



## Pastor Carter writes....

Let me tell you this — if you can even believe it — I have been your pastor for one year. This is now my 13th newsletter article to you all, and although many would say 13 is unlucky, the exact opposite is what comes to mind as I reflect back on the past year with you all. I don't think there is a day that goes by where I don't stop and think about how incredibly blessed I am to serve alongside all of you. Since the day I arrived it has been a great blessing to get to know all of you. Not only as wonderful people, but also as four congregations that each function so differently, yet still work together in a beautiful partnership. A partnership that I hope you feel has flourished and strengthened over this past year.

Together we have had conversations about the directions our parish should take in the future, and through those conversations, we have instilled changes to our education programs. We have reformatted confirmation to hopefully better influence the faith lives of our young people. We have added adult education and Bible study to better serve you, and Wednesday Church School attendance has increased to over 60 kids each week, while we continue to worship 60 to 80 people on Wednesday evenings.

Together we have entered into new staffing models and I give thanks to the Parish Board for trusting my leadership as we venture into new territory not only within our churches, but the greater church as a whole. We will only continue to reach more and more people as each new position begins to fall into place.

Together we have rejoiced with Sarah Sorenson as she answered God's call to ordained ministry. Let us continue to support her and pray for her as she continues with her education.

Together, under the direction of Eden Cuypers, Parish Youth Director, our Junior High and High School youth programs have grown from 2 to 3 youth to 18 to 25 students actively attending most weeks. Recently we have registered 22 youth and 8 adults for the National Youth Gathering in Houston in the summer of 2018. This is to be celebrated!

Together we have mourned great losses to our parish. We have commended some of our best to eternal life, and there is great grief left among us. May the Spirit of God continue to enter into those that mourn, so they can feel peace once again.

Together we have also failed one another. We have made one another upset and unhappy. We have disagreed, but we have also entered into faithful, grace-filled conversations to discuss our differences and focus on forgiveness to better serve the gospel here in this place each and every day.

Together, we have embraced change, and now we continue to look toward the future. My prayer is that we continue to be open to hearing God's call as to where we are heading, and respond faithfully and with great trust.

Together, we are best, my dear parish. You are an incredibly gifted, dedicated, and faithful group of people, and I can't wait to see what the coming years have in store for us together.



## Reformation Sunday at Prairie Lutheran Parish

For those unable to attend the Synod-wide Reformation Worship in Bismarck, we will have our 5th Sunday combined parish worship service on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Details of that service have not been decided as we go to print.

## Western Prairie Conference

You may recall last October at our conference meeting in Berthold, Carter nominated John to be our conference secretary. He was unanimously voted in (actually no one else wanted the job). ☺

But there is thing they call karma. Our own Pastor Carter was just elected as our Western Prairie Conference Dean. Congratulations Carter! I understand some changes are coming in the way our conferences meets. I will let you know as soon as I hear those details.



Clergy appreciation Sunday is October 8th. The congregations of the Prairie Lutheran Parish are blessed to have Pastor Carter and Intern Pastor Sarah as our pastors. God bless in your calling.

## Dish' With The Bish

You are cordially invited to Bethlehem Lutheran in Ross on Tuesday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>** when the Synod Staff will host the "Dishin' with the Bish". A free supper is cooked and served by Synod Staff. We will eat together, share some time in Bible Study, talk about ministry and engage your questions.

The meal is served from 5:30pm to 6:15pm. Our Bible Study and Conversation Time starts at 6:15. We promise to wrap up no later than 7:30PM. Please join us!



**October 23  
6:00 at ALC**

Parish council members plan to attend the quarterly meeting. Please send your church's delegate if you are unable to attend. Let Wayne Evans know if you have any items to add to the agenda. Thanks!

**Access to ALC** - Sometimes things are left in the church and needed immediately. Or someone forgot to put an after hours event on the church calendar. If you need after-hours access to American Lutheran please call Santana **629-0406** and she will meet you at the church.

# PARISH News

## Upcoming

EVENTS

## Recent Baptisms in the Parish

Member of ALC  
**Rydge Everett Gjellstad**  
Son of: Ryan & Beth  
Brother of: Tyler, Brody and Bray  
September 10, 2017

## Recent Funerals in the Parish

**James Marlyn Noss**  
Graveside Service  
September 15, 2017

## Pulpit Supply for September

Thank you to John for doing pulpit supply in September.

## Communion

Communion services will be every Sunday in October.

## Wednesday Events Cancelled

Please mark your calendar that all parish activities are cancelled on Wednesday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>** during the Teachers Convention. We will resume the following week with youth activities, supper, worship and evening Parish Bible Study.

## Friendly Face from the Past

This has been a summer of "drop in" clergy from our past. Rolf Morck and his father Harvey stopped by. Rolf was an intern under Pastor Stenslie from 1980-1981. He lives in Wisconsin now.

## Parents of Third Graders

The Parish Bible Class for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be held, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 at ALC. Bibles will be presented November 19<sup>th</sup> in the student's home church. Please get the word out to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents!

## Parish Rally Day

Thank you to Knife River for hosting Rally Day. It was absolutely perfect in every way!

## 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, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at ALC. All are welcome to this Bible Study.

## Evening Parish Bible Study

Our evening parish Bible Study meets at 6:30 following the mid-week worship on Wednesdays. Please join us in this hour of fellowship as we discover more about our faith walk.

## Together-4-Prayer

We plan to meet at 9:30, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at Joanne Colbenson's in Minot at the View #222. Note it is the second Tuesday of the month in October. Please call Janis Thompson with any questions: 629-5072.



## LYO August News

Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader

September has kicked off with several joy-filled events so far! Our regular LYO meetings have begun, bringing in a great group of kids who ready to have a lot of fun, learn about their faith, ask questions, or join together in great fellowship. With the new schedule on Wednesdays, LYO is the perfect ending to an event-filled day.

We have had between 17-21 youth at LYO the last couple of weeks. Discussions have focused on what we want to do this school year with our group, community possibilities that we can work on, and expectations we want to have for our group. Our focus from this past Wednesday came from Romans 6:23, which tells us, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."* Youth shared what this verse says to them and talked about forgiveness and the gift of eternal life that is not earned, but given to us through Jesus.

We also have an update about the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer. We are up to 20 students and 8 adults that are attending the events. The youth that are going to the gathering are also serving the meals that are provided on Wednesdays before worship. Please join us on Wednesdays for all of the activities available.

### Reminders:

LYO goes from 6:30-8:00 PM on Wednesdays.

Meals are served at 5:15 PM.

LYO is open to all 7th-12th graders.

Please let me know if you have any questions!



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



## American Lutheran Church

Landscape, and Lighting, and Air, Oh My!

Over the next three months the American Lutheran Council will be holding congregational forums regarding landscaping, sanctuary and entrance lighting, and air conditioning. These conversations are being held so that when we vote on them at the annual meeting in January, we will be able to make well-thought-out decisions without having to make the meeting hours long. We will have multiple plans and estimates to look at and talk about. See you there, right after church in the fellowship hall!

October 15th - November 19th - December 3rd

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Dear American Lutheran

Let us first begin by saying you all are truly amazing. The donation we received from you this month blew us away. We've been very blessed to have such caring individuals within the communities we serve for sure. The donation of \$4,274.50 that you all were kind enough to gift our program will go a long way toward assisting the victims of the communities we serve within Mountrail and Burke Counties. We are a small program consisting of our director, Darla Juma and two volunteer advocates. We struggle each year to gain enough funding from the few grants available to us. The amount of funding available in those grants seems to get smaller and smaller each year. We will be sure to put your donation to the best use possible. Thankyou again, you'll never know how much it meant to us and how many happy tears were shed upon opening that envelope. Bless you all.

Darla Juma, Director

Christine Juma, Advocate

Heather Jenkins, Advocate

# *Gospel Seeds - October 2017*

## A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Bishop Mark Narum

### *A Time to Say Thank-You...*

Fall is upon us again – cooler temperatures, leaves turning and dew on the grass in the morning. With the changing season comes a time to say thanks to our Rostered Leaders both Pastors and Deacons.

I am thankful for these servants who teach of God's love and grace, challenge us to connect the Jesus story with our daily lives and walk with us in times of great joy and deep grief.

I hope that you will take a moment to thank these servants as well. Let them know they are in your prayers.

### *Dishin' With the Bish...*

The last week of October Synod Staff are heading on the road for our Annual "Dishin' with the Bish". You are invited to make your way to one of these gatherings for a free meal, cooked and served by Synod Staff. We will eat together, share some time in Bible Study, talk about ministry and engage your questions.

The meal is served from 5:30pm to 6:15pm. Our Bible Study and Conversation Time starts at 6:15. We promise to wrap up no later than 7:30PM

Here is our schedule:

Monday, October 23 – – – Lebanon Lutheran, Amidon

Tuesday, October 24 – – – Bethlehem Lutheran, Ross

Wednesday, October 25 – – – First Lutheran, Fessenden

Thursday, October 26 – – – Trinity Lutheran, Steele

We look forward to hosting you and enjoying some Christ centered conversation with you all.

### *Thank-You Visits...*

Ministry does not happen alone, Christ calls us to be partners together. With that in mind Synod Staff are making 4 stop to share coffee and conversation with people. Come and have a cup of coffee and some Kuchen. All events start at 10:00AM and are very informal.

Tuesday, October 24 – – First Lutheran, Watford City

Wednesday, October 25 – – Christ Lutheran, Minot

Thursday, October 26 – – Bethany Lutheran, Rugby

Friday, October 27 – – Zion Lutheran, Beulah

We look forward to seeing you at one of these events.

## *Synod Council Meets...*

September 15 and 16 the Western North Dakota Synod Council met at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Bismarck. Below are some of the issues which came before your synod council.

-Friday evening council was joined by Lorraine Davis, Executive Director of the Native American Development Center, Scott Davis, Director ND Indian Affairs Commission and Dr. Leander McDonald, President of United Tribes Technical College. These three guests helped us engage conversation around the question: How can the church be a partner in building bridges between native and non-native people.

-Spent time in conversation around open congregational calls in the synod and creative ways ministry is being provided across the synod

-Talked about the marks of a Vital Congregation and how leaders have the ability to impact congregational vitality

-Talked about a special candidate within our synod that staff are seeking an internship site for

-Walked through plans for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Worship service planned for October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Bismarck Event Center

-Agreed to bring an amendment to the synod constitution which would add another seat on synod council for a person of color

-Approved a Continuing Resolution on how the Synod's Nominating Committee will seek candidates for Conference Deans and Conference Secretaries

-Appointed Rev. Christina Martin Heart River Conference Dean, Rev. Kathleen Nygard, Turtle Mountain Conference Dean, Rev. Carter Hill Western Prairie Conference Dean and Rev. Nicole Martin and Rev. David Maxfield as Upper Missouri Co-Conference Deans

## *Reformation 500 Worship...*

All are welcomed to a Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion on October 29, 2017 at the Bismarck Event Center. The worship service begins at 11:00am – however you are invited to come early for excellent prelude music.

Coffee will be served before and after worship. If you are unable to be present, the worship will be televised live on BEK's statewide network.

**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!

If you are interested in helping pack bags of food for the elementary school for our S.A.C.K Program, We will be packing at 5:00 on the dates listed. Please let Pastoral Intern Sarah know if you are interested in helping. We need 4-5 helpers each time and it takes about an hour to pack the bags. Thank you!



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Mountrail County Food Pantry  
is a  
Prairie Lutheran Parish  
supported ministry.

Our food pantry served 53 households in August, for a total of 145 people. Of those, 57 were children and 18 were seniors. We provided 5430 pounds of food to these families!

If you are one of the folks that generously help us unload the truck, that amount of pounds will not surprise you!! Speaking of unloading the truck....(insert winning smile here) ☺ .....if anyone would like to be a part of that process, please give me a call at 628-2925. I will include you in the group text when I know a truck is going to be arriving. I usually text one day in advance....so it's fresh in people's minds. ☺ We have a great group of steady volunteers that help, and it would be nice to have an extra pair of hands or two, every now and then, to make this process a little easier on them. They never complain though!! Also...if you can't lift, we also need help stocking the shelves as these boxes are brought in. It's quite wonderful to have people putting away as we are carrying in!!

Thank you to Omni for sharing her birthday with us, via gifts that were designated for birthday bags for our pantry. What a thoughtful family!!! Thank you, dear community, for the continued support of our food pantry, be it food gifts, financial support, or offering your time and energy!!

God bless you all. ☺



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

Thank you to the good people of Mountrail County. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

## Hunger in Mountrail County

An estimated 850 individuals, or one in 18 of your Mountrail County neighbors turned to the Great Plains Food Bank partner agencies and feeding programs to meet their nutritional needs in 2016.

Thirty-six percent are children and 12% are seniors.

The Great Plains Food Bank partners with the Mountrail County Food Pantry, delivering food for more than 70,000 meals per year into Mountrail County each year to ensure that much needed food is available for those who struggle with hunger.

### Together we can end hunger.

#### Ways You Can Help

Hold a Food & Funds drive at your church, business or in your neighborhood. Make a one time financial gift or become a monthly donor. Become a Hunger Advocate; lend your voice to hunger related issues.

Each year we distribute more than 14 million pounds of food and grocery products to 241 partner agencies across North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota. Our partner agencies are as strong and diverse as the staff and volunteers who operate them. This network, comprised of soup kitchens, emergency shelters, afterschool programs, senior meal programs and other charitable feeding programs, are on the front lines every day distributing the food we supply directly into the hands of hungry children, seniors and working families. They are a vital link in our mission to end hunger.

Thank you for your continued support of your local Mountrail County food pantry.



Heather Schmidt 701-476-9117  
schmidt@greatplainsfoodbank.org

## LUTHER 500 - SAVE THE DATE

### Synodwide Worship Service

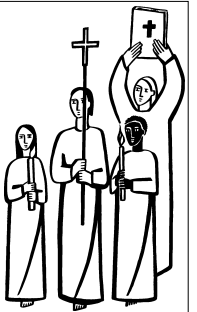
Sunday October 29, 2017 - 11 a.m. -

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. We will know the first week of October whether we have enough interest to have a bus to take us. Catch the Reformation excitement!**



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



On **Sunday, Oct. 15** at **1 p. m. CST**, PBS gives the Reformation television exposure when it airs "*Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World.*" This nationwide showing is a great reason for us to gather with others and explore Luther's lasting impact on Christianity. PBS apologized for listing the wrong date on the local RTC Tv guide in September. You can watch the entire movie on your computer at:  
<http://www.pbs.org/program/martin-luther-idea-changed-world/>



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



# OCTOBER 2017



**Wednesday Parish  
Schedule:**  
**Supper: 5:15**  
**Worship: 6:00**  
**Bible Study: 6:30**  
See full Wednesday  
schedule below

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Sunday Worship! See schedule above Monthly ALC potluck	<b>2</b> ALC 10:00 Quilting	<b>3</b> 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Centennial Crt Study	<b>4</b> See Wednesday Parish <i>Schedule below</i>	<b>5</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 9:00 ALC WELCA lefsa making	<b>6</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	<b>7</b> WELCA Cluster at Zion Lutheran in Berthold
<b>8</b> Sunday Worship! Clergy Appreciation Sunday ALC WELCA Fall Festival Bazaar	<b>9</b> ALC 10:00 Quilting	<b>10</b> 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study 2:00 Faith Aft Bible Study 3:00 Faith Eve Bible Study	<b>11</b> 10:00 Parish Bible Study See Wednesday Parish <i>Schedule below</i>	<b>12</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 9:30 Together 4 Prayer at Joanne Colbenson's 8 pm Bethlehem Council	<b>13</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	<b>14</b> 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel
<b>15</b> Sunday Worship! Contemporary worship at ALC Forum for ALC members 5:00 Family League at Knife River	<b>16</b> ALC 10:00 Quilting 6:30 ALC council	<b>17</b> 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	<b>18</b> No midweek activities at Prairie Lutheran Parish	<b>19</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 9:00 all day quilting at Faith Lutheran <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">LYO Gathering in Minot</div>	<b>20</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	<b>21</b> Scroll Deadline
<b>22</b> Sunday Worship! <i>See schedule above</i> Purple Serving group meets ALC	<b>23</b> ALC 10:00 Quilting 6:00 PLP Council	<b>24</b> 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study 5:30 Dishin' with the Bish Meal & Conversation at Bethlehem, Ross	<b>25</b> See Wednesday Parish <i>Schedule below</i>	<b>26</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 1:00 Scroll Assembly by Faith 3:45 3rd grade Bible class	<b>27</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	<b>28</b> 8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel
<b>29</b> Reformation Combined Parish Wor- ship-potluck dinner Reformation Gathering at Bismarck Civic Cntr	<b>30</b> ALC 10:00 Quilting	<b>31</b> 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	<b><u>Wednesday Parish Schedule</u></b> 2:45 After School Fellowship 4:00 Parish School Fellowship 4:00 Confirmation 5:15 Fellowship Supper 6:00 Worship 6:30 LYO 6:30 Adult Bible Study		<b><u>Regular Weekly Activities</u></b> 4:00-5:00 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. AIAnon on Saturdays at ALC	





God's blessings  
grow when they  
are shared.

## **"Fall Festival with Friends"**

Sponsored by the  
American Lutheran WELCA  
October 8<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
American Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Heart Warming Fall Meal  
(free will donation)

**Everyone is Invited!**

Our fall festival is set for Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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. The church will be open the mornings of October 7th (Saturday) and October 8th (Sunday) to bring in your baked goods or granny's attic items. 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*

*Sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing. Psalm 107:22*



**Western Prairie  
Cluster Fall Gathering**

**"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."**

(Hebrew 12:1-2)

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

**9:30 AM**

**Registration 9:00-9:30**

**Zion Lutheran Church of Berthold, ND**

**Unit Roll Call: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**

Quilts, also needed items... loose leaf paper, dry erase markers, sharpie permanent markers, tape, AA & AAA batteries used for calculators and lego robotic sets, Avery 8 tab dividers sets, composition notebooks, art sketch pads, wooden pencils, stickers for elementary school student work and blank notecards. Make checks to Zion WELCA.

**Love Offering: Berthold Food Pantry**

**Please do not bring expired items.**

**Speakers:**

**Laurie Dannewitz, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch,**

**Melissa Kornkvem, Metigoshe Ministries**

**Report on Synodical and Triennial Conventions.**

**Music... Bible Study**

**Devotions, Singing, Training and Fellowship**

**Contact your WELCA president for registration information.**

**Registration deadline is October 2nd.**

# American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.



Notes of Interest from the September Council Meeting  
 October 1<sup>st</sup> Join us for our 1st Sunday potluck fellowship.  
 October 5<sup>th</sup> Lefse making day for the WELCA fall dinner  
 October 7<sup>th</sup> WELCA Western Fall Cluster in Berthold  
 October 8<sup>th</sup> WELCA fall dinner & bazaar following worship services.  
 October 15<sup>th</sup> Marlene will lead us in a contemporary worship service.  
 October 16<sup>th</sup> ALC Council meets at 6:30  
 October 18<sup>th</sup> No Parish Youth Activity (NDEA Convention)  
 October 23<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council meets at 6:00  
 October 29<sup>rd</sup> Combined Parish Reformation Sunday Worship & meal  
 We will have some forums at ALC to discuss business of the church. It is hoped that you will attend as we plan for the future. Watch for more information. Thank you to Brad Ellis for stripping and waxing the parish office floor. It looks great!  
 Good feedback on Rally Sunday and the Wednesday night activities. Thank you Pastor Carter and Pastor Sarah for all you do.  
 We will have special (Luther's Seal) flags on our fellowship hall tables in October to commemorate the Reformation. These were used at the WND Synod Assembly. Thank you to Jan Narum for sending these.  
 \$7, 281.57 was divided and given to the SACK (food) program at the school and the other half to the Heart River Youth Correction Program.  
 We plan to purchase a TV/DVR for the Wednesday School  
 Santana Lidstrom is our church custodian. Her telephone 629-0406, please contact her for after hours access to the church. Paul Dennis is our parish communications director. If you have items for the bulletin, email them to him at paul.dennis.33@gmail.com

Mark your November calendar:

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Lefse making day for the Lutefisk & Meatball Supper  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup> Lefse baking day with potluck dinner at noon  
 November 4<sup>th</sup> Potato peeling day for the Lutefisk & Meatball Supper  
 November 5<sup>th</sup> Brotherhood's Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Supper *Jim*

You are invited to make lefse for our (WELCA) Fall Festival. Bring your own mixed lefse dough and flour and make lefse with friends on Thursday, October 5th at 9:00.  
 Contemporary Music will be the 3rd Sunday of each month beginning in October. We practice at 9:30. All are welcome to join us. *Marlene*



ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

Serve.	Green Group	Purple Group
October 2017 Green Serving Group	Serves in October Gordon & Sharon Aas *	Serves in November Corey & Melissa Bristol
November 2017 Purple Serving Group	Bryan & Karen Davies Robin Enget	Zachery Bristol Jeremy & Sarah Carkuff
December 2017 Red Serving Group	Gary & Sue Evenson Elsie Ganskop	Mercy Carkuff Travis Charnetzski
January 2018 Blue Serving Group	Jacob Hellman Brian & Traci Hysjulien	Brad & Kim Ellis Mark Erickson
February 2018 Gold Serving Group	Chad & Cammie Hysjulien Hod & Ruth Hysjulien	Kelly & Dawn Evenson Kevin & Melissa Evenson
March 2018 Green Serving Group	Marjorie Jaha Gary & Judy Johnson	Marilyn Evenson* Kali Gandrud
April 2018 Purple Serving Group	Lynette Johnson Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin	Roger & Renae Gjellstad Ryan & Beth Gjellstad
May 2018 Red Serving Group	Meyer & Diane Kinnoin Chase Lindberg	Doug & Susan Halden Ron & Linda Hamers
June 2018 White Serving Group	Dan & Karen Lindberg Larry & Grace Lystad	Traci & Jaci Jarmin Keith & Taina Karow
Sound System	Gladys Meyer John & Devra Mogren	Darin Larson Doug & Jen Larson
Jake Hellman 1st	Greg & Stacey Mortensen	Nellie Larson
Don Longmuir 2nd	Bev Neset *	Holly Mills
Gary Nordloef 3rd	Jerry & Jennifer Neset	Dorothy Moen
Jeff Colbenson 4th	Lance & Teri Ostdahl	Dale & Gwen Mortensen
Jake Hellman 5th	Evonne Piepkorn	Doreen Moser
Power Point	Stacy Ramberg	Ron & Laura Paetz
Projectionists	Ken & Donna Ranum	Andrew Raasakka
Katie/Sarah 1st	Bill & LaRae Rudolph	Heather Raasakka
Kelly/Dawn 2nd	Amy Strasser	Mike & Gail Raasakka
Gary/Kaye 3rd	Robert Western	Gaige Reep
Jeff/Karen 4th	Bernard & Joanne Wirtz	Jerry & Nancy Rudolph
Jake Hellman 5th		Denise Sundean
Acolytes 2017	Acolytes 2018	Jim & Susie Trana
October: Kaydence	January: Cal	Nate & McKenzie Weyrauch
November: Kaydence	February: Kerrington	Skip Wing
December: Ethan	March: Ethan	
	April: Kerrington	
	May: Cal	

\* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

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.



Bethlehem  
Lutheran Church  
*We are good soil.*



October 8 <sup>th</sup>			Bell		Communion		
Greeters	Coffee	Offering	Ringers	Readings	Music	Usher	Acolyte
Jessy	Henry	Annie	Briggs	Brooke	Katy	Jack	Owen
Kaley	Jozey	Levi	Sadee	Jonathan			Alexis
Alycia			Jake	Molly			

### Coffee/Greeters:

*Oct 1: Jamie & Pam*

*Oct 8: Sunday School*

*Oct 15: Gus & Crystal*

*Oct 22: Allen & Debbie*

*Oct 29: Combined Service & meal*

### Ushers:

*Roger & Addie*

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

Bethlehem Council meeting Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00  
Centennial Court Bible Study October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00

### Sunday School News

Welcome back! Fall is here, school is underway, and we are ready to get started with Sunday School! We will be doing lessons from our Faith builders curriculum. There will be no Sunday School October 22<sup>nd</sup> over Teachers convention. Please note the schedule for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month as we will assist with different pieces of worship again this year!

*Breann and Pam*

In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, there will be a worship service in Bismarck October 29<sup>th</sup>, open to all! This will take place at the Civic Center at 11:00 am and will also be broadcast on the BEK station.

Thanks to all who worked to put together the Rally Sunday for the youth! The worship, music, food, and fellowship were wonderful!

*Barb*



Preschool News

We are off to a great start to the school year at Wee Care! Both the morning and afternoon classes are full, with 15 students in each class. We are excited to announce that we are a fully licensed preschool again. In October, we will have class 3 days a week, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays. We've been learning about Creation during Bible time and are excited to be adding chapel time with Pastor Carter once a month. Our October activities include making a field trip to the Fire Station and learning about apples, fall, and leaves. We will end the month with a Harvest Party!

*Mrs. Lund & Mrs. Laparra*

### **Reformation 500**

(excepts from *Living Lutheran* Aug 2017)

We know that Martin Luther considered justification by grace through faith the most important teaching of Christian faith - the one by which everything else we say and believe is judged (*Luther's Works. Vol. 21*). But what we need to remember is that salvation is not something yet to come; justification is already complete (*LW, Vol. 34*).

Every baptized Lutheran is a "born again Christian." And since that's who we are, Luther said we are to start living that way - living our baptism (*Book of Concord*).

If you did not get an August copy of *Living Lutheran* you can read "50 things Luther taught that you should know" by clicking on the REFORMATION tab at [livinglutheran.org](http://livinglutheran.org)







**October 7<sup>th</sup>** the Women's Fall Cluster meeting is at Zion Lutheran Church in Berthold as your hostess's. There will be a love offering taken to benefit the food pantry in Berthold with non-perishable items. There is a box at church for these items. More info is posted on the bulletin board as you come in the church entrance.

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** Blessing for Pastor Carter and Sarah during Clergy Appreciation Sunday. Our thoughts are with you both.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** the Afternoon Bible Study will meet at 2:00 at the church with Darlene B. as hostess along with a Bible Study.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** the Evening Bible Study will meet at 3:00 at Geraine's as hostess along with a Bible Study.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** There will be a day of quilting starting at 9:00 a.m. Please come whenever you can. It's a good day of fellowship & food. We do potluck for lunch. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** If anyone is interested in going to the Bismarck Event Center for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation they can sign up for a ride on the sheet on the table as you come in to the upper level of the church.

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** the Operation Christmas Child - please have your filled boxes or items back to the church the week of November 5th. No later than November 12th so they can be put together if need be. The boxes and flyer are at the church.

There are so many people that are sick, hospitalized or passed on. Lets' continue with the *"I CARE"* prayers which they all need. Prayer does answer and heal in one way or another. Lets' all do our part!

Quote of the month: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Have a great fall.

*Debbie*



### Sunday School Update

We had a good attendance on our first Sunday School at Faith in September. It's good to be back on schedule again. Keep up our attendance to learn the life and stories of Jesus along with music and art projects.

Our next Sunday School days: October 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 a.m.

BOO!

*Kathyrne*

### Our October Church Servants

#### Readers

1<sup>st</sup> - Janice O.  
8<sup>th</sup> - Darlene B.  
15<sup>th</sup> - Phyllis  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Iva  
29<sup>th</sup> - Joint service

#### Work:

Barb & Tammy

#### Coffee

1<sup>st</sup> - Eileen  
8<sup>th</sup> - Novelyn  
15<sup>th</sup> - Sarah  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Barb  
29<sup>th</sup> - Joint service

#### Alter & Greeters:

Kathyrne & Constance

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* [ELW] 503–505, Written in the late 1520s and first circulated as an inexpensive single-sheet broadside, Martin Luther's metrical commentary on Psalm 46 has probably been translated more frequently than any other hymn in church history. Luther and his contemporaries viewed this text as one of "comfort" in the face of adversity, confessing Christ as "the Lord of hosts by name" and reminding us that "no other God we claim." *Living Lutheran*





**JANITORS** for the month of October are Gary and Darla Craft. Thanks!

**FAMILY NIGHT** will be held again on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.** (No morning worship). Watch for program details later.

**THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU**

To **Jim Enge** for providing tables and chairs and for barbecuing for Rally Sunday and also to **all who helped** in setting up.

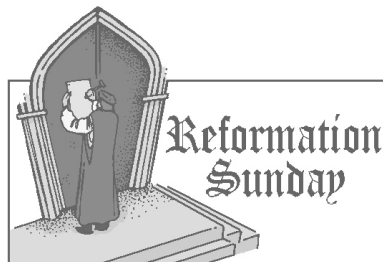
To **Jana Enger and Camie Anderson** for organizing and working so hard to make Rally Sunday a big success - and also to those who helped with serving food and other tasks as well.

To all the congregations who provided salads, buns and desserts.

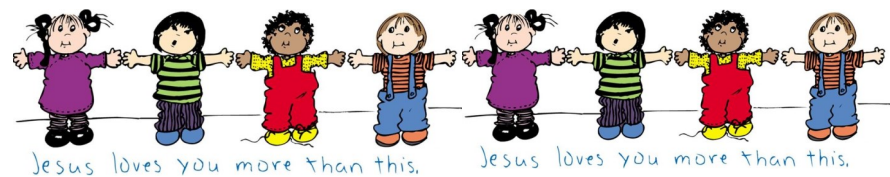
To the **Sunday School children and leaders** for singing. You certainly added spark to the worship.

To **Maxine and Steve Brewer and Nikki Longmuir** for putting on the **Puppet Show for Family League**. The children had lots of fun. Also thanks to **Camie and Jana** for serving the delicious supper.

To **Pastor Carter and Pastor Sarah** for all their support, work and inspiration they add to our worship services and fellowship. You are very much appreciated!



Have a Happy and Safe Halloween. *Marie*



Great job to all the kids for singing at Rally Sunday! Its not easy learning songs in 30min! It was so nice to have it back at Knife River.

I want to thank everyone for the great time on our first Family League Night. The kids all seemed to have a blast. A special thank you to Steve and Maxine Brewer for donating the puppet stage and their time for the puppet show. The Parish Wednesday Church School has started up and has been lots of fun. There is still time to join!

The month of October will look like this.

Sunday school Oct 1.

No Sunday School Oct 8th.

Family League Oct 15th at 5:00pm

Oct 22nd we will have our Fall Party with fun games and special treats.

Oct 29th is a joint service



I also want to give everyone a heads up about the Christmas Program. It will be Dec 17th at 4:00pm. (notice the time change!!)

*Nikki*



Watch the  
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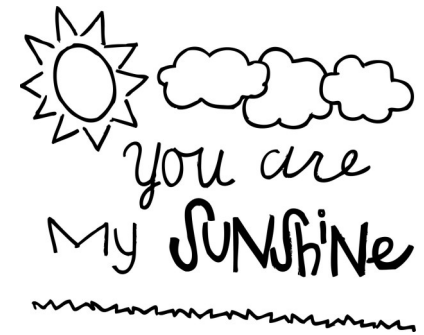
**October Birthdays for Our Church Members**

- 1 - Aaron Nelson, Kerrington Jo Lee, Annie Roise, Marie Harstad
- 2 - Orville Harstad
- 3 - Gail Weisenberger, Kyle Hanson, Darlene Vesey
- 4 - Gene (Skip) Wing
- 5 - Melissa Rostad, Pam Germundson, Mike Sorenson, Christine Wing
- 6 - Jeff Olson, Isaac Summers, Melissa Evenson, Levi Uran, 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 Johnson Steen, Cade Schneider, Alice Wienbar
- 13 - Nancy Hermanson, Kaydence Vachal, Swayzi Nichols
- 14 - Rand Olson, Stacy Ramberg, 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, Brittany Wesley
- 17 - Benjamin Colbenson, Jamie Rice, Sandy Anderson
- 18 - Amber Greenlee, Raygen Lee, Elizabeth Wittmayer, Laurie Craft
- 19 - Katherine Wilhelmi, Bev Juma
- 20 - Joan Liebl, Milo Mell, Taylor Halvorson, Cooper Skarsgard, Janice Rehak, Jane Dobrovlny, Tanner Wilson
- 21 - Ashley Carpenter
- 22 - Laurie Faber, Kristal Grinolds, Graci Parmeter, Dylan Enger, Santana Lidstrom, Lakyn Bruhn
- 24 - Cole Hysjulien, Abby Reep, Dalton Dralle, Remingtynn Hamers, Emma Brewer
- 25 - Jim Konen, LaRae Rudolph, Isaak Longmuir
- 26 - Chad Lystad, Jenny Smith, Bernard Wirtz, Dorothy Goodall, Brooke Vachal, Samantha Honrud, Paige Aadnes, Shayla Bruhn
- 27 - Cheryl Weisenberger, Josh Westby, Kayla Lapica, ReeAnn Mehus, Chester Johnson
- 28 - Jacob Hanson, Jim Johnson, Brandi Aadnes, Adriana Fladeland, Khambel Sorenson
- 29 - Aaron Anderson
- 30 - Linda Hamers, Jackie Nelson, Riley Halvorson, Kelly Meiers, Jayce Johnson
- 31 - Diane Laib, Lisa Alvstad



**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 1 - Jed & Jodi Bohmbach
- 5 - Lance & Teri Ost Dahl
- 12 - Christ & Lori Hanson
- 12 - Charles & Marlys Juma
- 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 - Mike & Kim Sorenson
- 30 - Cory & Jamie Rice



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