



BETTER TOGETHER WORSHIP

ONE PRAIRIE, FOUR CHURCHES,
ONE GOD

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM
JANUARY 29TH 10:30AM

 Prairie Lutheran Parish 			
"Four Congregations, One Prairie"			
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Ross 9:00am Sundays	Knife River Lutheran Church Hwy 8 South of Stanley 9:00am Sundays	American Lutheran Church Stanley 10:30am Sundays	Faith Lutheran Church Palermo 10:30am Sundays
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Carter's Thoughts

Every time John tells me that another newsletter deadline is coming up, I cannot believe that yet another month has passed! I am thankful that I will be with you longer or

else this would have been my last article for the parish. Again, let me tell you that it is a pleasure to serve alongside these four congregations and alongside such wonderfully generous people. You are all truly a gift from God, and you are a blessing to God's creation.

I have uplifted before that I have the blessing of seeing the strength of this parish in action. Not only on Wednesdays when nearly 50 confirmation students gather together, but also every Sunday. As you gather for worship and I walk in each door of the different congregations, I know the faces that will welcome me, and the ways in which you worship. You are each uniquely different and hold firm to your traditions, and yet you are united together in this parish.

Not only does this parish free up financial resources to share with God's creation by sharing staff, but you also have strength in numbers. As I look out on the congregations gathered I see people from all walks of life: farmers and ranchers that sustain and nourish our lives, the town's doctor and nurses that cares for and heal the sick, stay at home parents that provide the churches with much more of their time than we deserve, there are multiple teachers, school

counselors, and school administrators that help raise the youth of our parish, and so much more.

So each Sunday as you gather at American, Bethlehem, Faith, and Knife River, I see this strength. However, often times many do not get to see this as we are in four separate places. So as we move forward, I feel called to show the strength that we have together for Christ tells us that although we have many gifts and talents, we are always and most importantly united together as the one body of Christ.

That is why on Sunday, January 29th, at 10:30am, the date of our next joint worship service, we will gather together at the Stanley Elementary School Gym for our "Better Together Worship."

My hope in gathering here is that if we all show up together to celebrate our parish, we will not fit into any one of our sanctuaries. We will also gather for a meal afterwards that will be prepared for you by myself and the staff.

I am very excited for this worship service and hope you will be too! The youth in each congregation are learning songs that they will come together and sing that morning. That means we will have over 75 young people gathered together if they all would come. The confirmation students will also be sharing a song.

And do not think that you don't have an opportunity as well. I am currently working on putting together a parish choir to sing a selection. So if you are interested let me know!

I am very excited for this day! It will be a true blessing to see how our parish looks at full strength together. We are better together! Hallelujah! Amen!

In Christ, Pastor Carter Hill

No December Gospel Seeds (report) this month. Merry Christmas to all from the Western North Dakota Synod.

The Story Behind "Away In A Manger"

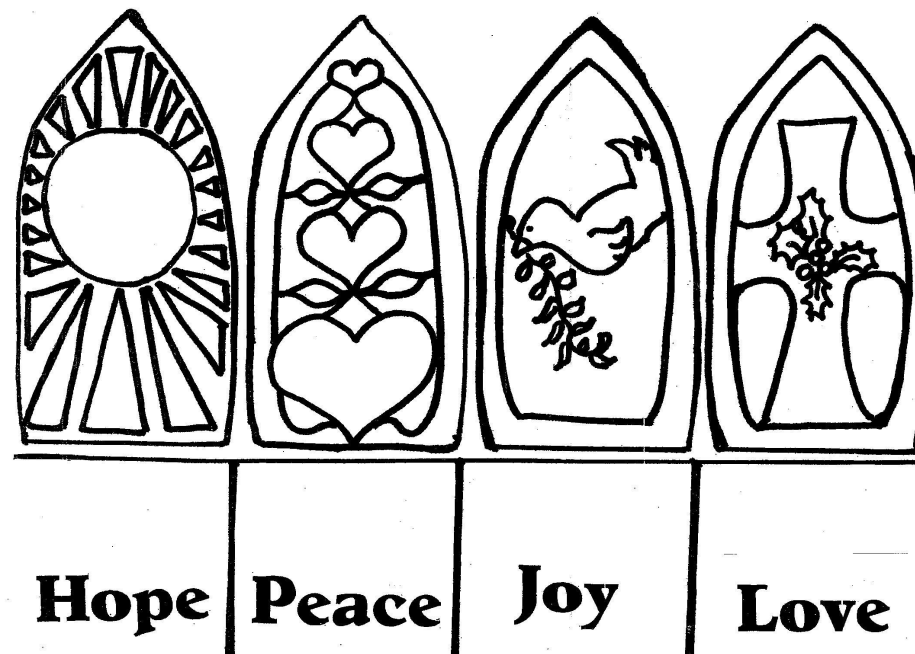
No Christmas song is more loved than this tender children's carol. With its simply worded expression of love for the Lord Jesus and trust in His faithful care, the hymn appeals to young and old alike. It is usually one of the first Christmas songs learned in early childhood; yet its pleasing melody and gentle message preserve it in our affections all through life.

For some time "Away in the Manger" was titled "Luther's Cradle Hymn." It was thought to have been written by Martin Luther for his own children and then passed on by German mothers. Modern research discounts this claim, however. Stanzas one and two first appeared in the Little Children's Book, published in Philadelphia in 1885. The third verse was written by a Methodist minister, John T. McFarland, in the early 1900s when an additional stanza for this carol was desired for use at a church children's day program.

How important it is that we take time to help our children see beyond the glitter of the Christmas season and teach them the true meaning of Christ's birth. The most thrilling story ever known to man began in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

<http://www1.cbn.com/devotions/away-in-a-manger>





**Lutheran
Social
Services**
of North Dakota

What is Luther Hall ?

Luther Hall is a specialized residential psychiatric treatment facility that serves youth ages 10 to 18 who have been diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder and need 24-hour care and treatment. Qualified mental health professionals provide each resident with an individualized plan to meet their specific needs, carried out through individual, group and family therapies integrated into the daily living program.

Lutheran Social Services Luther Hall was the Barbara Allen-Hagen award recipient this August, 2016. Winners were selected for changing facility cultures and practices to align with research and best practices that lead to positive youth outcomes. Ryan Daniel, Bob Guertin and Tyler Holland attended the award ceremony in Boston, Massachusetts to accept the award from the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA).

“By developing a stronger understanding of the preceding conduct, we have gained an educated understanding of ways in which we can proactively support our residents when poor conduct arises.” –Luther Hall Activity Coordinator, Tyler.

You may read more about the Barbara Allen-Hagen award by visiting: <http://big.ly/2bgpswi>

A video about Luther Hall’s facility culture and practices is available by visiting: <http://bit.ly/2eK7VSm>

There is a brief description of all of our programs on our website.

Thanks,

Sydney Keigley | Associate Communications Officer

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota

Guided by God’s love and grace, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota brings healing, help and hope.

The Mountrail County food pantry served 43 families in October, providing 3725.50 pounds of food. A total of 133 people were served, of which 54 were children and 11 were seniors. We received 179.5 of garden produce from folks. ☺

Here is a perfect example of the caring community that we live in. A lifetime resident of the area walked in, and she handed over a check “to pay for Thanksgiving turkeys”!! So, our clients will definitely have a Thanksgiving turkey this year!! And to add to the amazement of this story....when I called Cashwise to set up the voucher system, they said that another person had already told them that he wanted to fund Thanksgiving turkeys! I contacted the gentleman, and told him our story, and he happily agreed to provide Christmas turkeys instead. So, we will have Christmas turkeys, as well for families of our area!!

Cashwise has been wonderful to the food pantry, as well. They have let us set up a little wagon by the door, where folks can drop in any items to donate. Cashwise has been donating the foods that they are allowed to donate, which goes right out the door the day it comes in!! People are excited to have these treats, since much of this food is not something the food pantry carries. Cashwise also has created a coupon for the checkout counters to purchase a gallon of milk for the pantry, or coupons worth 2 or 5 dollars that can be purchased at the counter, and that money will go to our food pantry!

If folks would like to donate food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas; there are several things that seem to go very quickly. Instant mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, and pastas; especially macaroni and cheese. ☺

We also have forms at Social Services and at the Food Pantry for the Giving Tree, which is sponsored by Women of Today. If you would like to know more about the Giving Tree which provides to local families, please contact Pat Fern at

628-2884

Mary Dennis



**Prairie
Lutheran
Parish
News**

DECEMBER

Recent Deaths in the Parish
Member of American Lutheran
Graveside Service 11/11/16
Marvin Ole Rambel
Funeral Service 11/19/16
Kermit Jerrold Arneson
Funeral Service 11/26/16
Lorraine Ardel Anderberg

Together-4-Prayer - Will meet at
9:30 a.m. on December 1st at
Thompsons. All are welcome.

Parish Mens Bible Study: we
meet at 8:00 a.m. each Thursday
morning at Centennial Court for
our Men's Bible Study. All men of
the parish are welcome to join us.

Tuesdays At Ten

The Bethlehem congregation con-
tinues with their Tuesday morning
Bibles Studies at Ten O'Clock.
All are welcome

Pulpit Supply for November

Thank you to the following for
providing pulpit supply to the
Parish in November. Milo Mell,
Don Longmuir, and Bryan Quigley
with Lutheran Social Services.
Those from WELCA who provid-
ed the message for the WELCA
Thank-Offering Sunday, Diana
Evans and Janis Thompson.



Prairie Lutheran Parish
1st Communion Classes for the
5th graders will be held
Wednesdays after school
January 4, 11 & 18th.

Growing in Faith To Serve
We plan to meet at 10:00 on De-
cember 12th at ALC with a Bible
Study. All are welcome.

Communion Services
We will have communion on the
following dates in December:
12/01: All Churches
12/11: Bethlehem
12/24: American & Knife River

Parish Worship Committee
Each council selected 3 represent-
atives to serve as your congrega-
tion's representatives on this com-
mittee. We met on November 16th
to select the worship settings and
music for December. The first
Sunday of December we will have
communion at all churches.

Prairie Lutheran Parish Council
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met on Monday, November 21st at
and the parish budget was devel-
oped. The next 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.

Moving? Or no longer a member? Please let the church office know.
We can change mailing address & avoid mail forwarding expenses. Thanks

WEE CARE PRESCHOOL
Christmas Program dates are set!

The annual Christmas program of the Wee Care preschoolers
will be held on **December 8th.**

The morning session will
have their program at **10:00**
and the afternoon session at
2:00.

Come join us as we celebrate
Jesus with our enthusiastic
children!



Thank You! – The Lutheran Brotherhood extends it appreciation to all
those who helped make the Lutefisk, Lefsa, Meatball (and pie) supper
another successful undertaking. Much coordination is done by Jim to
ensure that we have people in place for each task. But it wouldn't get
done if we didn't have people who will say "yes" when asked to help.
Every one of you is equally important as we pull together to "get 'er
done!" This year we served 480 meals. Thank you!

Recent Memorials at ALC

In Memory of Undesignated Donor

Lorraine Liebl	Earl Rogstad
Lorraine Liebl	Gordon & Sharon Aas
Marvin O. Rambel Sr.	Melissa Ann Anderson
Marvin O. Rambel Sr.	Milinda Rambel Stone & Jon Stone
Kermit Arneson	Earl Rogstad

Building

Alice Larson	Jerome & Nancy Rudolph
Lorraine Liebl	Jerome & Nancy Rudolph
Friends	Jerome & Nancy Rudolph
Donation	Meyer & Diane Kinnoin
Lorraine Liebl	Marichel Mariscal

Wee Care

Donation	Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger
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Vacation Bible School

Irene Gjerdevig	Donna Ranum & Family
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Hearing of God's Love

LYO Lock-in on

Friday, February 3rd!

Stay tuned for more details!

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!



LYO Decemeber News
Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader



Our past few Wednesdays with LYO have been full of fun with groups of 18+ kids! Our lessons and activities from the past week focused on the imperfect journey that we have with Jesus.

We talked about how we sometimes think that our journey with Jesus has to be perfect, but the stories of Peter show that he had many ups and downs (kind of like our roller coaster challenge) - yet Jesus stayed close to him every moment.

We also discussed how we are “under construction,” continually working on ourselves to be more and more like Christ.

Instagram: prairielutheranparishlyo
Facebook: Prairie Lutheran Parish

Weekly LYO

There is no LYO on December 21st and December 28th for the Christmas break.
LYO will meet again on January 4th.

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



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



DECEMBER 2016



Each of us in an
inn keeper
who decides
if there is room
for Jesus.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Regular Weekly Activities</u> 10:00 A.M. AIAnon on Saturdays at ALC 5:00 P.M. Cub Scouts on Mondays at ALC 6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts on Mondays at ALC 8:00 P.M. A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC				1 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 9:30 Together-4-Prayer	2 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	3
4 Sunday Worship! Bethlehem WELCA	5 ALC 10:00 Quilting 2:30 ALC WELCA 6:00 PLP Council & Call Committee	6 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study at Centennial Court 2:00 Faith Aft Bible Study	7 2:00 Faith Eve Bible Study 3:40 ALC church school 3:40 Parish Confirmation 6:30 LYO & Meal 7:00 ALC Council	8 8:00 Men's Bible Study Wee Care Christmas Program - 10:00 & 2:00 2:00 Faith WELCA	9 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i> 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	10
11 Sunday Worship! 10:30 ALC Christmas Program	12 ALC 10:00 Quilting 10:00 GIFTS	13 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	14 NO ALC church school 3:40 Parish Confirmation Caroling at Bethel Home 6:30 LYO & Meal	15 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 7:00 Bethlehem Council	16 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	17
18 Sunday Worship! White Serving Grp ALC 10:30 Faith Christmas Program 5:00 Bethlehem & Knife River Christmas	19 ALC 10:00 Quilting 6:00 P.M. Boy Scouts Court of Honor at ALC	20 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	21 NO Parish Youth activities	22 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court Noon - Scroll deadline	23 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i> 8 a.m. American fixes hair at Bethel	24 Candlelight Service 5:00 Knife River 5:00 American
25 Christmas Day! Combined Parish Worship	26 ALC 10:00 Quilting	27 10 Sunday Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	28 NO Parish Youth activities	29 8:00 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 1:00 Scroll Assembly by American - Purple Grp	30 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	31

American Lutheran Church



Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.

Thanks be to God for the beautiful fall weather. Actually I'm excited so see some snow!

The fellowship of the volunteers for mixing lefsa dough and rolling it out was great. 90 dozen lefsa was made. Thanks so much. Thanks women for the pies for the lutefisk supper. Janis for leading the WELCA Thankoffering service along with the readers and last but not least the muffin bakers and those serving coffee after services.

WELCA will be meeting December 5th at 2:30 at the church.

The quilters appreciate the blue jeans given to be cut in squares for graduation quilts.

Merry Christmas to all. "Jesus is the reason for the season." In Christ.

Marilyn, WELCA President



Please join us for Christmas Eve
Candle Light Worship Service
5:00 P.M.

American Lutheran Wednesday School News
ALWS kids are pouring their after-school energy into the annual Christmas program. The Christmas story is unchanging, but this great group of kids has grown tremendously! Christmas Program Practice will be on December 7th after school.

I ♥ ALWS



Our program will be December 11th during the Sunday morning worship service. Teachers and children should arrive at the church no later than 9:15.

And that's it for 2016 at ALWS! We will resume ALWS on Wednesday January 11. Merry Christmas!

Beth

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

	Purple Group	White Group
December 2016	Serves in December	Serves in January
Purple Serving Group	Les & Debbie Alvstad	Nancy Brown
January 2017	Corey & Melissa Bristol	Ken & Cleo Bykonen
White Serving Group	Zachery Bristol	Yanci Crider
February 2017	Jeremy & Sarah Carkuff	Rod & Connie Essler *
Blue Serving Group	Mercy Carkuff	Zach & Erin Essler
March 2017	Travis Charnetzski	Brad & Amy Farhart
Gold Serving Group	Brad & Kim Ellis	Maren Feiring
April 2017	Mark Erickson	Heather Greenlee
Green Serving Group	Kelly & Dawn Evenson	Gene & Carol Hanson *
May 2017	Kevin & Melissa Evenson	Kelly Hanson
Purple Serving Group	Bill & Marilyn Evenson*	Kyle & Marianne Hanson
June 2017	Kali Gandrud	Nichole Janz Hoffert
Red Serving Group	Roger & Renae Gjellstad	Dale & Mary Kilen
July 2017	Ryan & Beth Gjellstad	Don & Verlee Kjoson
White Serving Group	Doug & Susan Halden	Quintin & Heather Lee
August 2017	Ron & Linda Hamers	Wally Lee
Blue Serving Group	Traci & Jaci Jarmin	Don & Connie Longmuir
	Keith & Taina Karow	Marichel Mariscal
Sound System	Darin Larson	David & Renae Minton
Jake Hellman 1st	Doug & Jen Larson	Mark & Sheila Morgan
Don Longmuir 2nd	Nellie Larson	Dave & Barb Nesheim
Gary Nordloef 3rd	Holly Mills	Deloris Oja
Jeff Colbenson 4th	Dorothy Moen	Gordon & Connie Patten
Jake Hellman 5th	Dale & Gwen Mortensen	Tom & Akela Raile
	Doreen Moser	Chad & Sarah Rismon
Power Point	Ron & Laura Paetz	Jane Rismon
Projectionists	Andrew Raasakka	Brent Rodenhizer
Katie/Sarah 1st	Heather Raasakka	Bruce Rodenhizer
Kelly/Dawn 2nd	Mike & Gail Raasakka	Alex & Katie Sandeen
Gary/Kaye 3rd	Gaige Reep	Tom & Betty Simmers
Jeff/Karen 4th	Jerry & Nancy Rudolph	Cliff & Judy Skaar
Jake Hellman 5th	Denise Sundean	Tanya Skaar
Acolytes	Jim & Susie Trana	Korey & Valerie Stammen
1. Leighton T.	Nate & McKenzie Weyrauch	Andy & Amy Steiner
2. Cooper D.	Skip Wing	Jim & Tara Swegarden
Communion		Arden & Janis Thompson
1. Elle S.		Cristi Trulson

Communion Assistants

Dec. 24th - Kay, Kyle, MaKenna,
Sarah, Hannah, Elle & Calum

Christmas Tree up - - - Green Group
Christmas Tree down - White Group



December Coffee/Greeters:

Dec. 4: Mike & Kim Sorenson

Dec. 11: Sunday School

Dec. 18: No morning service

Dec. 25: Joint worship

December Ushers: Allen & Debbie

December 11th			Bell		Communion		
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			

WELCA Hi-Lites: Ross WELCA met after worship on Sunday Oct. 30th. Lesley led the meeting in the absence of President Diana. A motion was made and approved to continue with the soap bar collection for LWR. WELCA is coordinating with the Sunday School for the Samaritan Shoe Box project. A motion was made to pay the postage up to \$150.00 to send the boxes around the world. WELCA will serve a light supper for the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 18th @ 5:00 pm. Next WELCA meeting is Sunday Dec 4th after worship. Be thinking of a good Christmas Mission Project! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Shepherds Visit Jesus: Luke 2:8-11 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid". I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord!!!

Diana



Sunday School updates:

The youth have been working on memorizing the books of the Old Testament and have been doing a fantastic job! We will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child project again this year. Families picked up boxes to fill, WELCA is paying the shipping, and they were taken to Minot to be shipped November 21st. Our Christmas program will be held December 18th at 5:00 with a light supper provided following. This will take the place of our morning worship. Please join us!

Breann and Pam

Congregational updates—Thanks to all who helped with the Pancake breakfast! It was a great day! We received over \$6200 in donations for Luke's Kitchen, and our church will match \$6000, for a total of \$12,200!! Thank you to all who gave of their time and monetary gifts for this great mission.

Monday December 5th ~ Parish council and Parish call committee meet with Assistant to the Bishop Sherie Heine at 6:00 at ALC

Tuesday December 6th ~ Season of Listening ~ conversation about engaging racial diversity across our synod and within our communities. 6:30 at Bethel Lutheran in New Town

Thursday December 15th ~ Bethlehem council meeting 7:00 December 18th ~ Christmas Program 5:00 with light supper to follow. This takes the place of our morning worship time.

December 24th ~ Christmas Eve service at ALC and Knife River.

December 25th ~ Merry Christmas! Morning joint worship at ALC.

Barb

Blessings! - Congratulations to Lee & Kerry Evans on their recent blessing of a daughter. KaiLi is 11 years old and from China. The proud grandparents are Gary & Vicki Evans.



CHRISTMAS



Merry Christmas to all my readers!

December 6 - Afternoon Bible Study will meet at 2:00 at the home of Kathy Rolfe along with a group Bible Study.

December 7 - Evening Bible Study will meet at 2:00 at the home of Edna Ostdahl along with a group Bible Study.

December 8 - WELCA will meet at 2:00 at the church. Faith Circle serves the lunch.

Thank you to the Christmas Elf that put up our Nativity Scene by the church.

The Christmas Eve candlelight services will be held at 5:00 at Knife River and American. Christmas Day Worship will be a combined parish worship at American Lutheran at 10:30.

Flower and meaning: Peony = Welcome

"Tis the time of the year to remember what the season is all about."

Till we talk again.

Debbie

Thank you to all who participated in the filling of Operation Christmas Child boxes. We collected 20 boxes to be sent.

You'll be making some child happy!

Kathy

Sunday School Flash

Our **Christmas program** will be on **December 18 at 10:30** with a potluck dinner afterwards. Meat, buns and drink will be provided. We are asking you to bring a salad, dessert or a side dish to pass around with our meal.

All the Sundays in December will be practice time leading up to our program on the 18th. Practice starts at 9:30 those Sundays. See you then!

Monica and the Christmas Staff



December - Church Servants

Altar and Greeters:

Geraïne & Wanda

Work:

Barb - Chair,
Joann & Nikki

Coffee Servers

4th - Joyce

11th - Kathy

18th - Christmas Program

25th - Combined Worship

Readers

4th - Debbie

11th - Mike

Old Favorite from the LBW (Green Hymnal) I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

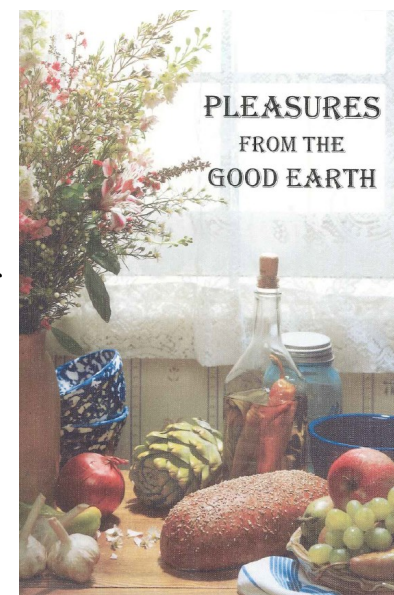
Jeg er så glad hver julekveld,
for da ble Jesus født;
da lyste stjernen som en sol,
og engler sang så søtt.

I am so glad each Christmas Eve.
The night of Jesus birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth,
And angels sang on earth.

Our cook book is here - just in time for Christmas giving.

God's House on the Plains

A collection of recipes by the Faith Lutheran Church Ladies Aid. Books are available for \$10.00. Contact the women of Faith or stop by the parish office (at ALC) to get your copy.





**Please join us for Christmas Eve
Candle Light Worship Service 5:00 P.M.**

December Janitors: Warren & Meredith Craft

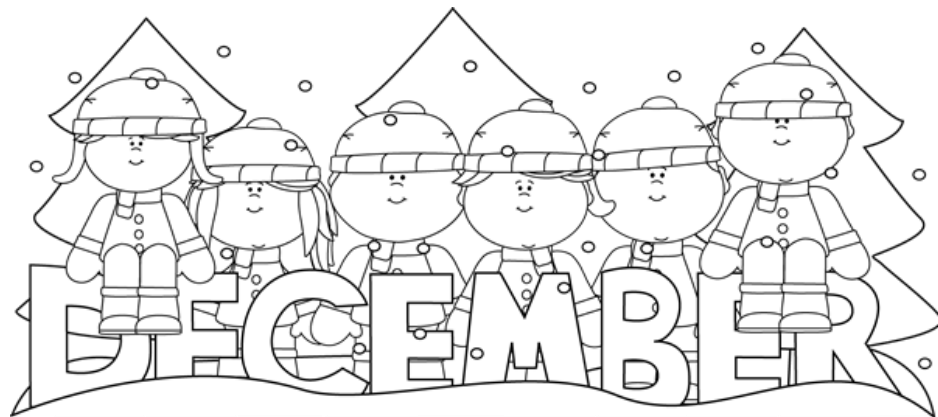
Congratulations to Brooks and Stacey Goodall on the birth of Oliver Brooks Goodall on November 10, 2016! Blessing to the family.

Sympathies – we extend our sympathies to the family of Lonnie Fladeland upon the death of his mother, Helen Fladeland.

Sunday School Program will be **Sunday, December 18th**, at 5:00 P.M. There will be a potluck supper after the program with hotdogs and buns provided.

Birthday Celebration - Several Knife River people attended the birthday party for Annie Craft at the Bethel Home on Tuesday, November 8. It was her 100th birthday!! Congratulations and best wishes.

The blessings of Christmas be with you all. *Jean*



Happy Holidays to all of you! We will be having practice for our Christmas program the 4th, 11th, and Wednesday the 14th after school. Please have your children at these practices if you plan on having them in the program. We will meet after school Wednesday the 14th at the Bethel Home for caroling. When we are finished there we will gather at the church for one last practice and a pizza party. If you need help with transportation for your children you can call me at 628-1470 or 629-0252. The program will be held on Sunday December 18th at 5 pm with a potluck meal to follow. All the children should arrive at 4:30 to prepare for the performance. Thanks to everyone who is helping with the program and the meal. You are all blessings! We will resume with Sunday school classes Sunday the 8th of January.

The Sunday school kids of Knife River decorated a tree in honor of Shelly Craft for the fellowship hall of the church. Shelly had taken this upon herself for many years and it is only fitting that we honor her in this way. The children hand painted over 100 decorations for the tree that were placed on Shelly's tree this year!

Thanks to those of you who participated in the OCC project again this year. Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Bless
Christine

Our Parish members celebrating birthdays this month!

- 1 - Karen Eliason, Colleen Holm, William Nelson, Danika Lynnes Greg Gunderson III
- 2 - Gary Mork, Sr., James Carkuff, Danielle Edwards, Jeff Lapica, Logan Lapica, Tyke Wayne Barstad
- 3 - Darin Larson
- 4 - Julie Erie, Carsen Westlake, Carol Johnson, Matthew Stone, Jodi Haas
- 5 - Jim Swegarden, Jaycee Vigness, John Anderson, Sr.
- 6 - Barb Nesheim, Jed Bohmbach
- 7 - Della Mader, Caleb Uran
- 8 - Gregg Springan, Mallory Johnson, Joey Vesey, Adam Evensvold
- 9 - Faye Borud, Sydney Larson, Ryder Bruhn, Derek Johnson, Stella Belik
- 10 - Lyle Lidstrom, Breeann Lund
- 11 - Chris Hanson, Erma Martinson, Delaney Rae Dupay, Bray Gjellstad, Warren Craft
- 12 - Quintin Lee, Kelsey Hopkins, Raegan Jolynn Ostdahl, Phyllis Vesey, Dustin Noble
- 13 - Meyer Kinnoin, Adam Barnhart, Colin Vachal, Jim Dazell
- 14 - Tom Miller, Roger Holm, Kim Sorenson
- 15 - Joanne Colbenson, Griffin Wilhelmi, Kayla Bruhn
- 16 - Ron Aadnes, Kim Vachal, Kim Reynolds
- 17 - Don Longmuir, Katie Sandeen, Valerie Enger, Janice Ostdahl
- 18 - Karen Colbenson, Jacob Lidstrom, Brad Bruhn, Crystal Laparra
- 19 - Curt Meyer, Claranne Baddeley, Zander Fladeland, Ferlin Johnson, T. J. Edwards
- 20 - Kalynn Hudson, Lynette Johnson, Devra Mogren, Giles Glaholt Cotter Dunham
- 21 - Verlee Kjoson, Jason Wirtz, Nicholas Hysjulien, Sarah Rismon, Koier Nordloef, Melvin Walker, Trevor Harstad, John Enge, Brooks Goodall, Nancy Meiers, Prayrie Lund
- 22 - Karen Lindberg, Stacey Goodall
- 23 - Jenette Nelson, James David Nelson, Blake Ellvanger, Lori Hanson
- 24 - Nicholas Gandrud, Scott Aas, Roger Harstad, Isaiah Anderson
- 25 - Travis Kulstad, Finlay Wendt
- 26 - Colton Bruhn
- 27 - Jenice France, Jud Anderson
- 28 - LaVern Laib, Sabrina Skarsgard, Larry Lystad, Matthew Dupay, Eli Harwood, Eden Cuypers, Greg Enger

- 29 - Lane Lee, Connie Longmuir, Mackenzie Raasakka, Jim Dennis, Amanda Lyn Chilcoat
- 30 - David Johnson, Dillon Oscar Lynnes, Carmen Peck, Diane Ostdahl Erin Anderson
- 31 - Cody Uran, Jessica Niemitalo, Gerald Olson

December Anniversaries

- 2 - Kermont & Joyce Hollekim
- 2 - William and June Stevens
- 3 - Jeremy and Sarah Carkuff
- 5 - Howard & Janice Rehak
- 13 - Roger & Sheryl Sorenson
- 16 - Chad and Sarah Rismon
- 17 - Matt & Jodi Zimmerman
- 20 - Lane and Judy Lee
- 22 - Tom and Tammy Wilhelmi
- 23 - Jeff and Cindy Jensen
- 23 - Brent and Naomi Rodenhizer
- 26 - Stan and Joyce Vachal

28 - Gerald & Luann Roise

29 - Mark and Sheila Morgan

30 - Bill & Lillian Meiers



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