Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

November 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.



## Prairie Lutheran Parish

#### "Four Congregations, One Prairie" American Lutheran Church

Ross 9:00am Sundays

Bethlehem Lutheran Church | Knife River Lutheran Church | Hwy 8 South of Stanley 9:00am Sundays

Stanley 10:30am Sundays Faith Lutheran Church Palermo 10:30am Sundays

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#### November Gospel Seeds

\*Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Synod Endowment Fund News...

Your Synod Endowment Fund has received over \$2.2 million in gifts. Thanks for your generosity and your investment in the future of ministry in this synod. The Endowment Fund has two branches - the Ministry Fund and the Mission Fund. Gifts to the Ministry Fund provide financial sup-Bishop Mark Narum port to people from Western North Dakota who enter seminary. Some may become Pastors - oth-

ers may become Deacons with the church. These gifts are also helping to provide some help with debt buy down for church leaders who are called to serve in Western North Dakota.

Gifts to the Mission Fund help provide seed money for Christcentered ministries. Through these funds, we are able to help sustain several important ministries and encourage outreach experiments on our territory.

These funds have grown over the past several years because of the support, commitment, and vision of people within this synod. Know that your gifts are making a difference – so, Thanks! You are blessing others.

#### Gains Captured...

The gifts given to the Endowment Funds are invested according a policies established over the past 25 years. Each October, the Endowment Fund Committee meets and one of their items of business is to capture gains. The gains come either from interest earned on the investments or an increase in value of the investment. This year, the committee was able to capture **\$81,500**. Wow!

What this means is that together, we - your Synod - will have \$81,500 to help support seminary education and debt buy down, support mission outreach within our territory, and continue the work of growing the Endowment Fund. Thanks, again!

#### How does the Fund Work...

The principle behind your Synod Endowment Fund is really simple – all gifts given to the fund are investments. Those gifts earn interest and rise in value (gains). The financial gift that you give is never given away; it continues to earn interest or increase in value. This means that a gift given today will continue to provide for ministry for generations to come.

#### Tax Advantages Available for Some Gifts...

A gift of \$5,000 or more to either the Ministry Endowment or the Mission Endowment portion of the Fund may earn you a state tax credit. Depending on your individual tax obligation, that same gift might also earn you a federal tax advantage. Synod staff would be glad to share more information about the funds.

#### Fall Assignment Process...

This fall the Western North Dakota Synod was blessed to receive the name of one recent seminary graduate who is available for call. That candidate has just started the call process with two congregations in our synod.

#### Discernment Dinner...

Are you wondering if God is calling you to serve within the church? On Friday evening, November 18th, the Synod Candidacy Committee will be hosting a discernment dinner. This is a time to come and chat with people about call, ask questions about the process, hear about options for seminary education, and listen to others' stories of call.

There is no obligation; you won't be bugged or badgered – but you will get a chance to engage deep questions with people who care. If you know someone you believe should be at this dinner - tell them about it, pray for them, and encourage them to attend.

If you have more questions about the discernment dinner, please call Beth Anderson at 701-223-5312.

#### Who Might You Pray for...

Future leaders for God's church will come from our congregations. They will come out of our youth groups, our Bible studies, and our confirmation classes. They will come from our campus ministries and our Bible Camps. If you know of someone you believe has the gifts for ministry – begin to pray for them. Pray for God's guidance and the stirring of the Spirit. Prayer is always the place to begin. Then wait and see what God might do.

#### Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



#### Carter's Thoughts

It is hard to believe that I am already on my second month of writing a Scroll article. If I am going to be honest, writing one of these every month is usually the last thing completed on my to-do list. Every time I begin to write it I start to wonder "how many people actually will read this thing?" Is writing one of these articles actually ministry or is it something that takes time away from the mission of the parish? Wouldn't the hour it takes to write this be better spent at the bed-side of someone in need of a pastoral visit? The answer that I am shouting silently in my head right now is "go visit someone!" However, I will try my best to make this article actual ministry by telling you all just what I have experienced in my 25 days with the Prairie Lutheran Parish.

#### **Beautiful Partnership**

First and most importantly I have seen a beautiful unity! Each of your congregations in this parish are vastly different, but together you all just seem to work. It is beautiful! When people ask me about all of you, I tell them that you remind me of my family's makeup. My siblings and I are completely different people. I mean COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, yet our bond to one another is strong and unbreakable and our ties together run deep. And that is exactly what you are together! Four congregations, completely different, yet your ties together run deep as a parish, and not only in the parish, but also in the greater communities of Stanley, Ross and Palermo.

One downfall of commuting to Stanley each day is the vulnerability to get caught speeding. My car does not have cruise control, so often times I find myself accidentally going much too fast. The other week I was pulled over going 68 in the 55 zone near Berthold. Whoops! The officer asked where I was heading and then what I do in Stanley, so I told him I am an interim at the Prairie Lutheran Parish. "Those are good people," he said. "And everyone in the community

knows it." The word is out regarding how wonderful you all are, and I could not agree more! Thank you for being a blessing to so many places and people!

#### **Beautiful Partnership in Action**

Through your beautiful partnership I have witnessed great ministry together. The number of students in confirmation is almost overwhelming, but what a blessing that is! When I was at the recent Synod Youth Gathering, a few of us were discussing confirmation and how it works in our congregations. Assuming we would only have 15 or 20 people in confirmation, a pastor at a larger congregation in our Synod said, "well that just wouldn't work in our setting, we have 50 kids in 7-9th grade." I think the pastor was taken back when I said, "so do we." There are strength in numbers, and that gives us the ability to do many more things!

I took the time to figure out the other day how many young people it is that we minister to in a week. At American Lutheran on Wednesday there is Church School for the elementary age children, and also Parish Confirmation, and Parish LYO (the gathering of Junior High and High School Students). On average there have been 104 or more PreK-12th graders coming through the doors. There is also Sunday School happening at the other congregations meaning that the number of young people this parish ministers to together is well beyond 100. If we add in the other ministries in the parish and worship attendance we are at about 325 people per week. That is wonderful news!

#### Thank you!

Lastly I want to say, thank you! My time with you has been a wonderful experience so far! You are all incredibly welcoming people and I look forward to continuing to serve you for the remainder of the year.

Because of Christ, Carter

#### All Saints Day

All Souls Day began in the third century to honor martyrs of the Christian Faith. By the seventh and eighth centuries it developed as a way to honor any of the saints of the Church who had attained the full status of heaven. During the early medieval period in the eleventh century, the following day, November 2, came to be observed as All Souls Day to remember those who had died but had not yet achieved the "beatific vision" of heaven, or from the Catholic belief of those who were still in Purgatory. This became a time to pray and intercede for these departed saints. As with a lot of other excesses of the medieval period, these two days began to accrue a lot of popular mythology and became overlaid with layers of superstition. However, much of what concerns modern Christians actually developed in Ireland and England from Celtic festivals and was imported into the United States by immigrants in the middle 19th century. It was not until the late 19th century that Halloween emerged in its modern Western version, which was then exported to other countries. It is this combination of different beliefs and practices, that of Christianity with pagan beliefs in Halloween that lends a bad reputation to All Saints Day in the minds of some Western Protestant thinking congregations.

Yet beyond those issues, traditionally in the Church the two days of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2) were valued as times to celebrate heritage and those Christians of the past who faithfully transmitted the Faith to succeeding generations. Martin Luther actually chose All Saints Eve to send his Ninety Five Theses to the Archbishop. His challenge to the Church and its leaders to reform was set against the background of the heritage of that Church. And even after the Reformation, both Lutheran and Anglican traditions retained the celebration of All Saints Day as a time to honor those who had been faithful.

Today, many Protestant churches combine the two traditional days into the observance of All Saints Day. However, the day focuses not only on honoring departed members of the Church and local congregations, but also those still living who have contributed to the work and ministry of the Church in significant ways. Since most years November 1 falls on a weekday and most Protestant churches do not have weekday services, usually the Sunday following November 1 is celebrated as All Saints.

Here at Prairie Lutheran Parish, we will celebrate All Saints Day on November 6th at our morning worship services. Those who have faithfully departed since our last All Saints Day include:



Florence Johnson Susan Johnson Warren Johnson Baby Kilen Walter Kling Mildred Kulland Lorraine Liebl Elaine Lystad Timothy Moore Olive Reep Betty Rogman Marilyn Smith Chad Schoenboen Bernice Stoland Sharalyn Veeda Arlo Vesey Kay Western

When He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled among all who believe - for our testimony to you was believed.

2 Thessalonians 1:10



#### Prairie Lutheran Parish News



**Recent Funerals in the Parish** 

October 29, 2016 Lorraine Liebl Member of American Lutheran

**Together-4-Prayer** - Will meet at 9:30 a.m. on November 3rd at Thompsons. All are welcome.

#### **Growing in Faith To Serve**

Pastor Carter met with us October 17th and led us in our Bible Study. Our next Bible Study will be at ALC on November 21st at 10 a.m. The next scheduled GIFTS Event is on November 5 at Christ Lutheran in Minot and will feature Dr. David Lose. Many of us have heard him in the past and each time we go away excited about the day spent with him. He will be presenting, "Preaching Through the Lutheran Lens."

This presentation kicks off our year-long focus on Martin Luther: Teacher for Today, commemorating 500 years since the Lutheran Reformation. Register on line: http://wndsynod.org/gifts/

#### **Pulpit Supply for October**

Thank you to Pastor Christoph Schmit, Pastor Janis Sloka, Pastor Jon Halvorson and John Mogren for providing pulpit supply to the Parish in October. Parish Mens Bible Study: we meet at 8:00 a.m. each Thursday morning at Centennial Court for our Men's Bible Study. We will not meet Thanksgiving morning (Nov. 24th).

#### **Communion Services**

We plan to have communion on the following dates in November: 11/06: Faith & Knife River 11/13: Bethlehem & American 11/20: Faith & Knife River 11/27: Bethlehem & American

#### **Parish Worship Committee**

I had an individual ask me about this committee. If you would like to read about the formation of this parish committee, please see your September Scroll. If you don't have that Scroll any longer you can read it on our parish website. The parish worship committee met on October 19th and had seven of the twelve committee members present with all four churches represented. Music was selected for November. We will use Setting 4 for one communion service and Setting 10 for one communion service in November Let your committee members

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

Bethlehem Lutheran's annual pancake and sausage breakfast is soon here! November 6th

Serving after church and continuing until 1:00.



lutefisk and meat ball supper is coming: November 6th Serving from 4:00~7:00 Take-out available.

American Lutheran's annual

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota Update: Senior Companion-ship Services in 2015 served 641 seniors via 117 volunteers. In addition, those volunteers provided 83,040 hours of companionship services throughout the whole state. God's hands reaching out to the world.

Bryan Quigley

#### **Mountrail County Food Pantry**

In September, we served 61 households, for a total of 178 people, 75 of whom were children and 16 were seniors. We gave away 4,903.5 pounds of food in September.

© Thank you all. *Mary* 

#### Parish Council to Meet on November 21st

Prairie Lutheran Parish Council will meet on Monday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m. at ALC. The parish budget will be developed. The following Parish Council meeting will be on December 5th at 6:00 when the assistant to the Bishop, Sherie Heine will meet with the parish council & call committee. If you cannot be present, contact Jim Enge.

Going South? Or moving? please let the church office know.

We can change mailing address & avoid mail forwarding expenses. Thanks

#### **Notes from your Parish Administrator**

A question was raised regarding our prayer list in the bulletins. First I need to clarify that we have the Prayer Chains in each of the congregations. Prayer chains are activated when there is an immediate desire for prayer by an individual or their family. Activating the prayer chain does not automatically place an individual on the prayer list in the bulletin. Someone from the prayer chain must call the office and inform us that the prayer chain has been activated and let us know that the individual/family wishes to have the name placed in the bulletin. The name is printed in the bulletins for three weeks and then removed unless we hear that the individual/family requests the name to remain longer. Some people ask for private prayer by the pastor and request their name not be published. So we keep two lists. If you would like prayer or wish to place a name in the bulletin, please contact the church office.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." [Romans 8:26]

# Hearing of God's Love

#### 3rd Grade Bible Class

Pastor Carter has enjoyed getting to know the 3rd graders during the Bible Study Class. Our Bible Sunday will be November 13th at Bethlehem and American and November 20th at Knife River.

Scheduled to receive Bibles

Knife River - Jud Anderson

Knife River - CeeJay Bohmbach

Knife River - Gavin Vigness

Knife River - Hannah Warta

Bethlehem - Alexia Laparra

Bethlehem - Owen Lund

American - McKenley Fladeland

American - Carly Rismon



CONFIRMATION

#### Confirmation

Those giving statements of affirmation of belief after completing confirmation studies in our parish include:

Faith - Gabrielle Aleta "Gabby" Rolfe

Faith - Brendan Robert Wilson

American - Bailey DeAnna Evenson

American - Carson Bradley Farhart

American - Quentin Lee Giese

American - Lane Michael Gandrud

American - Sydney Jean Larson

American - Ryan James Paetz

American - Hannah Rae Sorenson

American - Jack Porter Wilhelmi

2 Timothy 1:12b

....nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.





### LYO November News Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader



Love.

During LYO this fall, our group has continued to grow. I feel such joy to have a group of 18-24 on a regular basis. We have started to split up into smaller groups during our work time in order to have more discussions. Last week. we used nerf gun challenges to discuss grace. The lessons looked at how everyone makes many mistakes, but God gives us an amazing, FREE gift of grace through Jesus Christ. We focused on a familiar verse, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Also, thank you to Carter and parents who have done so much to help our group (and feed them).

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#### Weekly LYO

One date that we will skip in November is Wednesday, November 23rd. There is no school that day for the Thanksgiving break.

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



## November 2016





Set your clocks back an hour on November 5th

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## **American Lutheran Church**

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.

Come to Jesus! This was the theme for the Fall Cluster on October 5th at Christ Lutheran in Minot, Linda Hamers and I attended and enjoyed the day of gathering with the Western Cluster. Lutefisk supper is coming quickly. Mixing of dough for the lefsa is Thursday, November 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Lefsa rolling day in Friday, November 4th at 8:00 a.m. We will have a potluck lunch again. Apple and pumpkin pie will also be served at the Lutefisk and Meatball Supper, so you'll be called for the choice you wish to make. The annual Women's Thank Offering Sunday will be November 20th. The circles will be doing the service and furnishing breads and coffee. They will also usher and greet that day. Thanks to everyone for the kitchen towels and dish clothes that were donated last month during the kitchen shower. Congratulations to the confirmands who celebrated their special day in October. Congratulations to the 3rd graders who will receive their Bibles this month. A blessed and happy Thanksgiving to all. In Christ. Marilyn, WELCA President

American Lutheran Wednesday School News Christmas Program Practice and more! The last month and a half have flown by at ALWS! The kids have learned about Jesus calming the sea by cooking, doing art activities and games! Our 5th and 6th graders have learned about peer pressure and what God calls us to do. The kids have been singing new songs and they love it! We will be singing at worship service on November 6th. We have averaged 45 kids every Wednesday and it is a blessing to hear their laughter and voices praising God! We will start Christmas Program Practice on November 2. Our program will be December 11th during the Sunday morning worship service. We are meeting every Wednesday in November except November 23rd.

**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.

October 2016 Gold Serving Group

November 2016 Green Serving Group

December 2016 Purple Serving Group

January 2017 White Serving Group

February 2017 Blue Serving Group

March 2017 Gold Serving Group

April 2017 Green Serving Group

May 2017 Purple Serving Group

> June 2017 Red Serving Group

Sound System Jake Hellman 1st Don Longmuir 2nd Gary Nordloef 3rd Jeff Colbenson 4th Jake Hellman 5th

> **Projectionists** Katie/Sarah 1st Kelly/Dawn 2nd LaRae Rudolph Gary/Kaye 3rd Jeff/Karen 4th Jake Hellman 5th

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 Mark Erickson Hod & Ruth Hysjulien Marjorie Jaha Gary & Judy Johnson Lynette Johnson Marion Johnson Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin Meyer & Diane Kinnoin Chase Lindberg Dan & Karen Lindberg Ken Lvstad Larry & Grace Lystad Gladys Meyer John & Devra Mogren Bev Neset \* Jerry & Jennifer Neset Power Point Lance & Teri Ostdahl Evonne Piepkorn Ken & Donna Ranum

November Acolytes 1.?

2. ?

Bernard & Joanne Wirtz

\* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

Purple Group Serves in December Les & Debbie Alvstad Corey & Melissa Bristol Zachery Bristol Jeremy & Sarah Carkuff Mercy Carkuff Travis Charnetzski Brad & Kim Ellis Kelly & Dawn Evenson Kevin & Melissa Evenson Bill & Marilyn Evenson\* Kali Gandrud Roger & Renae Gjellstad Ryan & Beth Gjellstad Doug & Susan Halden Ron & Linda Hamers Traci & Jaci Jarmin Keith & Taina Karow Darin Larson Doug & Jen Larson Nellie Larson Holly Mills Dorothy Moen Dale & Gwen Mortensen Doreen Moser Ron & Laura Paetz Andrew Raasakka Heather Raasakka Mike & Gail Raasakka Gaige Reep Jerry & Nancy Rudolph Denise Sundean Jim & Susie Trana Nate & McKenzie Weyrauch

Amy Strasser

Robert Western

**November Communion Assistants** Nov. 13th Sarah S. & Dave C. Nov. 27th Stacey B. & Mark E.



Skip Wing



#### **November Coffee/Greeters:**

Nov. 6: N/A Pancake Breakfast

Nov. 13: N/A Women's Thank Offering Sunday

Nov. 20: Sunday School Nov. 27: Jamie & Pam

November Ushers: Gary & Vicki

November 20th			Bell		C	ion	
Greeters	Coffee	Offering	Ringers	Readings	Music	Usher	Acolyte
Jessy	Briggs	Alexis	Jozey	Owen	Annie	Katy	Brooke
Kaley	Sadee	Molly	Henry	Jack			Levi
Alecia			Jake	Jonathan			

#### Your council updates:

Construction update: Kathy Monti has begun work on the stained glass windows. She has sent some pictures of her progress and her work is beautiful!

The council moved in October to go ahead and replace the shingles with Alumaklad tin, to be installed by Mindt construction; color roman bronze. The Sunday School room update is near completion. A special thanks again to Roger Evans, Gary Evans, and John Anderson for all of their time on this project. It really looks great. Council also moved to give \$1,000 from our mission outreach line to Lutheran Disaster Response for the recovery efforts following Hurricane Matthew.

Proceeds from the free-will offering from this year's pancake breakfast will go toward "Luke's Kitchen." Ruth Meier's is creating Luke's Kitchen in honor of Luke Meier's who invested his life to serving those who are homeless. The kitchen will be a community open table, in Bismarck with the purpose of engaging those who are struggling, supporting those who need nourishment, and providing the tools and training to impact the lives of many. It will provide a warm noon meal, seven days per week. It will also include a laundry room, showers, a technology space as well as case management services. The council has moved to match up to \$6,000 in donations given at the pancake breakfast toward the kitchen.

November 1st ~ Bible Study at Centennial Court

November 3rd ~ Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

November 6th ~ Pancake Breakfast

November 13th ~ Women's Thank Offering Service

November 20th ~ Fall Festival with potluck after worship

November 21st ~ Parish budget planning, 6:00 p.m. at ALC

Barb

#### **WELCA** highlights

October 15<sup>th</sup>~ Addy, Andie and Diana attended the Western Prairie Fall Cluster gathering at Christ Lutheran in Minot. Andie performed an amazing dance to the song "Come to Jesus" which was the theme of this event. The day also included mission reports, a speaker from the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Janis Sloka from Camp of the Cross, and officer training.

October 20th  $\sim$  23# of soap bars and 24 school kits will be loaded on the truck for LWR.

November 13th ~ WELCA Thank Offering Service. Debbie and Lesley are co-chairing the service.

Remember to pray at noon each day for guidance in the upcoming election.

Praise the Lord. Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good, His steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 106:1 Happy Thanksgiving.

Diana







Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are due back at the church on November 13.

Faith Church Council will hold a special meeting after worship on November 13.

Our Thankoffering Sunday will be November 20 with a church service along with a special offering and a potluck dinner after worship services. Everyone is welcome for this fellowship.

Bethel Home Delegates for their annual meeting is Mike B. & Debbie H. on November 17 at American Lutheran, along with a supper and meeting.

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on November 1 at 2 p.m. Kathy is the hostess along with a Bible Study also. This will take place in Kathy's home.

The Evening Bible Study will meet on November 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Iva's home. Iva is the hostess along with a Bible Study.

Please continue "I care" Prayers for the sick, recoveries, hospitalized and specially for our county since it's election year, our military and the list goes on. "God is up and listening 24-7."

Flower of the Month & Meaning: Orchid = Luxury, refinement

Have a Safe Month! Debbie

#### Sunday School

We will have Sunday School in November on Sunday the 6th and 13th.

Monica is in charge of the Christmas program again this year, "Bless Her Heart!" She'll be in contact with me as far as when practice starts. I assume in November sometime.

We'll have a date for the Christmas program in the December newsletter. Happy Turkey Day! Kathryne

### Happy Thanksgiving



#### **November - Church Servants**

Altar and Greeters:

Darlene B., Jennifer W., Tammy H.

Kathy R. - Chair, Janet J. & Claranne B.

Coffee Servers

6th - Phyllis

13th - Constance

20th - Tammy

27th - Marion

Readers

Work:

6th - Barb/Emma

13th - Phyllis

20th - Iva

27th - Lori



When you think of Thanksgiving what hymns come to mind? What songs of praise are familiar and bring you joy?

Come ye thankful people come, Raise the song of harvest home! All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin; God our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied: Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.





### November

JANITORS: Bill & Lil Meiers.

WELCOME - Pastor Carter Hill - we

are glad you are here and we are enjoying getting to know you and ask God's blessings upon you as you serve here.

**ANNUAL INGATHERING & NEW MEMBER SUN-DAY -** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>,** at the 9:00 a.m worship service. **Pot luck brunch** will follow immediately following the service.

100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY - On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Annie Craft will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. What a milestone! Annie resides at the Mountrail Bethel Home and we wish her God's blessing and peace. Annie has been a very devoted and faithful member of the Knife River Congregation and we love her! Coffee and cake will be served at Bethel Home at 2:00 p.m. if you would like to wish her Happy Birthday!

**WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING SERVICE** will be **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, at the 9:00 a.m. service. Women of the church will be conducting the service and collect our annual "Thankoffering" which is sent to the National WELCA for support of all the women's ministries and charities. Regular coffee hour will follow the service.

**FOOD PANTRY** - We will be collecting nonperishable food items and paper products for the Food Pantry until November 21<sup>st</sup> and will be delivered to the Food Pantry on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, in time for Thanksgiving! There will be a box in the back of the church for the items collected. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** – Daren and Christine Wing for providing and serving breakfast on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was delicious – like always.

**THANK YOU** also to those who have served coffee and goodies this past year. The fellowship over coffee is always enjoyable.

**THIRD GRADERS** will be presented with a Bible from the Knife River Women's Church group on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, during the worship service. Hope to see you all there.

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING.



It is already that time of year again when we are getting closer to the holidays! We will begin practicing for our Sunday School Christmas program on November 6th after church and

continue with practice until the program that will be held Sunday December 18th at 5:00 pm.

We will have Sunday school classes the 6th, 13th, and 20th in November. There will be no Sunday School on Sunday November 27th.

Anyone who is participating in Operation Christmas Child and will be contributing boxes please have them at the church no later than November 13th for delivery.

Thanks to Nikki for doing such a great job with our kids and to Sandy for playing! Hope everyone has a wonderful, safe, and fun filled Thanksgiving! God Bless!

Christine

**Betty** 

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

- 1 Ruth Hysjulien, Jesse Nelson, Ron Paetz, Leevi Meyer
- 2 Brianna Dazell, Mitchel Bruhn
- 3 Rodney Essler, Arden Thompson
- 4 Don Craft, Kim Hollekim, Wayne Johnson
- 5 Wrigley Hysjulien, Shane Pappa
- 6 Brittany Nelson, Marvin Johnson, Ryan Rolfe
- 7 Derek Lidstrom, Shayna Dazell, Matt Meiers, Earl Jensen
- 8 Dusty Nelson, Blaine Edwards, Gary Nordloef, Landon Nichols Annie Craft, Melissa Lidstrom, Tyler Olson
- 9 Delores Bratton, Jeff Colbenson, Robert Liebl, Clarissa Parmeter, Lexi Evenson, Brandon Roehrich, Jodi Bohmbach, Lindsey Meiers
- 10 Tyler Gjellstad, Elsie Ganskop, Carson Enger, Kevin Harstad, Jennifer Wilson
- 11 Kali Gandrud, Gerald Neset, Amy Littlefield, Jayden Aadnes, Keylie Sem
- 13 Aaron Kilen, Dyllon Craft, Lenin Lidstrom, Darlene Bruhn, Mike Hollekim, Sayge Weigel
- 14 Darrie Lindberg, Trapper Simmers, Sara Evans, Tyson Pappa
- 15 Jackson Bristol, Zachary Bristol, Grayson Lindberg
- 16 Brody Gjellstad, Gladys Grinolds
- 17 Kyli Drosdal, Kori Taylor, Dan Noble
- 18 Kaedyn Hanson, Gannon Ostdahl, Jesse Locken
- 19 Lindsay Westlake, Scott Halvorson, Jacob Carpenter
- 20 Aaron Skarsgard, Jaxson Vachal, Novelyn Wienbar, Larry Goodall
- 21 Debbie Ortloff
- 22 Rhonda Peterson, Rocky Skarsgard, CeeJay Bohmbach
- 23 Duane Lindberg, Alex Nielsen, Betty Lidstrom, Amy Fladeland
- 24 Brooke Nelson
- 25 Janet Jensen, Mike Brewer
- 26 Lucas Colbenson, DuWayne Grinolds, Dakota Dunham
- 27 Emily Peterson, Lyndsey Vachal
- 28 Tibbs Moore, Kamri Niemitalo
- 29 Cassidy Dupay, Eli Johnson, Faith Parmeter, Eli Johnson
- 30 Alan Reep, McKenley Fladeland



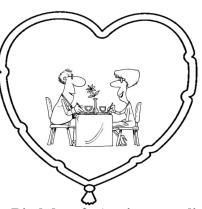




November Anniversaries

- 9 Duane & Bev Fretheim
- 10 Kyle & Marianne Hanson
- 12 Walt & Diann Dunham
- 19 Allen & Debbie Lund
- 25 Les & Debbie Alvstad
- 25 Wayne & Carol Johnson
- 26 Arlan & Joann Ostdahl
- 30 Casey & Franna Fladeland





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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