

# THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

Nr 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

10:30 am Sunday Worship

Bethlehem  
Lutheran  
Ross

Knife River  
Lutheran  
Hwy 8 South of Stanley

American  
Lutheran  
Stanley

Faith  
Lutheran  
Palermo

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## *Some Words from Intern Pastor Sarah*

**“Be joyful always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

The past month for me has been one filled with constant running from one activity to the next, to-do lists that never seem to end, grief and loss of loved ones, and continuous fighting and arguing in the news and social media. As I talk to those of you around me, I am hearing many of you feeling the same way! What if that is all we see in the midst of everything going on around us? Sometimes we find ourselves so overcome and overwhelmed with the busyness of life, stress, and negative things that surround us, that we forget to stop and really hear what Paul is saying in 1 Thessalonians! We forget to stop and smell the roses. We get blinded by the bad so that we can't see the blessings in our lives. We start to go forth in our daily tasks with an angry or negative attitude that we then spread to others.

Don't get me wrong, we can feel sad, angry, hurt, lonely...these are real feelings that we have to feel in order to heal but we do not have to let these be the only feelings that we feel. We also get to feel joy, happiness, peace and gratitude as well, we just have to be mindful and look for the blessings in our lives. Maybe that joy is meeting a friend for coffee. Maybe it's a warm, cozy scarf on a chilly day. Maybe your peace comes from hearing a loved ones voice. Maybe it's giving thanks for our children as we put on miles to cheer and support them. It could be a note or letter from a family member or friend. Maybe it's words of encouragement from others or your favorite song at Wednesday Night Alive Worship! It could be anything...but if we don't look for it, we won't see it!

So how do we move forward having a grateful and thankful heart? We do this by naming the people or things we are grateful for each and every day.

Studies show that writing down daily gratitude opens the door to more relationships, improves physical and psychological health, enhances empathy and reduces aggression, improves sleep, improves self-esteem, and increases mental strength. I'm going to even go as far to say that focus on gratitude will strengthen your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Paul writes in Colossians 2:7, “Let our lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all He has done.”

November seems like a great month for a gratitude challenge! I challenge us all in the Prairie Lutheran Parish to start a Gratitude Journal for the month of November. One time a day, morning, afternoon or evening, stop and write down 3-5 things you are grateful for that day. And if you are feeling called to do more, write about your favorite part of your day! And maybe you will choose to continue this journal after November is over. I will end with this poem about being thankful whose author is unknown. I hope it speaks to you as it did for me. God Bless!

### Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire ... if you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something ... for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times ... during those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations ... they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge... which will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes ... they will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary ... because it means you've given your all.

It's easy to be thankful for the 'good' things ... yet, a life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive ... find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessings.

-Author Unknown

START  
EACH DAY  
with a  
grateful  
HEART

Gratitude  
is the best  
Attitude

## **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 cele-

brated as All Saints.

Here at Prairie Lutheran Parish, we will celebrate All Saints Day by remembering those who have faithfully departed since our last All Saints Day. They include:

**Lynn Lidstrom**

**Olive Olson**

**Don Strom**

**Kathy Wick**

**Pauline Walker**

**Beverly Moberg**

**Merrel Kjosén**

**Tammy Pinnow**

**Gladys Anderson**

**Clara Groth**

**Curtis Johnson**

**Bill Evenson**

**Don Marmon**

**Jim Nielsen**

**Chester Hamers**

**Dennis Zietz**

**Cary Patten**

**Harold Fretheim**

**Robert Enger**

**Scott Fox**

**Wanda Wienbar**

**Mae Paulson**

**Evon Moen**

**Curtis Hemstad**

**Kermont Hollekim**

**Omar Hamdan**

**Randy Dahl**

**Marion Johnson**

**Bud Rice**

**Jennie Smith**

**Walter Western**

**Roger Lautenschlager**

**Tina Melers**

**Joyce Neether**

**Betty Bloom**

**Evelyn Kjosén**

**Happy  
All Saints Day!**





# Prairie Lutheran Parish News



## Stanley Area Care for Kids

Nearly one in six children in America live in a household that struggles to put food on the table. That means they struggle with hunger sometime during the year. The Stanley Park District, Mountrail County Health Foundation and the Stanley Public Schools have teamed up with local churches to help with the fact that there are children in our area who are not getting the nutritious food they need on a regular basis.

Established in the summer of 2017, S.A.C.K., which just received its 501c3 non-profit status, will offer a supply of nutritious meals and snacks for children over their weekends and extended breaks, free of charge. Elementary students will be bringing home a prebagged sack. The sacks are distributed by their teacher on the last school day before the weekend or break.

In the near future, at the high school, there will be an actual space where the food will be stocked and the students may come in and shop for the food they need at a time that works for them.

Any child enrolled in the Stanley School District is able to receive these weekly sacks of food. Please pray fully consider donating the needed food it takes to feed over 30 children from 13 families each week. Black totes are located in your church lobby or at the front of Cash Wise. We thank you so much for your help on this.

## November 16, 6:30 Bethel Annual meeting at ALC.

Delegates should have received a packet by now. If not, Contact Lynn Patten 628-2442 Ext. 102

### Delegates:

**American:** Tammi Colbenson, Marichel Mariscal, Steve Springan, Janis Thompson and Judy Veeda

**Bethlehem:** Wayne & Dianna Evans

**Faith:** Iva Fox & Barbara Jones

**Knife River:** Warren & Meredith Craft

## Together-4-Prayer

Together-4-Prayer will meet on November 2 at 9:30 at Thompsons. All are welcome.



Mark Your Calendars  
**EVENTS**



### Annual Pancake Breakfast November 5<sup>th</sup>

Join us at Bethlehem  
Lutheran, Ross, for  
the annual pancake

breakfast from 10:00-1:00! Proceeds from  
this free will offering will go toward the  
S.A.C.K. (Stanley Area Cares for Kids)  
program which packs and sends weekend  
lunches home with kids in the communi-  
ty. Bethlehem will match up to \$5000  
raised for this great program!

### Wednesday Events Cancelled

Please mark your calen-  
dar that all parish activi-  
ties are cancelled on **Nov-  
ember 22nd**, the day  
before Thanksgiving. We  
shall resume the follow-  
ing week with youth ac-  
tivities, supper, worship  
and evening Parish Bible  
Study.

### Parents of Third Graders

The Parish Bible Class for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be held 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!

### Reminder: Annual Reports

The Annual meetings will be  
held soon, everyone please be-  
gin working on your congrega-  
tion's annual report. Thank you!

### Recent Funerals in the Parish

10/7/2017 Tina Meiers (Knife River  
Member)  
10/20/2017 Joyce Neether  
(American)  
10/23/2017 Betty Bloom (American)







## **Eden Cuypers. Youth leader**

Our youth are keeping busy with several different events and fellowship opportunities during the month of October. We have continued our regular Wednesday LYO after worship. The group gets a chance to share highs and lows, talk about our faith journey, and discuss some tough questions.

Sarah and Pastor Carter took nine youth to the Synod LYO Gathering in Minot during a 4-day weekend off from school. They were able to worship together, enjoy fellowship with each other and other youth in our Synod, and participate in discussion as a group. (There was even some dancing involved!)

The youth attending the National Youth Gathering next year in Houston are also taking advantage of some opportunities to help in our community. About eight youth along with Eden and Sarah helped to rake leaves for a member of the parish. The youth are happy and willing to help with other yard work or house chores where anyone would need assistance in the community (moving things from one's house or garage, raking, etc).

We also have an update about the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer. I am so excited that we have 22 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.



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



## Reminders:

- Meals are served at 5:15 PM.
- LYO goes from 6:30-8:00 PM on Wednesdays.
- LYO is open to all 7th-12th graders.

Please let me know if you have any questions!



# Wee Care NEWS & EVENTS

In October, we transitioned from 2 days a week to now 3 days a week. Things have been going great! We have been learning a new letter each week and the preschoolers have really gotten used to their routines in the classroom. One of their favorite things to do is to play at centers. A big part of preschool is learning how to socialize with friends, and playing at centers is a great place to do just that! We enjoyed a field trip to the fire station in October. We were blessed with a beautiful weather day to walk to the fire station. In November, we will continue learning about a new letter each week and practice our numbers, shapes, and colors. The Christmas program will be fast approaching, so we will also be busy preparing for our December program. **-Breann Lund, Wee Care Teacher**



Pastor Carter leads monthly chapel with the Wee Care Students. His favorite line from a student as they walked into the sanctuary for the first time, "OH MY GOSH, my preschool has a church!"

# Fishin' For Tradition?

## The Lutefisk Saga continues

With our annual lutefisk & meatball supper.  
American Lutheran Church, Stanley, ND

Sunday, November 5, 2017

4:00 to 7:00

Fun!  
Food!  
Fellowship!

Tickets

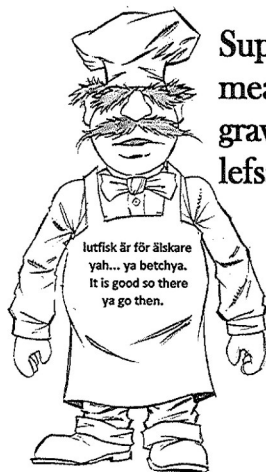
Adult: \$15.00 Ages: 6-12 \$5.00

Preschool: free



**Tickets available at the door.**

America's Got Talent!  
We will have music to  
entertain you.



Supper includes: lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, with gravy, cranberries, corn, lefsa, homemade pies.

Back by request  
we will once again offer  
"take out" orders.



before,  
during  
and  
after  
supper.

Supplement funds have been applied for to the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Be sure to tell all your  
family and friends!

# ***Gospel Seeds - November 2017***

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



### **Praise God!**

We are in the season of thanks! Fall festivals in some congregations, harvest festivals in others, Women's Thank Offering Services and plans being put in place for Thanksgiving Services. We, as followers of the risen Christ have much to be thankful for this day and every

day. I am thankful for the faithful servants who quietly make sure their church is warm and welcoming for all to come and experience God's grace. I am thankful for those who put on pots of coffee and provide lunches for a variety of gatherings. I am thankful for those who come and worship – hear and taste of God's grace and then go back to their daily lives being the faithful servants they have been called to be through their daily acts of Christ-centered service. I am thankful for our rostered leaders.

This list could continue to go on – and it should. I ask you to take some time, right now to lift a word of thanks to God. The list is long, we are blessed indeed.

### **Amazing News...**

I am amazed by the generosity of people across this synod. In mid October your synod Endowment Committee gathered. The committee was able to capture \$92,310 in gains to be used as scholarships and grants next year. This means over \$64,800 the Ministry Endowment will be able to give as scholarships to seminary students from Western North Dakota or for debt buy down for rostered leaders serving in our synod. It means the Mission Endowment will have over \$21,700 to help support Christ centered ministries in our synod and as seed money for new ministries. It also means there will be over \$5,000 for the committee to continue to do its work. The committee also learned that the newest branch of the Endowment, the Accompaniment fund which was approved at this past summers synod assembly has already received \$10,500 in gifts. We are blessed by many generous people in this synod – thanks for your faithfulness.

***The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.***

***Psalm***

### **Planting More Seeds...**

Gifts to the Synod Endowment Fund is like planting seeds. Financial gifts given now-grow over time. That growth allows for an annual financial harvest. As you read earlier we are so thankful for the gifts already given – so that scholarships and grants can be given which help in telling the Good News of Jesus Christ. As the end of the year draws near I would like to invite you to consider a gift to the Endowment Fund. You have the choice of giving a gift to one of the three branches of the fund – Ministry Fund for seminary scholarships, Mission Fund for grants to crucial ministries in the synod and Accompaniment Fund to insure there are synod staff people to help raise up new candidates to pastors and deacons in the synod. A gift of \$5,000 or more can qualify for the state tax credit – check with your CPA or financial advisor about this tax benefit. You should also know that gifts of stock are also accepted – again check with your tax professional to see how this might be a benefit to you. The bottom line, any gift in any amount is a blessing! Such gifts will continue to support ministry for generations to come.

### **The “Why” of it all...**

In October, we were glad to welcome Grace Duddy Pomeroy to Minot. Grace is a young woman of deep faith who finds great joy in talking about stewardship. She challenged us to continuously tell the “Why” of our ministry. Grace is a millennial, active in her church and convinced that younger people do care about supporting ministry – but they want to know “Why” they should give. She says people of her generation want to know how people’s lives are being changed through the money they give. What are the stories your congregation could share about lives changed and people served through the proclamation of the Gospel? You can read more of Grace’s thoughts in the book “Embracing Stewardship.”

Blessings all!

**Rev. Mark Narum**

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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# 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.**

The food pantry served 50 families in the month of September, for a total of 153 people, 66 being children and 17 being seniors. We provided 5968 pounds of food. We were also the happy recipients of 442.6 pounds of garden produce in September!! How wonderful to be able to give out fresh homegrown produce!! ☺ The Women of Today donated some items, including some pulled pork, which is a great hit with our clients! Whiting held a drive for us, and then delivered several hundred pounds of food for us!! We are so fortunate to operate in a community that cares so much about each other!! We will be receiving some equipment/shelving from the Great Plains Food Bank in October, all from a grant that was accepted for award!! If you are curious to learn more about the Great Plains Food Bank, check out their website at [www.greatplainsfoodbank.org](http://www.greatplainsfoodbank.org) you will see the work they are doing, and the plans that they have, to feed the hungry of all ages. Have a beautiful October!! Mary 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](mailto:schmidt@greatplainsfoodbank.org)



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safe

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Become a foster parent

Call Mountrail County Social Services  
today to find out how.

628-2924



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



# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<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			1 See Wednesday <i>Schedule below</i>
5 Sunday Worship!  10:00-1:00 Annual Pan- cake Breakfast at Bethle- hem	6  ALC 10:00 Quilting	7 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Centennial Court Bible Study 2:00 Faith Aft Bible Study 3:00 Faith Eve Bible Study	8  See Wednesday <i>Schedule below</i>
12 Sunday Worship! <i>See schedule above</i>  Thankoffering Sunday at Bethlehem	13  ALC 10:00 Quilting  6:00 ALC council meeting	14 10 Pastor's Text Study  10 Bethlehem Bible Study	15 See Wednesday <i>Schedule below</i> 10:00 Paris Bible Study
19 Sunday Worship! <i>See schedule above</i> Fall Festival Service at Bethlehem Thankoffering at ALC, Faith & KR Family night league—KR Bible presentation	20  ALC 10:00 Quilting  6:00 PLP Council	21 10 Pastor's Text Study  10 Bethlehem Bible Study	22  No midweek ties at Prairie an Parish  Scroll Dead
26 Sunday Worship! <i>See schedule above</i>  ALC Red serving group meets after worship	27  ALC 10:00 Quilting	28 10 Pastor's Text Study  10 Bethlehem Bible Study	29  See Wednesday <i>Schedule</i>

# BER 2017

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GOBBLE



## Wednesday Parish

### Schedule:

Supper: 5:15

Worship: 6:00

Bible Study: 6:30

See full Wednesday  
schedule below

	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday Parish Low	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 9:30 Together-4-Prayer at Thompson's 3:45 3rd grade Bible Class</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i></p>	<p>4</p>
Wednesday Parish Low	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 am. Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 8 pm Bethlehem Council 3:45 3rd grade Bible Class</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 8 a.m. Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel</p>	<p>11</p>
Wednesday Parish Low Fish morning y	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 3:45 3rd grade Bible Class 6:30 Bethel Annual meet- ing at ALC</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i></p>	<p>18</p>
Week activi- rie Luther- dline	<p>23</p> <p><b>THANKSGIVING</b></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> ALC does hair at Bethel</p>	<p>25</p>
Wednesday Parish	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 1:00 Scroll Assembly by Knife River</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Parish Schedule</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</p>	



### **Social Ministry Glimpse**

#### ***Child Care Aware Start-Up Consulting***

Child Care Aware has five consultants available to help people who want to be child care providers through the start-up process. Start-up services are offered from the time someone is considering opening a program, through the licensing process, until they have completed their first year as a licensed program and then applied re-licensure. CCA Start-Up Consulting has helped programs with technical assistance covering such topics as reducing health and safety risks, how to set up a great child care space, planning for children and the basics of owning your own business.

In the past year, 175 programs have received technical assistance in 64 communities.

### **Social Ministry Spotlight**

#### ***Aging Life Care Management***

.Aging Life Care™ professionals help find solutions in times of uncertainty; provide guidance and support to ensure quality care and well-being for loved ones; thus reducing worry, stress and time off for family caregivers. Tailored to the senior's need, services: assess and monitor; plan and problem solve; educate and advocate; support both care receiver and caregiver. As assisted living, and nursing home care costs continue to rise, Aging Life Care can coordinate necessary supports in the home, often at a much lower cost.

In the past year, 47 families connected with care managers to navigate health-care options in a flexible, person-centered manner.



**Dear ALC member,**

The annual Lutefisk/Lefse, Meatball/Gravy supper is on November 5th. The men of ALC have sponsored this event for many years, with the help of the women, who assist with making the lefse and pies; and the youth who set the tables and serve all the food. "Thanks to all of you!" The proceeds from the supper are used for projects and improvements for our church. The other benefits are that the men get to do a lot of visiting, have a lot of discussions and a lot of laughs, as we show the ladies we really can cook and clean up after ourselves! This is a reminder that your help is again needed and please encourage others to come and help us. There is a spot for everyone!

**LEFSA MIXING DAY is Thursday, November 2nd at 5:00 P.M.**

**LEFSA COOKING DAY is Friday, November 3rd at 8:00 A.M.** Please come as you can and help whenever you can. There are many different jobs and potluck lunch will be served at noon.

**POTATO PEELING DAY is on Saturday, November 4th at 8:00 A.M.** It doesn't take long!

**MEATBALL MIXING DAY is on Saturday, November 4th** (volunteers will be called.)

**We have volunteers in place to prepare meatballs early on Sunday morning! Sunday we will be setting up around 1:00 p.m. and will serve from 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Once again we ask that our members to volunteer to make pies for our supper. You can help this to be a success again this year!

There will be music while waiting to be seated for supper. Invite your friends and neighbors for this delicious supper. Take-out orders will also be available.



Thank you in advance for all your help.

***-American Lutheran Church Brotherhood***



# American Lutheran Church

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship.



**Thanks!** Renee and all the helpers for the Fall Harvest Festival. It was an enjoyable and successful day for the WELCA.

**Thanks** also Thrivent for the money-card and shirts.

**The lutefisk supper** is around the corner. Apple and pumpkin pies will be needed so wait for a call to make use of your choice. Lefse dough will be mixed the eve of Nov. 2nd and rolling begins 9am on Friday. Lunch will be pot luck. Any help (men included) even for short periods is welcome.

**WELCA** will be assisting with the Thank Offering Service on Nov. 19th. Remember the bake sale as a fund raiser to help with the Christmas donations.

**A reminder regarding the Prayer Chain.** Please try and keep chain going to the end of listing. There is a sheet with all the names, home and cell phone numbers listed. The sheet can be found on the table by the coat rack. Please take one so all listed women can receive the call.

Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall

In Christ, *Marilyn*

## 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.





## ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

### Serve.

November 2017	<b>Purple Group</b>
Purple Serving Group	<b>Serves in November</b>
December 2017	Corey & Melissa Bristol
Red Serving Group	Zachery Bristol
January 2018	Jeremy & Sarah Carkuff
Blue Serving Group	Mercy Carkuff
February 2018	Travis Charnetzski
Gold Serving Group	Brad & Kim Ellis
March 2018	Mark Erickson
Green Serving Group	Kelly & Dawn Evenson
April 2018	Kevin & Melissa Evenson
Purple Serving Group	Marilyn Evenson*
May 2018	Kali Gandrud
Red Serving Group	Roger & Renae Gjellstad
June 2018	Ryan & Beth Gjellstad
White Serving Group	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
	Skip Wing

### Sound System

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

### Power Point

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

### Red Serving Group

#### Serves in December

Rudy & Ardyce Alvstad  
Annie Baumann  
Wayne & Konni Bohrer  
Arlo & Faye Borud \*  
Brad Borud  
David & Tammi Colbenson  
Jeff & Karen Colbenson  
Brett & Lindsey Ellvanger  
Jerome Erie  
Julie Erie  
Aaron Gandrud  
Lynn & Marlene Grabow \*  
Dan & Katie Harwood  
Pat Jensen  
Lynn & Carol Mehus  
Gary & Jenette Nelson  
Scott & Dawn Nelson  
Phil & Cassandra Petz  
Cory & Jamie Rice  
Scott & Jackie Rudolph  
Austin & Abi Vachal  
Beau & Kim Vachal  
Lowell & Judy Vedaa

### Acolytes:

November 2017: Kaydence  
December 2017 : Ethan  
January 2018 : Cal  
February 2018: Kerrington  
March 2018: Ethan  
April 2018: Kerrington  
May 2018: 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  
*Held in Grace...Belong, Believe, Befriend*



**November 5<sup>th</sup>** ~ Join us for the annual pancake breakfast from 10:00-1:00! Proceeds from this free will offering will go toward the S.A.C.K. (Stanley Area Cares for Kids) program which packs and sends weekend lunches home with kids in the community. Bethlehem will match up to \$5000 raised for this great program!

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** ~ Women's Thankoffering Service. Thanks to Debbie and Lesley for coordinating this worship!

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fall Festival service. There will be a pot-luck meal following this worship. We give thanks for all that God has blessed us with this past year!

**On November 10 and 11**, please pray for a team of 20 people, including Debbie Lund, Glad Meiers, Johnna Westby, and Laurel Kleven, as they enter the New England womens prison for a Kogadus prison ministry retreat. Please pray that the team members, those inside and outside the prison, will invite the HolySpirit into their hearts."

Have a great week!

HAPPY  
*November*





We will be starting practice for the Christmas program during our November lesson times. There will be no Sunday School November 5<sup>th</sup> because of

the pancake breakfast. Mark your calendars for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm for our Sunday School Christmas program! Our youth will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child again this year. This program sends a shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys to children around the world. If you would like to contribute by filling a box as well, let our teachers (Breann or Pam) know and they can get a box to you!





## **Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!**

Remember the Operation Christmas Boxes are due no later than Nov 12th in order to be packed and mailed off.

Our Christmas Program at Faith is on Dec 17th instead of services and also a potluck dinner to follow (what a Special time of the year).

On Nov 19th the ladies are having their Thanks Offering Service open to all with also a potluck dinner to follow. That day too there are four third graders that will be receiving their Bibles. They are Eli Brewer, Lance Hamers, Alice Wienbar and Denim Dunham. What a "Big Day" for them! The S.S. kids will also be singing that day for the Thank Offering part of the service. So it will be a fun-filled day with giving thanks, getting a Bible, singing and last but not least enjoying a yummy meal for one and all.

Our Sympathy goes out to the Meiers families for the loss of a wife, mother, neighbor (Tina). May her memory be with us forever and ever.

Faith Bethel Home Delegates for Nov 16th at American are Barb and Iva, with supper and their meeting to follow.

Readers = 5-Debbie 12-Monica 19-Thank Offering with Potluck 26-Jennifer

Coffee = 5-Darlene B. 12-Phyllis 19-Thank Offering with potluck 26-Marion

Altar and Greeters = Darlene B, Jennifer and Tammy  
Work = Kathy Ch., Janet J and Claranne

Evening Bible Study will meet on Nov 7th at 3:00. Edna is the hostess along with a Bible study.

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on Nov 7th at 2:00. Kathy is the hostess along with a Bible study.

Happy Fall, Happy Life



### **Sunday School Update**

Already, Christmas program practice is just around the corner.

Again, Monica will be leading the program along with her helpers. Practice for Nov will start on the 12th, with no practice on the 26th because of Thanksgiving weekend. They will continue with practice I'm sure on Dec 3rd and 10th with the program on the 17th instead of services along with a potluck dinner to follow.

The S.S. kids are planning to sing at the Thank Offering Service on Nov 19th. It will be a couple busy months for parents, kids and teachers. Thanks!

***-Katheryne, Monica and helpers***



# November



**JANITORS** – for the month of November are Warren and Meredith Craft. Thanks!

**ANNUAL INGATHERING AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY** – is Sunday, November 12th at 9:00 a.m. This is a time for us to reflect on our blessings and welcome our new members to our congregation. A pot luck brunch will be served following worship.

**FAMILY NIGHT** - will be Sunday, November 19th, at 5:00 p.m. (No morning worship)

**Family Night will include the following:**

- ♦ **WOMEN’S ANNUAL THANKOFFERING** - Women of the church will present a brief explanation of Thank-offering and collect for the “Special Thank-offering” which is sent to the churchwide Women of the ELCA and is used to support the life changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. (Women remember your special offering for this if you wish to contribute).
- ♦ **BIBLES** – will be presented to the Third Graders in our congregation.
- ♦ **MUSIC** – The Sunday School children will be singing and Pastor Sarah will be presenting a sermonette for the children.

Lunch will be provided following the above activities.

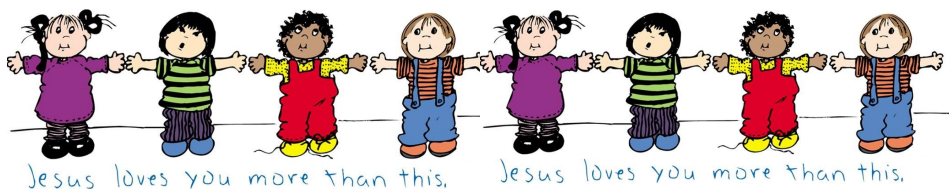


**THANK YOU** - to Betty Harstad and Steve and Maxine Brewer for all the time and work done on the little church at Flickertail (adopted by KR for upkeep). It certainly looks nice inside and out. A job well done!

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to all.



*Marie*



We will have Sunday school Nov 5th, 12th and 26th. Nov 19th the 3rd graders will be presented with their bibles. This will also be our Family League night. The Sunday school kids will be singing a couple songs as well as helping the

congregation make pumpkin pies for members of our church community who cannot get out of their homes.

We will start practicing for our Christmas program, which will be Dec 17th at 4:00pm. If you would like your child in the program, please be getting them to Sunday school.

*-Nikki*



# Our Parish members celebrating birthdays this month!

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

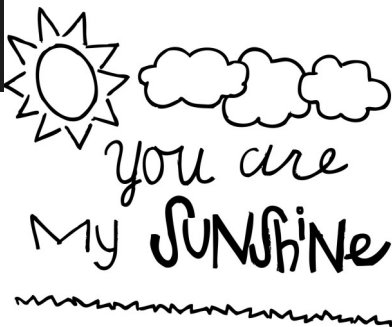


*May the dreams you  
hold dearest be  
those which  
come true*



# November Anniversaries

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



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