

THE SCROLL

Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

April 2018



Prairie Lutheran Parish

One Prairie. Four Churches. One God.

Joint Parish Worship

April 29th

10:30 a.m.

Stanley Elementary Gym

Worship led by those going to
The National Youth Gathering
Meal afterwards with



Prairie Lutheran Parish

Four Congregations gathered into One Parish

9:00 am Sunday Worship

Bethlehem
Lutheran
Ross

Knife River
Lutheran

Hwy 8 South of Stanley

(701) 628-2550

PrairieLutheranParish.org

10:30 am Sunday Worship

American
Lutheran
Stanley

Faith
Lutheran
Palermo



Pastor Carter writes....

My Dear Parish,

I often sit in the sanctuary late in the evening on Sundays in nearly complete darkness listening to hymns and reflecting on the past week. This is often my time to worship. A time where I do not have to lead, or to worry about preaching, or a worship service at all, but rather a time to



be alone with God, to confess my sins, and to feel God's Spirit working within me. During this time is when I do my best writing and my most focused praying, it is where I give thanks to God each week for all of you, and where I listen deeply for where the Spirit may be calling us next. Sometimes I laugh out loud thinking back on the week we have had together, many weeks I shed some tears thinking about those of you that hurt, I forgive those that have sinned against me to start a new week free of burdens, and other times I sit down and breathe out the stresses and fears that come along with ministry and being your pastor.

Tonight, instead of complete darkness with only the dim light of my computer screen shining, I decided to turn on the new backlighting behind the cross in American's sanctuary. Usually I use my phone's flashlight to move around in the sanctuary during this time each week,

however, to my surprise, the light of the cross gives off just enough light to move around in the darkness - not enough to expose all threats or give one a clear picture, but just enough to be able to guide oneself around safely.

How true is this within everyday life? We are lost, broken, not sure what to do, and we feel as though we are walking in complete darkness, but that is simply not the case! My dear friends in Christ, the light of the cross is there. The light of Christ cannot be overcome by darkness, so however faint it may be, it has never completely gone away. Search for it. Take some time to yourself like I do each week and find where that light is shining, whether blindingly bright, or barely dimly lit, for that is the light that will lead you out of the darkness, or at the very least help you from completely stumbling.

My dear parish, know that I pray for you this night. May you find where the light of Christ shines in your life, and if you cannot, know that my door is always open, and I will help you search.

In Christ's light and love,
Pastor Carter

Taken from: <https://www.facebook.com/PrairieLutheranParish/>

PRAIRIE LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS



Christian Fellowship

April 4th, 10:00 -Monthly parish morning Bible Study at ALC. Welcome all!
April 5th, 9:30 - Together-4-Prayer at Thompson's. Welcome all!

Parish Wednesday Night Bible Study

A group of us will be gathering for Bible Study each Wednesday evening. We don't pretend to have all the answers, but we do want to share what the Bible means to us and how it may be able to speak to our lives. Some people in this group may have spent a great deal of time with the Bible. Most of us haven't read it as much as we might like. But together we hope to come to it anew, as if opening this book for the first time. We will gather on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. We will meet for about an hour in the American Lutheran Church's back lounge after worship. If you plan to join, please let me, Intern Pastor Sarah, know or email me at sarahsorenson51@gmail.com and I will order enough books for everyone! It should be a very relaxed first gathering. Feel free to give me a holler if you have any questions! I can't wait to see you there!

Confirmation Camp

Our parish rotates confirmation camp between the Bible Camps and this year the rotation is at the Upper Missouri Ministries at Epping. Please mark your calendars for July 8-13. Super Deals before March 31! Get 20% off your registration - up to \$110 savings. Change your mind and move to a different camp for free until May 31. <https://www.facebook.com/CampUmm/>

Bring a Friend for Free to camp with you!

Metigoshe Ministries - ANNUAL MEETING reminder:

Sunday April 22nd at 3 pm - in the near future you'll be receiving a reminder to send your delegate names/addresses in to us so that we can send out our annual report. Or, you can send that info directly to Leah Benson at: leah@metigosheministries.com



CCM is still in need of some more female counselors...can you help us connect with them? We need your help with connecting with graduating seniors and college age young adults.

If you want to know more about how you can join our summer team, you can go to: <https://www.campofthecross.com/staff>
You can also reach us through info@campofthecross.com or through our office phone at (701) 337-2246

Resolutions for Synod Assembly: Due March 31, 2018

Do you have a resolution to bring before the 2018 synod assembly? Please submit it by March 31, 2018. If you have any questions, contact Faith Simoneig at 701-226-5865 or faith@wndsynod.org.



NEWS & EVENTS

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our young people who have completed their studies and receive First Communion on Palm Sunday.

From Knife River: Stran Fladeland, Trey Bohmbach; from Faith: Emma Brewer; from Bethlehem: Jack Evans, Clay Pappa, Katy Roise; from American: Trenedi Barstad, Hayley Dralle, Dalton Dralle, Halle Larson, Mason McPeak, Ella Mortensen, Logan Neset, Kaelee Rice, Drake Schlosser, Griffin Wilhelmi.

Congratulations to these young people who have completed their confirmation studies: Taylor Dean, Mackenna Hanson, Maura Mills, Cody Rudolph, Trapper Simmers, Coy Smith and Noah Swegarden.

Thank you to our lay people who provided pulpit supply for our Wednesday Lent Services: Don Longmuir, Kelly Roemmich, Diana Evans, Katie Harwood, and Barb Roise. Thank you to our musicians, Traci, Eden, Noah and Carter for sharing your gift of music with us.

Thank you to all who agreed to prepare and serve the weekly meals. Your gift of service was appreciated as we made our faith journey through Lent 2018.

Prairie Lutheran Parish Wednesday School

In March, we teamed up with the Confirmation students one week to do a variety of stations that focused on Lent and Easter. PreK-4th grade are now beginning to learn the story of Noah's Ark. The fifth graders have been busy preparing to receive their First Communion and will soon begin their bible battle lessons. 6th graders lessons are about what BFF means in terms of their religion.

Parish Wednesday School will run through April with the last session on the 25th. Thank you to everyone who made this year's Wednesday School flow so smoothly.

2018 Congregational Officers

ALC

Kyle Hansen, Pres.
Jackie Nelson, V.P.
Kay Nordloef, Sec.
Marichel, Treas.

Faith

Walt Dunham, Pres.
Len Jones, V.P.
Debbie Haugen, Sec.
Carol Johnson, Treas.

Bethlehem

Sara Evans, Pres.
Barb Roise, V.P.
Kim Sorenson, Sec.
Jamie Germundson, Treas.

Knife River

Mark Longmuir, Pres.
Brooks Goodall, V.P.
Camie Anderson, Sec.
Lil Meiers, Treas.

2018 Parish Council

Walt Dunham
President

Kay Nordloef
Vice Pres.

Barb Roise
Secretary

Next meeting:
April 17, 6:00



Eden Cuypers, Parish Youth Leader

Our first LYO night for the year kicked off with starting lessons, games, and scripture that will prepare the youth for the National Youth Gathering. The topic we are going to focus on first is building a sense of community with the group that will be attending. These conversations also help us connect as a whole group and not just those going to Houston. I'm looking forward to more conversations about our group, things we want to accomplish, and goals for us this year.

We have started building a "covenant" that describes promises that we will make for our trip. The items that the youth have started with focus on having fun, respecting each other and all others attending the gathering, and the behavior that we expect throughout their experiences.

The "144 Envelopes Project" that we started a month or two ago will continue to be available for those who feel that they could give a donation of any kind towards our trip. Envelopes can be found at all churches in the parish as well as with the youth that are attending.

We have planned out most of the spring semester for Wednesday meals, and I am looking forward to other opportunities the youth will have to help. We have a total of 22 youth and 8 adults going to Houston to serve, grow, and have fun! If you have a task that needs completing (shoveling snow, moving large items or boxes, etc.) please let Pastor Carter, Sarah, or myself know!

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.
- If you would like updates for upcoming LYO events, you can sign up on the Remind app.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!



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Eden.drevecky@gmail.com



The month of March seemed to fly by in preschool! Since March is reading month, we've had a few guest readers come read in our classroom. It's been fun seeing some new faces in our room. We've been reading about the Easter story, learning about what Jesus did for each of us. Debbie Lund and Briggs Lund made us a resurrection garden for our classroom. The kids have enjoyed seeing the plants grow and seeing the story of the resurrection in a different way.

-Mrs. Lund & Mrs. Laparra



Gospel Seeds - April 2018

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Resurrection People...

We are people of The Story, the Jesus story. How God reached right through the tomb of death and brought Jesus fully to life. This is a story of hope, new life and promises being fulfilled – these themes are explored in the Old and New Testaments. As we celebrate Easter we are reminded

that in baptism we were joined to Jesus' death and resurrection. We became part of God's story in the splashing of those waters. Those cleansing waters are a gift. What is amazing about this gift, is the water never runs out. It is an ever flowing fountain ready to rush over others so they too can become part of the Story. You and I are resurrection people. May we have the compassion, strength and tenacity to share this Story with others.

ELCA Mission Builders Returning...

For the eighth year in a row ELCA Mission Builders will have a crew working in the Western North Dakota Synod. This year's project will be an expansion at Bread of Life Lutheran Church in Minot. Steve Schenk will be Project Manager and Jim Carey will be crew leader on the job. These projects rely on volunteers to help with construction. Plan to spend a day or two this summer in Minot helping this growing church meet its future needs.

Pre-Assembly Workshop...

Where is our church headed? Would you like a chance to think creatively about the future of our church, your synod and the congregation you belong to? Then plan to attend the Pre-Assembly Workshop on Thursday, May 31st at the Ramkota in Bismarck. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be our keynote speaker. She will share her vision while at the same time engaging participants in conversation. The event begins at 10:00AM (Registration will open at 9:30AM). Lunch will be provided and the afternoon will have a number of learning sessions you can engage. Registration for the event opens in mid-April.

Next GIFTS event – Dr. Eric Barretto –
“A People for God’s Name: Believing and Belonging in Luke-Acts”
Christ Lutheran Church, Minot Apr 21 @ 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Boundaries Workshop...

Leaders within God’s church are called to a special trust, how they carry out their work matters. Every two years all rostered leaders and Synodically Authorized Ministers are to attend a healthy boundaries workshop. This year we are opening the event to all church leaders. The workshops will be held in two locations, Christ Lutheran, Minot on April 12th and First Lutheran, Mandan on April 13th. Both workshops begin at 9:00AM (Registration opens at 8:45) and will conclude by 3:00. The cost is \$30 which includes lunch and snacks. Please register by going to the Synod Website at wndsynod.org . For Rostered Leaders who are unable to attend one of these events it is expected that you attend an event hosted in another synod.

Assignment Process...

This spring two first call candidates were assigned to the Western North Dakota Synod. Each of these candidates have had a chance to review the paperwork for congregations and are in the process of preparing for interviews. We are thankful for each of these candidates, each will be a gift wherever they are called. At the same time, we could have used several more candidates. Currently we have about a dozen openings. I would ask that you would keep these congregations, their councils and their call committees in prayer that God would be at work raising up the next leader

Blessings all!

Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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2018 Parish Calendar

Easter Schedule: April 1

7:00 AM Sunrise Service at ALC

Easter service at usual worship times at each congregation

Bible Classes, Thursdays after school (3rd graders)

October 25, November 1, 8, 15

Bible Sunday (3rd graders) - November 18th

Confirmation Sunday

April 15, at home congregations

Confirmation Camp Rotation

2018 Upper Missouri Ministries (Epping) – July 8-13

2017 Camp of the Cross

2016 Metigoshe Ministries

Christmas Eve services: Monday, December 24th

5:00 PM American & 5:00 PM Faith

Western North Dakota Synod Assembly

May 31 – Pre-Assembly workshop & Mission Gala

June 1-2 (Bismarck) Synod Assembly





Prairie Lutheran Parish

American-Bethlehem-Faith-Knife River
We are one together in mission

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

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry served 59 families, 141 people total. Of this 141 people, 73 were children and 9 were seniors. We provided 5255.5 pounds of food for these families! February was a wonderful month! We were one of the happy recipients of the Lions Club Super Bowl board event! We received a gift from the Queen of the Most Holy Catholic Church, earmarked for breakfast cereals, and we ordered the full amount from our local Cashwise. ☺ We also received memorials from folks in memory of friends and family. Our Jessica Swenson, formerly of Mountrail County Social Services, organized a food drive on Main Street, February 27th. She worked closely with the schools, and class after class arrived, holding signs, cheering, chanting their catchy made-up-on-the-spot slogans; and the excitement and energy could be felt and heard for blocks!!! ☺ They filled the floor of the food pantry with bags and bags of food, as well as collected a lovely envelope filled with cash from passersby. It was yet another perfect example of the caring community we live in....from the organizers that worked diligently to get the wheels in motion to the students that gave their all to get donations, to the folks that donated!! And then, we don't want to forget the 7th grade confirmation class that helped put all of that food on the shelves, with the guidance of our loyal volunteers!! We are so very thankful, and as John so happily puts it, truly blessed. ☺ As I write this, March has come in like a lion...in my world, anyway...so if the old saying is correct....we should be in for some warm sunny weather soon! A perfect welcome for Easter!! ☺

-Mary

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



[https://www.facebook.com/
Mountrail-Community-Food-Pantry-
1158506520929303/](https://www.facebook.com/Mountrail-Community-Food-Pantry-1158506520929303/)

Synod E-News

News & Events from the Western North Dakota Synod

GIFTS Event - A People for God's Name

Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church in Minot.

Topic: "A People for God's

Name": Believing and Belonging in Luke-Acts

Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto

April 21, 2018 @ Christ Lutheran Church (Minot)

Registration begins at 8:30

Event 9:00-3:00



Job Openings at Synod Office

Do you know someone who is looking for a part-time position with flexible hours? We are looking to fill two part-time positions in the synod office in Bismarck. The first is for an Office Assistant who will work in the front office providing hospitality, serving as receptionist, and offering clerical support. The second position is for a Financial Specialist who will be responsible for the day-to-day financial operations and record keeping and will be the primary connection with our outside accounting firm. The application period will remain open until Wednesday, March 28, or until a qualified candidate is identified. Thank you for helping us spread the word about these opportunities.



Organ Concert on April 22 - First Lutheran Church, Minot

Rev. Norm Paskowsky will be performing an organ concert on Sunday, April 22nd, 3:00 at First Lutheran, Minot, featuring all American music. Public are invited with a free will offering going to the Gary Stenjem Scholarship Fund, MSU.

2018 Theology on the Prairie Event - Rev. Paul Hoffman

Camp of the Cross Ministries will host the 2018 Theology on the Prairie on Sunday, April 29- Tuesday, May 1, 2018. The theme is "I Love to Tell the Story" with guest presenter Rev. Paul Hoffman.



144 ENVELOPES PROJECT

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Amongst Prairie Lutheran Parish churches, there are 144 envelopes, each one numbered from \$1-144. If you would like to contribute to the cost of our National Youth Gathering trip to Houston next June, feel free to take an envelope of an amount that you are comfortable with. Please fill in your name on the back of the envelope.

After you have filled the envelope with the designated amount, return it to the office at American Lutheran or Pastor Carter, Pastor Sarah, or Eden.

Thank you for all of your support and help for our youth and their experience at the National Youth Gathering!

American Lutheran Church Memorials

Submitted by Marichel Mariscal

Undesignated

Betty Bloom	Todd & Michele Moe
Betty Bloom	Bernard & Joanne Wirtz
Betty Bloom	Jane & Delton Brown
Betty Bloom	Peder & Barbara Rice
Betty Bloom	Janet & Ricky Lee
Joyce Neether	R.O. & R. Iverson
Joyce Neether	Boyd & Connie Anderson
Robert Sandry	Gordon & Sharon Aas
Jennifer Whitmore	Earl Rogstad
Jennifer Whitmore	Patricia Jensen

Wee Care

Donations	Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger
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Easter reminds us
that hope must
never be lost for as
dark as the road
may seem, there
always lies light at
the end of it. May
all your prayers be
fulfilled. Have a
Learned Easter.



Sunday Worship

Schedule:

Bethlehem: 9:00

Knife River: 9:00



APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
1 Easter Worship! 7:00 ALC Sunrise Service 9:00 Bethlehem & Knife River 10:30 American & Faith See church reports for brunch/ breakfast schedules.	2 10:00 ALC quilting	3 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study at Centennial Court	4 See Wednesday schedule below 10:00 Monthly morning Bible
8 Sunday Worship! Bethlehem WELCA meets 11:30 ALC Council 11:30 Boy Scouts Pancake Fundraiser at ALC	9 10:00 ALC quilting 2:00 Faith Afternoon Bible study	10 ALC Ladies Spring Church Cleaning Day 10 Pastor's Text Study 10:00 Bethlehem Bible	11 See Wednesday schedule below Last session information
15 Sunday Worship! Confirmation Sunday Knife River Family Nite	16 10:00 ALC quilting	17 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study 6:00 Parish Council	18 See Wednesday Parish Schedule Scroll down for
22 Sunday Worship! Bethlehem Spring Clean 11:30 Bethel Bazaar at ALC ALC Red serving group	23 10:00 ALC quilting	24 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	25 See Wednesday Parish Schedule Last day of last midweek worship-sun
29 Sunday Worship! 10:30 Parish Youth Sun- day at Elementary School & dinner	30 10:00 ALC quilting		

Regular Weekly Activities

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. AlAnon on Saturdays at ALC

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Wednesday Parish

Schedule:

*See full Wednesday
schedule below*

	Thu	Fri	Sat
ay Parish w y Parish e study-ALC	5 8:00 Parish Men's Bible Study at Centennial Crt 9:30 Together-4-prayer 7:00 Bethlehem Council	6 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	7
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Wednesday Schedule below ine	19 8:00 Parish Men's Bible Study at Centen- nial Court 3:00 Faith Evening Bi- ble study	20 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	21
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Wednesday Parish Schedule

4:00 Parish School Fellowship
 4:00 Confirmation
 5:15 Fellowship Supper
 6:00 Worship
 6:30 LYO
 6:30 Adult Bible Study



SOCIAL MINISTRY GLIMPSE

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.

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.

LSSND Internships

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota (LSSND) has always been a great place to be an intern but, the newly enhanced LSSND Internship Program adds some important features to the experiences that young professionals will get during the time they spend at LSSND: the chance to network with other students involved in the internship experience, access to a dedicated mentor, monthly intern chats, a work/life balanced schedule, and an intern-oriented evaluation.

LSSND is currently helping students from Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, North Dakota State University, and University of North Dakota complete internships in the following LSSND programs: Refugee Resettlement, Senior Independence, Unaccompanied Refugee Minors, and Luther Hall.

For more information about LSSND Internships, please contact: Donna Schneider at dschneider@lssnd.org.

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FINANCIAL WELLNESS RETREAT

WHEN: April 6, 2018 – April 7, 2018 (all-day)

WHERE: Camp of the Cross Ministries
1228 47th Ave NW Garrison
ND 58540, USA

**Improve Your Financial Wellness Through Increased Financial Knowledge and
Literacy**

April 6-7, 2018. SAVE THE DATES! To improve financial literacy and competency, we are hosting a “Financial Wellness Retreat” April 6-7, 2018 presented by Deacon Terri Endres, Regional Representative for Portico Benefit Services. Topics may include reducing debt, optimizing assets, budgeting for current situations and strategizing for multiple financial goals. (Location: Camp of the Cross Ministries, Garrison.)

In the months following the retreat, attendees and leaders will form cohorts to provide ongoing accountability. Cohorts will meet at least three times in twelve months. A mentor will be provided. Participation incentives will be included for attendance at both the retreat and cohort meetings.

Also look for in June 2018 Training will be provided on congregational healthy financial behaviors for financial stability to congregation leaders, treasurers, financial committees, etc

UPPER MISSOURI CLUSTER SPRING GATHERING

@ FIRST LUTHERAN, WATFORD CITY

WHEN: APRIL 14, 2018 @ 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

WHERE: First Lutheran Church
212 2nd Ave NE
Watford City, ND 58854, USA

COST: 12.00

Program for the day will include Macedonia Ministry and Quilter Chelce Detert.

Theme is “I remember...”

Please RSVP to Val Swensrud by April 4, 2018 so we can have enough food!



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There will be no contemporary worship service in April, *Marlene*

Some highlights from the WELCA meeting. Judy Vedaa is the new altar person - thanks Judy! Bev Neset will do the prayer chain text. I will start the prayer chain. If you can't reach me call the church office to start the chain. The kitchen will be cleaned and inventory taken on April 10th beginning at 8am. Come with your cleaning supplies for a fun day. Cluster meeting is April 28th at Bread of Life in Minot starting at 9am. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex. Anyone willing to drive, notify me.

"The finest things in life are those we never sell or buy - a bursting bud, a bird that sings, a glowing Western sky, a friend to love. These are indeed well worth their weight in gold, and may you know the gladness such things forever hold." -Unknown

A blessed Easter to all.

-Marilyn

No First Sunday potluck this month as it will be Easter. Remember breakfast brunch will be served by the youth beginning at 8:00. We will also have the 10:30 Easter worship service. The second Sunday, the Boy Scouts will have their annual pancake breakfast beginning at 11:30. The third Sunday, is confirmation Sunday and cake and coffee will be served after worship. The fourth Sunday is the Bethel Bazaar and as usual a delicious meal will be served by them after worship. The fifth Sunday is our usual combined parish worship. This Sunday will be a special treat as it is Youth Sunday and they will lead the worship. The plans are for the service to take place at the school house. Meal will follow. Read more about it in Eden's report.





Serve.

ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

**Purple Group
Serves in April**

**Red Group
Serves in May**

April 2018
Purple Serving Group
May 2018
Red Serving Group
June 2018
White Serving Group
July 2018
Blue Serving Group
August 2018
Gold Serving Group
September 2018
Green Serving Group
October 2018
Purple Serving Group
November 2018
Red Serving Group

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

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

Corey & Melissa Bristol
Zachery Bristol
Jeremy & Sarah Carkuff
Mercy Carkuff
Travis Charnetzski
Brad & Kim Ellis
Mark Erickson
Kelly & Dawn Evenson
Kevin & Melissa Evenson
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
Skip Wing

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

* = Chair/Vice Chair of Group

Acolytes:

April 2018: Kerrington
May 2018: Cal

Serving Groups - Serving forms are placed in the folder beside the bulletin board. Tasks are on the back side of the serving form.

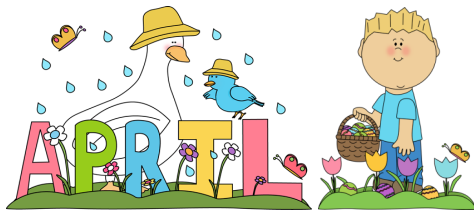
Please remember when it is your serving group's rotation month, to take home the soiled dish towels from the kitchen to wash them. Also communion prep volunteers should take any soiled communion cloths home and wash them. All tasks are listed on the back of the serving form.

If you have questions please visit with your Serving Group chairperson. Thank you for serving our congregation in this way.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are good soil.



April Ushers: Jamie & Pam Germundson & Family

Greeters:

April 1st - Roger & Addy Evans

April 8th - Sunday School Families

April 15th - Gus & Crystal Laparra & Family

April 22nd - Susan Vachal & Family

April 29th - Joint Worship at ALC

Sunday School Duties: April 8th

Readings - Alexis, Katy, Brooke

Music - Kaley

Communion Usher - Jake

Acolyte - Henry, Levi

Offering - Molly, Annie

Coffee - Jonathon, Jack

Greeters - Owen, Jozey, Alycia

Bell Ringers - Jessy, Briggs, Sadie

WELCA

Western Prairie cluster spring gathering will be held Saturday April 28th, at Bread of Life Church in Minot. The theme for the gathering is "Hope is the Anchor for the Soul" from Hebrews 6:19. Registration and coffee starts at 9 am. Please consider participating!

WELCA will meet after worship on April 8th.

(Calendar items)

Bethlehem church council April 5th at 7:00pm

Centennial court Bible study April 3rd at 10:00 am

Bethel hair fixing April 13th.

April 22 ~ clean up day at Bethlehem

Congratulations to Jason and Andie Roise on the birth of Mr Knute Oliver David Roise, February 28th; and to Lisa and Grady Uran on the birth of Miss Dylan Marie Uran, March 1st. Welcome to the world little ones!

We will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for Tyson Pappa during worship, April 15th. We will enjoy cake in his honor following.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeen! Alleluiah! Easter worship 9:00 am April 1st, followed by a light brunch served by our junior high and high school youth.

Special thanks to ALL who served meals during the Lenten worship series.

CLEAN UP DAY! Sunday April 22nd wear your work clothes to worship! We will work together to spring clean the church. We will share in a light potluck meal afterwards!

Belated thank you to Jason and Andie Roise for hosting the seminary student for the rural immersion. Thanks also to Deann and Jubal Jarmin for giving her a tour of the area, and to Allen and Debbie for the wagon ride!



The Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday school kids were lucky enough to visit some special church friends in March. We made some cards and took a little field trip to town to deliver them to a couple of homes and to centennial

court. It was great to see some faces we hadn't seen in a while! Just because you're not able to attend church doesn't mean that you're not in our thoughts. Congrats to 3 special kids on their First Communion! Katy, Jack, and Clay...Welcome to the Lord's table. "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty" -John 6:35

-Breann and Pam





Think Positive! (I do)

"April Showers"

Sprint Cluster meeting will be in Minot at the Bread of Life church on April 28th. Roll call is a Prayer Shawl or a donation to the Cancer Cottage. If you're interested to go let Barb know. I'm sure we'll be car pooling. On April 15th that's Confirmation Sunday so we will have Lakelyn Bruhn as she gets confirmed. There will be cake & coffee in the basement that morning from 9:20 - 10:20 to congratulate her on her Special Day. Prairie Parish will meet on April 17th at ALC at 6:00. A reminder: Sewing kits will be due at the end of April to be packed & sent out in May.

Altar & Greeters = Sarah Brewer

Work = Sarah Brewer

Coffee = 1 = Easter Breakfast served by the Faith-Full men from 9:20 - 10:25, 8 = Darlene V., 15 = cake with Lakelyn Bruhn from 9:20 - 10:20, 22 = Janice K., 29 = Joint Service @ ALC with potluck - Youth Sunday.

Readers = 1 = Iva, 8 = Phyllis, 15 = Lori H, 22 = Carlyle, 29 = Joint Service with potluck @ ALC.

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on April 9th at 2:00 at the home of Kathy Rolfe along with a Bible Study.

Evening Bible Study will meet on April 19th at 3:00 at the home of Darlene Vesey along with a Bible Study.

"Happy Easter Month"

-Debbie Haugen



Symbols of Easter

Easter Lilies = grows in the Spring close to Easter time, because they look like trumpets. They are a symbol of living forever with God.

Butterflies = A symbol of eternal life.

Eggs = Represent new life that returns to nature during Spring. Christians also view it as a reminder of the tomb from which Jesus Christ arose. Early Christians used red colored eggs to symbolize the resurrection.

Cross = Jesus crucifixion & resurrection victory over sin & death. Power to forgive sins & give new life to people.

Lamb = Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world.

Palm Branches = Palm Sunday is a moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. Feast commemorates Jesus & branches waved at the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.



As S.S. & attendance are rollin along nicely, it's hard to believe we're coming to the end of S.S. before summer break. Our sessions for April are 1, 8, 15. Have a Great Day & Be Safe!

-Kathryne





JANITORS for April are Ron and Julie Roehrich. Thanks!

WELCA - No meeting in April. Will be meeting in May.

FIRST COMMUNION - Congratulations to Trey Bohmback and Stran Fladeland from Knife River who received their First Communion on Sunday, March 25th.

We wish God's blessing upon these two boys.

FAMILY NIGHT - is scheduled for **Sunday, April 15th**, at **5:00 p.m.** There will be NO Morning worship that day.

Hope Everyone had a HAPPY EASTER.



Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Finish this sentence:

The cross means _____
to me.



Happy Easter!!

Spring is finally here (although, we still have snow) and our Sunday school is coming to an end for the school year. It goes by so fast! We will not meet April 1st or 22nd. We will only be meeting on April 8th. I'm looking at May 6th or 13th for the last day this school year. We will be finishing up learning about Daniel, David, and Jonah.

It is a ways out yet, but our VBS is looking to be July 30-Aug 2 this year. We are having Camp of the Cross come out again as this was very well liked by the kids. If anyone would be interested in hosting a supper one night that week or providing a lunch for the counselors at the church, please let me know.

-Nikki



Jesus loves you more than this.

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Happy Easter

New beginnings and new everlasting happiness,
Let them be yours in your life!



Our Parish members celebrating birthdays this month!

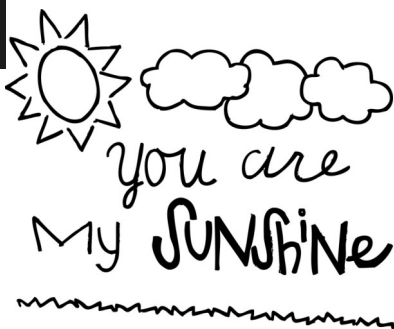
- 1 - Janice Kvamme, Tina Glaholt , Julie Mell, Kevin Evenson, Amy Kulstad, Devon Wittmayer
- 2 - Ciji Johnson, Benjamin Nordloef, Kade Jerome Snyder
- 3 - Alex Wilson, Kelly Hanson, Andrea Craft
- 4 - Ginny Hynek, Kim Ellis, Henzlie Longmuir
- 5 - Terry Anderson, Doug Evenson, Sarah Carkuff
- 6 - Shane Bruhn
- 7 - Connie Essler, Ron Hamers, Rudy Alvstad, Payton Erie
- 8 - Jacob Stordal, Austin Ellis, Yanci Crider, Raegan Wheaton, Teegan Sorenson
- 9 - Diane Kinnoin, Neil Faber, Brenda Nielsen, Lindsay Olson, Mary Wheehler, Nicole Paetz, Drew Simpson
- 10 - McKenzie Jarmin, Kaley Uran, Judith Skaar, Alex Steen, Delores Anderson, Jasmyn Marie Giese
- 11 - Irvin Eliason, Christy Iverson, Heather Lee, Bonnie Strand
- 12 - Brence Wilson, Keith Karow Sr., Angela Nielsen, Gene Lerohl, Hope Parmeter, John Anderson, Jr.
- 13 - Dustin Roise, Jan Johnson, Levi Nichols
- 14 - Braeden Farhart, Sara Nelson, Norah Hermanson
- 16 - Shane Ryals, Margaret Trulson, Denny Kesterson
- 17 - Winnie Kvamme, Josh Stordahl, Lucille Meiers, Curt Johnson, Amy Farhart, Quentin Giese, CJ Vroman
- 18 - Jessy Roise, Joyce Vachal, Shawn Sundean, Jackie Marmon, Morgan Craft
- 19 - Logan Zuchara, Bryan Halvorson, Cleo Bykonen, Susan Arneson
- 20 - Donna Ranum, Dennis Lynnes
- 21 - Joan Ostdahl, Garrett Dazell
- 23 - Muriel Bruhn, Max Meiers, Katie Minton, Kody Skaar, Ty Douglas Fladeland
- 25 - Steve Springan, Alissa VanDoorne
- 26 - Gordon Rugland, Karen McLaughlen, Layne Rolfe
- 27 - Pam Schunke, Aspen Locken
- 28 - Jerimey Bruhn, Randal Reese, Kaydin Meiers
- 29 - Ben Anderson, Brandi Gleave, Shia Parmeter,
- 30 - Laura Paetz, Kennedi Fladeland

Blessings

Happy Birthday

April Anniversaries

- 2 - Jody & Santana Lidstrom
- 2 - Alex & Morgan Craft
- 3 - Gene & Carol Hanson
- 4 - Alan & Vicki Reep
- 7 - Marvin & Geraine Johnson
- 7 - Jamie and Pam Germundson
- 11 - Brett & Lindsey Ellvanger
- 14 - Doyle & Margo Aas
- 15 - Lyle & Delina Lidstrom
- 16 - Matt & Sara Evans
- 21 - Corey & Melissa Bristol
- 23 - Roger & Darlene Vesey
- 23 - Gordon & Sharon Aas
- 23 - Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger



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