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Prairie Lutheran Parish Newsletter

March 2018



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



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

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



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



Prairie Lutheran Parish

Four Congregations gathered into One Parish

9:00 am Sunday Worship

Bethlehem
Lutheran
Ross

Knife River
Lutheran

Hwy 8 South of Stanley

10:30 am Sunday Worship

American
Lutheran
Stanley

Faith
Lutheran
Palermo

(701) 628-2550

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Some Words From Intern Pastor Sarah...

One of my favorite songs growing up was Madonna's "Living in a Material World." It had a catchy beat and was fun to sing! And when I listen to this song today, I realize that not much has changed in our world since the 80's. We are still living in a material world. A world where we always need more "stuff." A world where I can order whatever I want (I say want because usually it is just that...not a need) from the internet and it is on my doorstep two days later! A world where our garages are packed full of things we do not use. A friend of mine recently pointed out that we live in a world where our kids, ages 8 to 17, carry around \$800 devices like its no big deal! And I am guilty of allowing that privilege to my very own children. When I stop to think about that, it makes my mind spin. I wouldn't just go out and buy my kids something for \$800 but for some reason in our society a cell phone has become a need versus a want.

In Luke 12:16-21, Jesus tells us this parable. I invite you to read it one time to just read it, then read it a second time and ask yourself, "What does this have to do with me."

16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.

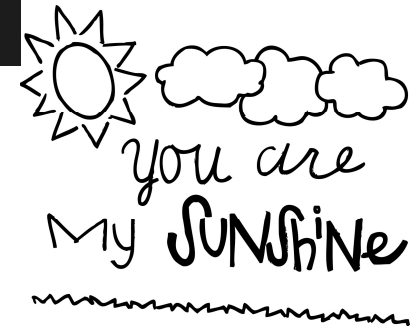
19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

March Anniversaries

2—Larry and Pauline Crowder
5—Bill & La Rae Rudolph
8—Russell & Katie Nichols
21—Tony and Jean Meiers
22—Doug & Susan Halden
24—Ron and Linda Hamers
24—Phyllis & Ken Vesey



Prairie Lutheran Parish – Servants of Christ, Sharing His love with others

Visit us on the web at <http://PrairieLutheranParish.org/>
and on our Facebook page!

Contact Us

Please let us know of any ministry needs or questions.

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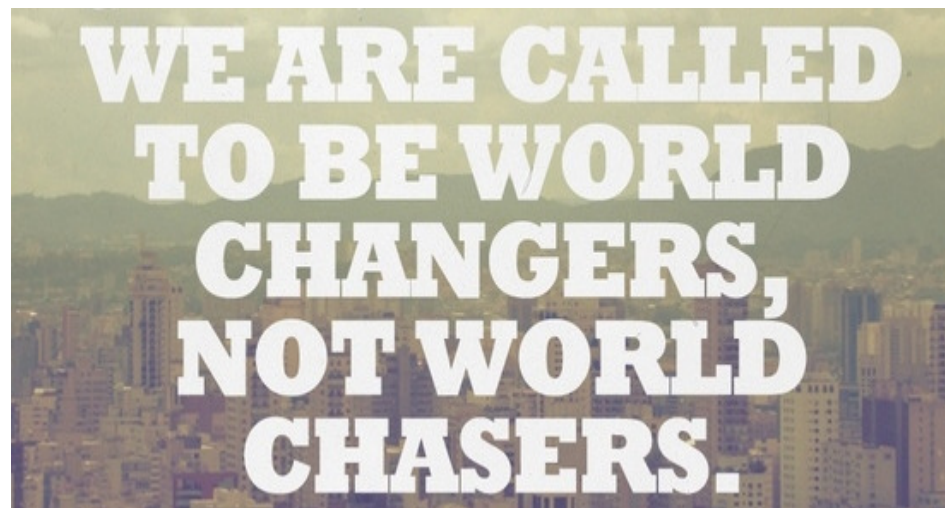
Our Parish members celebrating birthdays this month!

- 1—Zachery Bruhn
- 2—Clifford Skaar, Stan Vachal, Addlyn Bruhn
- 3—Matt Evans
- 4—Tyler Narum, Michael Wing
- 5—Diane Seibel, Michael Prochaska, Mark Bratton, Reese Smith, Allan Aune, Carol Craft
- 6—Crystal Gustavo, Steven Nelson, Chad Rismon
- 7—Connie Patten, Kyler Anthony Vachal, Stacey Mortensen
- 8—Weston Skarsgard, Justin Smith, Camie Anderson
- 9—Doreen Moser, Kane Reep, Kathryne Meckle
- 10—Carson Farhart, Eric Aadnes, Cammi Hysjulien, Tyler Harstad
- 11—Pat Lautenschlager, Dave Nesheim
- 12—Jake Niemitalo, Carol Nelson, Shane Aadnes, Caitlyn Enger
- 13—Larry Crowder, Betty VanVugt, Lawrence Bruhn
- 14—Corrine Johnson, Ron Roehrich, Logan Neset
- 15—Duc Thiel
- 16—Joel Dennis, Breeann (Sorenson) Dralle, Brooklyn Gunderson, Valborg Johnson, Wade Trulson, Chad Hysjulien,
- 17—Patrick Beehler, Cashton Trulson, Elizabeth Nelson, Cassandra Petz , Sammy Hamers
- 18—Liberty Zuchara, Bruce Rodenhizer
- 19—Justin Germundson, Deby Rae Johnson
- 20—Addy Evans, Michael Raasakka, Ashley Skarsgard
- 21 - Evelyn Horne, Corey Bristol, Madison Stordahl
- 22—Diana Evans, Asher Nichols, Michelle Harstad, Allyn Sveen
- 23—Deann Jarmin, Grace Johnson, Tenedi Barstad, Delina Lidstrom
- 24—Paula Brown, Robin Enget, Richard Halvorson, Duane Kilen, Kassie Meyer, Shayna Locken
- 25—Howard Rehak, Ashton Kulstad, Mackenna Hanson, Cooper Dupay, Wes Reynolds
- 26—Debbie Lidstrom, Campbell Dunham
- 27—Roger Sorenson, Dale Kilen, Kenny Ranum
- 28—Chester Allen Johnson, Molly Ellen Lund, Julie Gunderson
- 29—Brian Borud
- 30—Earl Rogstad, Jerry Rudolph, Jan Taylor, Collins Wendt, Haley Goodall
- 31—Teri Ostdahl, Wesley Rooster Reynolds



Could you relate to this parable? It made me think of each church in this parish. I have been beyond blessed to sit in council meetings and watch as our churches give rather than build up. We give to those in need, we give to those organizations who help others, and we give to spread the word of God. Then I had to focus on just me. Where am I in this parable? Do I store up or give away? Do buy things out of want instead of need? And my honest answer is that I do sometimes store up my gifts. I do sometimes buy things out of want alone. But I'm human and you are human. What I can do is acknowledge that I am doing this things and work on getting better. Work on giving more of my time, gifts and possessions. Work on stopping and asking myself, "Sarah, do you really NEED this?"

We find ourselves receiving the March Scroll in the middle of Lent season, a season that is about giving up "stuff." A season where we reflect on what God gave up for us this season. We reflect on the pain and suffering that Jesus Christ endured for the forgiveness of our sins. It is a reminder of the gift of grace that God offers each of us new everyday. With this grace comes the courage to keep our eyes, wants, and desires fixed on the cross in which our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ died upon. Hear the good news, Jesus died for me and he died for you so that we may live in eternal life with him. Thanks be to God, Amen!





The Lord opened the understanding of my unbelieving heart, so that I should recall my sins.

Saint Patrick

Prairie Lutheran Parish News



Parish Wednesday Night Bible Study

A group of us will be gathering for an exciting study called Making Sense of Scripture: Big Questions about the book of Faith. 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!

Wednesday Lent Parish Worship!

Join us for supper at 5:30 with worship at 6:30.

PLPWS

In February, PreK-4th grade students learned the story of Adam and Eve through First Sin lessons. The fifth graders continue to talk about God's "ninja" powers. The sixth graders are continuing their unit about prayer in a modern age. The beginning of March, students need to turn in the money they collected this year for ELCA World Hunger.

Sweet Deal for Central African Republic

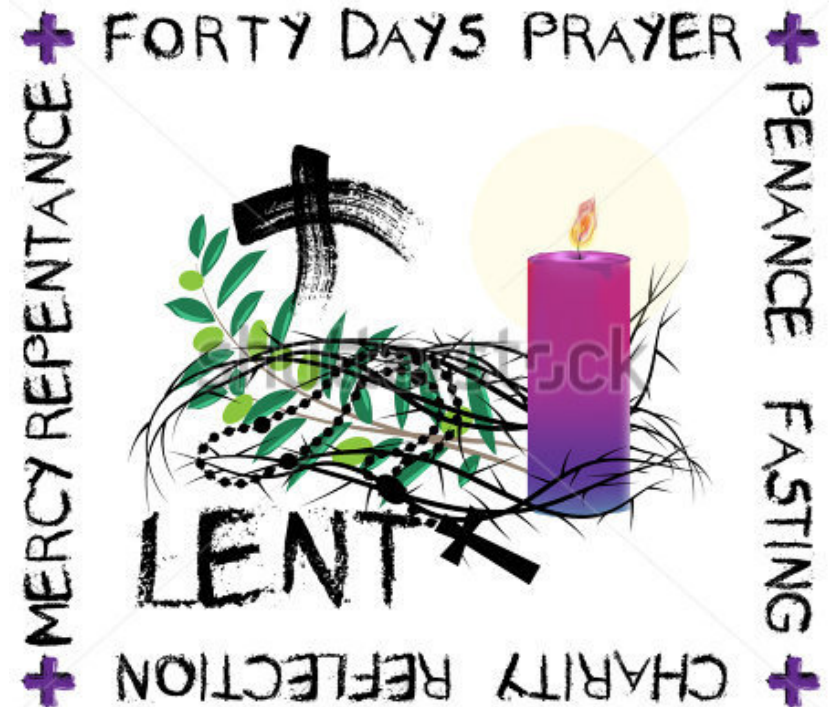
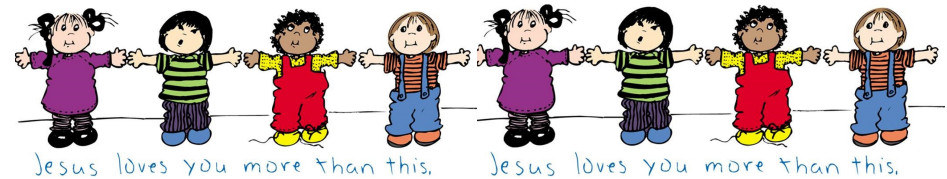
Mini M&M's will once again be available in Minot and Bismarck for congregations participating in the Sweet Deal for C.A.R. project over Lent to support ministry with our global companion synod partner, the ELC in the Central African Republic. Congregations interested in picking up M&M's can do so by e-mailing info@wndsynod.org to be sure we have enough inventory on hand. M&Ms can be picked up at Bread of Life Lutheran Church in Minot (1415 17th Ave SW) or at the Synod Office in Bismarck (1614 Capitol Way).



We have been learning about Moses and just finished the 10 Commandments. The kids have been doing great! This month we will be learning about Easter and the events leading up to it.

We will only meet March 11th and March 25th.

-Nikki





JANITORS – for March are Brooks and Stacey Goodall. Thanks!
Thanks also to Darla Craft who was janitor for February.

WELCA - There will be no WELCA meeting in March.

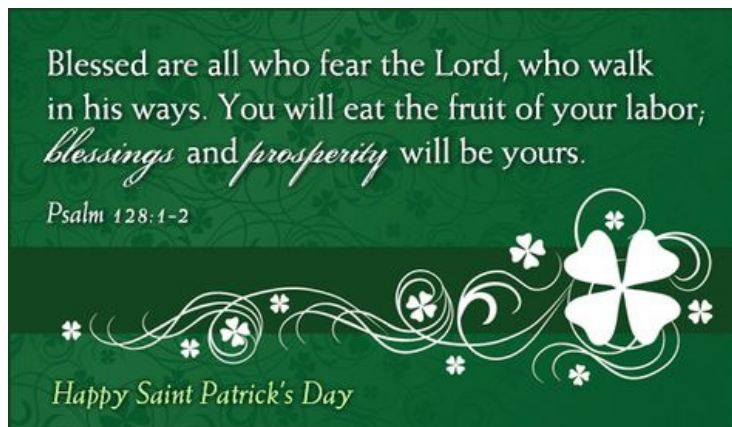
FAMILY NIGHT – is scheduled for **Sunday, March 18th**, at 5:00 p.m.
Program will be announced at a later date.

LENTEN WORSHIP - will be at ALC each Wednesday night. Knife River is scheduled to serve the supper on Wednesday, March 7th, and **WORK GROUP I** will be in charge. On Wednesday, March 21st, Knife River will be serving along with Faith and Bethlehem and **WORK GROUP II** will be in charge. Chairman of the work groups will be notified.

COUNCIL FOR KNIFE RIVER FOR 2018 ARE:

Mark Longmuire, President
Brooks Goodall -Vice President
Secretary – Camie Anderson
Council members – Jana Enger & Jodi Bohmbach
Youth – Jared Anderson/Shayna Dazell
Treasurer – Lillian Meiers

THANKS – to Julie Roehrich who served as treasurer for the past 8 years. She did an awesome job and we appreciate her for the time she served.



Parish News

Together-4-Prayer

Together-4-Prayer will be
March 8th at 9:30
at Thompson's.
All are welcome to join us.

NEWS & EVENTS

Recent Funerals

31/1/18 Jennifer Whitmore
(member of American)

5/2/18 Vicki Jones
(member of Faith)

Confirmation News

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. We will not be doing the Holden Evening Prayer Service during Lent again this year so there will not be a Confirmation Choir. However, attendance by confirmation students at Lent Services is still expected.

Resolutions for Synod Assembly: Due March 31, 2018

Do you have a resolution to bring before the 2018 synod assembly? Here are documents with all the information you need to form your resolution and submit it by March 31, 2018. If you have any questions, contact Faith Simoneig at 701-226-5865 or faith@wndsynod.org.

2018 Congregational Officers

ALC

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

Bethlehem

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

Faith

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

Knife River

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



Eden Cuypers, Parish Youth Leader

Sarah, Carter, and I are frequently up for trying new things. We are having conversations about LYO and how to incorporate some more small group activities or bible studies. Be on the look-out for an update about how we're tweaking our Wednesday night LYO time.

At this time, we are splitting up our time to accommodate youth that have loads of homework and studying to do or other activities on Wednesday nights as well. Right after worship, we have about a half hour of bible study work and conversations that come from the National Youth Gathering lessons. Then, those that need to get other things done at home can leave, and the others stay for games or planned activities with me. Last week's lesson took a look at how Houston will be our home for the Gathering, and how their successes with lowering homelessness statistics is so incredible!

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 are continuing to serve for some meals, including the Ash Wednesday meal. We have a total of 22 youth and 9 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:

- LYO goes from 7:00-8:00 PM on Wednesdays during Lent.
- 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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March 25th is a very special day for Emma Brewer. She has her 1st communion that day at Faith. Congrats!

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on March 5th at 2:00 with Velma as hostess along with a group Bible study.

Evening Bible Study will meet on March 15th at 3:00 with Barb as hostess at her home along with a group Bible study.

Altar & Greeters = Eileen J. & Janice K. Work = Joyce H-Ch, & Lori H.

Coffee = 4 - WELCA & potluck, 11 - Debbie, 18 - Monica, 25 - Kathy Readers = 4 - Iva, 11 - Mike, 18 - Eileen, 25 - Emma

As promised this news is more lengthy this month compared to last month. That's the way it goes!

"An Irish Saying": "May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."

Happy St. Pats Day,

-Debbie

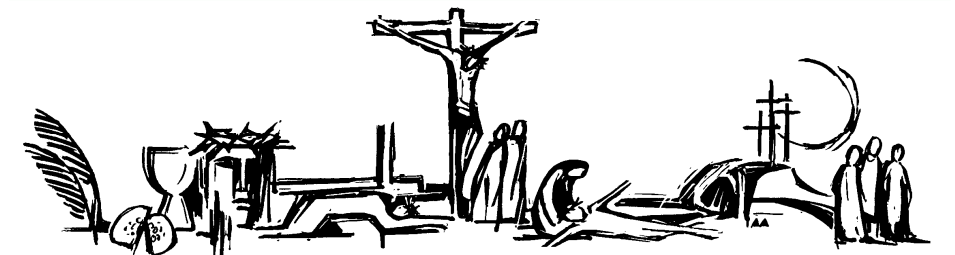


It's hard to believe we're in the third month already. Sunday School is rollin' nicely along and also with good attendance.

Our next dates in March for Sunday School are—11, 18, 25 at 9:30.

Continue learning is always a good thing!
Happy Easter to all my students!

-Kathryne





"Spring Ahead"

Let's start off with our annual meeting report...

a) Two council members

Debbie Haugen

Wayne Enger

b) Western ND Synod Delegates

Geraine Johnson

Debbie Haugen

c) Auditing committee

Eileen Jones

Jennifer Wilson

Kathryne Meckle

d) Bethel Home Delegates

Mike Brewer

Craig Wienbar

e) Nominating committee

Len Jones

Walt Dunham

f) News Reporter

Debbie Haugen

We finished off with the Lord's Prayer, table grace and a yummy potluck dinner.

As far as our Faith council board they are: **Pres** - Walt Dunham, **Vice Pres** - Len Jones, **Sec** - Debbie Haugen, **Treas** - Carol Johnson. The **delegates** are Walt, Wayne & Warre (3W's).

Easter Breakfast will once again be put on by our "Faith-Full" men.

This will be on April 1st from 9:20-10:25 and Easter Service at 10:30. Come and have your breakfast out!

WELCA will meet on March 4th with a potluck after church and meeting to follow.

Council will meet on March 25th after church service.

Faith will serve Lenten Supper on Feb 28th and also on March 21st along with KR & Bethlehem. Supper at 5:30 & service at 6:30.

Let's remember the Jones' families for passing of Vicky. She'll be greatly missed by all. Keep her memory alive in your hearts.

Continue "I Care" prayer that brings us through our rough spots & days, and loved ones that has passed on.

If anyone would like to keep in touch with Janet Jensen her address is Edgewood Vista in Minot 800 16th Ave. SE Apt #38. I'm sure she'll love to hear from you or just to stop in to say "Hi" and a visit.

A reminder that the sewing kits are due the end of April.



February is a short and busy month! The Wee Care students continue to work hard on learning their letters. Our goal is for them to be able to recognize the upper case letters before they head off to kindergarten. They are introduced to lower case letters as well, but focus on the capitals. We've been playing lots of games to help recognize numbers as well. A shape unit was started this month, beginning with hearts for Valentine's Day! We celebrated the special day with games, a healthy snack, and making a special Valentine for their family. We are getting ready for Parent/Teacher conferences coming up in March. We also plan on a date in late March for preschool registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration dates will be posted on Wee Care's facebook site and also in the Promoter.

-Mrs. Lund & Mrs. Laparra

ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

**Help your congregation prepare for International Women's Day -
March 8 2018**

Every year on March 8, people around the world commemorate International Women's Day, a day dedicated to celebrating women's achievements throughout history and across nations. On this day, members of the ELCA celebrate by supporting and lifting up the International Women Leaders Initiative. Download resources at <http://elca.org/Resources/ELCA-Global-Church-Sponsorship#IWL> to help your congregation plan a worship service or event and support this initiative.

Gospel Seeds - March 2018

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office



Sweet Deal for CAR...

You have the ability to make a difference in the lives of people and eat some sweet treats at the same time! Once again we are encouraging congregations to join us in the Sweet Deal for CAR – a way to fund ministry within the Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic. Last year our synod was able to share \$36,500

with our ministry partners in the CAR. Those funds helped provide for the Village Education Project, scholarships for young people to go to college and funds to help the church recover from the civil unrest which has been happening in the country the last several years. It is not too late to get involved in this years Sweet Deal program. Just stop by the synod office or Bread of Life Lutheran in Minot to pick up boxes of Mini M&M's. Each tube of M&M tube holds \$14 worth of quarters (or a neatly folded \$50 dollar bill). This is a great way to help support the ministry of our companion church.

Lutheran Campus Ministry..

A decision was made in December to disband the North Dakota Campus Ministry Coordinating Committee. In the past this committee oversaw the funding of the three campus ministries in the state. It was decided that the two synods in our state will now be responsible for the campus ministries in their respective synods. In Western North Dakota this means we will continue to support Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State. It could also mean creating new campus ministry partnerships in the synod. For example, a group of people are currently wondering about a ministry at Bismarck State. The synod council has also defined the ministry of Heart River Bridges of Hope as a Campus Ministry – since the ministry engages the youth of the correctional center. If your congregation or Women's group has financially supported ND Campus Ministry in the past we hope that you will consider shifting those funds to Western North Dakota Campus Ministry Fund. These funds will be used only for campus ministry.

Next GIFTS event – Dr. Eric Barretto – “A People for God's Name”

Believing and Belonging in Luke-Acts

Christ Lutheran Church in Minot — April 21 @ 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

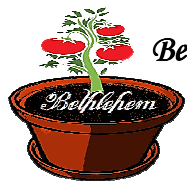


This past month, the Sunday school kids have learned about the Fruits of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 says "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,

kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." As a way to practice kindness and share love, we created hearts out of our fingerprints and made cards for a few friends within our church family. We will be spreading God's love by sharing those gifts with them. We will continue learning about God's love for us and how to use his word to help us in our every day lives this lent season.

-Breann and Pam





Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are good soil.



March Ushers: Monte and Breann Lund

March Greeters:

4th - Allan & Debbie Lund

11th - Sunday School

18th - Scott & Nancy Meiers

25th - Matt & Sara Evans

Sunday School - March 11th

Reading: Molly, Owen, Annie

Music: Katy

Communion Usher: Brooke

Acolyte: Jonathan, Jack

Offering: Sadee, Briggs

Coffee: Jozey, Henry

Greeters: Alexis, Levi, Jessy

Bell Ringers: Kaley, Jake, Alycia

Bethlehem church council meeting March 1st at 7:00 pm.

We serve the meal before Lenten worship again March 21st with Faith and Knife River



Reminder – Synod Assembly Resolutions...

Remember – the deadline for submitting Synod Assembly Resolutions is March 31, 2018. If you have questions please contact Faith Simoneig, synod staff person who relates to the Reference and Counsel Committee

Highlights of Synod Council Meeting...

Your Synod Council met February 9th and 10th at Christ Lutheran in Minot. Below are some of the highlights: -heard that Mission Support from congregations was \$1.13M in fiscal 2017, council members expressed deep gratitude for the partnership and generosity of people and congregations across Western North Dakota. -refined the Synod's 2018 budget and set a proposed 2019 budget which will be presented to synod assembly this summer -approved sending to synod assembly Rostered Minister Compensation Guidelines that includes a 2% increase (based on the 2018 Cost of Living Adjustment). Synod budget calls for no raises for synod staff, however offers the possibility of an end of year bonus if synod finances allow -spent time talking about Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton being at this year's synod assembly and how to structure her time in the synod for the sake of mutual learning -set in place a mechanism to receive funds from congregations and individuals to support Campus Ministry. This comes in light of the disbanding of the ND Campus Ministry Coordinating Committee. Actions were taken to ensure that any funds from individuals, congregations or women's groups designated for campus ministry can be used only to support those ministries -spent time in conversation around issues of Stewardship and Faith Formation-seeking guidance on how synod staff can best support congregations and leaders in these areas.

Blessings all!

Rev. Mark Narum



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2018 Parish Calendar

Annual meetings of the congregations:

January 21, 2018 (3rd Sunday) – All four churches with potluck

First Communion Classes, Sundays at 1:00 (5th graders)

1st communion classes– 1:00 Feb 21 & 28, March 6 & 11

First Communion Sunday – March 25 (Palm Sunday)

5th Sunday Joint Worship & Other Combined Services:

April 29 – Youth Sunday & potluck dinner

July 29 – GIFTS Sunday & potluck dinner

September 9 – Rally Sunday

September 30 potluck dinner

December 30 potluck dinner

Lenten Schedule: 5:30 supper and 6:30 service

Date: *Who serves:*

February 14..... (Ash Wednesday).....LYO

February 21..... Bethlehem

February 28.....Faith

March 7.....Knife River

March 14.....American

March 21.....Rural Churches

March 29 ... (Maundy Thursday)...Parish Board Coordinates

March 30 – Good Friday.....No Meal

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



Serve.

ALC Serving Groups - Also see the church bulletin board

Green Group Serves in March

February 2018
Gold Serving Group
Gordon & Sharon Aas *
Bryan & Karen Davies
Robin Enget
March 2018
Green Serving Group
Gary & Sue Evenson
Elsie Ganskop
April 2018
Purple Serving Group
Jacob Hellman
Brian & Traci Hysjulien
Chad & Cammie Hysjulien
May 2018
Red Serving Group
Hod & Ruth Hysjulien
Marjorie Jaha
June 2018
White Serving Group
Gary & Judy Johnson
Lynette Johnson
July 2018
Blue Serving Group
Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin
Meyer & Diane Kinnoin
August 2018
Gold Serving Group
Chase Lindberg
Dan & Karen Lindberg
Larry & Grace Lystad
Gladys Meyer

Power Point
Projectionists
John & Devra Mogren
Greg & Stacey Mortensen
Katie/Sarah 1st
Bev Neset *
Kelly/Dawn 2nd
Jerry & Jennifer Neset
Gary/Kaye 3rd
Lance & Teri Ostdahl
Jeff/Karen 4th
Evonne Piepkorn

Stacy Ramberg
Ken & Donna Ranum
Bill & LaRae Rudolph
Sound System
Jake Hellman 1st
Don Longmuir 2nd
Gary Nordloef 3rd
Jeff Colbenson 4th
Jake Hellman 5th

Acolytes:

March 2018: Ethan
April 2018: Kerrington

Purple Group Serves in April

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 Do-
reen Moser
Ron & Laura Paetz
Andrew Raasakka
Heather Raasakka
Mike & Gail Raasakka
Gauge Reep
Jerry & Nancy Rudolph
Denise Sundean

* = 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.

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.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Open doors-open hearts. Join us for worship



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 61 families in January, for a total of 171 people, of which 13 were seniors and 74 were children. We provided 6053 pounds of food. ☺ We are so thankful to be able to send clients on their way with this food!! We had a LOT of fun unloading the food truck this time!! A busload of energetic, and STRONG kids came over from the school to help. The unloading went so fast! So fast, in fact, that they still had time to help us unpack the foods!! Thank you so much, Stanley High School students!! We had several of our volunteers helping unload, as well...and they commented on how nice it was to have the boundless energy and strength of the young people that were helping us!!! ☺ We also were delighted to have volunteers from the Cenex/Pinnacle/C-Store help us unload!! What a service-minded community we live in!!!! We continue to be supported with such care, via memorials, as well as a gift from Knife River for our food pantry, as well as one for our special needs fund!! ☺ (For those of you who don't know about the Special Needs Fund, it is a fund within the food pantry account, which helps out folks in need, that might not fit any other county programs. The unique situations that have presented themselves are many....and much good has been done for people with this fund.) The White Earth Church ladies sent the food pantry a donation, along with a very nice note to the volunteers. In fact, I posted it on our bulletin board for our volunteers to read, for daily inspiration. ☺ And lastly, but with their own money!!, carried it over...and put it in place. In a matter of minutes, we went from a dilemma to a brand new freezer!!! Our problem was solved!!! I still shake my head at how all of that took place, so calmly and matter of fact. I asked if I could recognize them on Facebook for this, but the answer was a firm no. ☺ But there is nothing stopping us from offering up a prayer of thanks for this act of selfless kindness. ☺ And that is the community we live in. There are good people with compassionate hearts everywhere...the more we watch for them, the more we will see. ☺

-Mary

Mountrail

County Food Pantry



<https://www.facebook.com/Mountrail-Community-Food-Pantry-1158506520929303/>

WELCA will meet in the fellowship hall after quilting March 5th at 2:30 pm.

Sympathy, Easter, confirmation and graduation cards and napkins have arrived and ready for sale.

Altar chairperson is needed to care for Altar and cleaning the cross brass. Call Marilyn if interested.

Thanks to DEVRA for the beautiful sewn table Runners. They're beautiful.

There are plans to start sending prayer requests by texting soon - If you want your name on texting or telephoning list please notify Marilyn (628-2024) soon so we can get it arranged and find someone to start the chain.

I will continue to be the 1st contact person if prayer chain is needed.

Time to remember that our kits (other bits for LWR) will soon have to be ready for shipping in May. (Thanks Marin for Chairing the brunch after church for Kayla. Welcome!)

Women of American, we will be serving Lenten supper March 14th. Watch for the sign up sheet on table in Narthex.

"Look around today and share a cheerful, friendly smile, show the world you truly care, then go a second mile"

-Marilyn.



Newsletter from Katie S. Narum Miyamoto
Latest news from Kumamoto, Japan.

Greetings from Kumamoto.

The chill of January has past, but we still have cold temps for this area—about 0C (30F) and snow on the nearby Aso crater and hills visible from our house. Next week is supposed to hold warmer temps before we head into the plum blossom season and then the cherry blossoms. We continue to pray those effected by recent natural disasters in many parts of the world and the effect that cold temps have on recovery.

Family Stuff.

Many of you have already heard that our second son, Haru, was born in October, 2017. Like Jun, he was almost 2 weeks late even though they say 2nd babies often come early. Haru is healthy, although doesn't take long naps which makes it difficult to get domestic things done, let alone computer work. We try not to use devices around either of the boys even though Jun loves the iPad. This generation is going to find it difficult enough to not become addicted to their devices, so we are hoping to keep them away from that situation for as long as we can. I am currently on maternity leave from school until October, but I continue to assist at Kengun Lutheran Church and we also work with the International Service at Kumamoto Lutheran Church. This long maternity leave also gives us a chance to do a little extension to home assignment 2018.

Home assignment 2018.

I am in the beginning stages of preparing for this summer's home assignment. This could change, but we are currently looking at being in the Seattle area from the beginning of June until mid June, then WeND and EaND from mid June until the beginning of August. (I was previously hoping to be in Bismarck for the WeND synod assembly, but current plans unfortunately don't include it.) After that, Kazu would join us in the Minneapolis area in August before returning to Japan so that he can continue teaching after the summer break. I will be with both boys in the Minot and Bismarck area for the month and a half and am looking forward to seeing as many people as possible and giving Jun as much language experience as possible. Please watch for my "reverse invitation," as I call it, with information on how to have me visit you while we are in the area!

Please continue to pray for:

- ◆ those in Japan who have been hit hard, like others in the world, with the influenza virus.
- ◆ •15 girls from Luther High School who are preparing to travel to Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Fargo, ND for a week in March.
- ◆ •Hitoshi and Satoko Adachi who have answered the call to serve Kuwamizu Lutheran Church and our International Congregation in Kumamoto starting in April.

**Christ's Peace & Prayers,
Katie S. Narum Miyamoto**

Synod E-News
News & Events from the Western North Dakota Synod

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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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.

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota
<http://www.lssnd.org/>

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!

Lent 2018

Begins Wednesday, February 14. Ends Saturday, March 31.



THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT




Sunday Worship
Schedule:
Bethlehem: 9:00
Knife River: 9:00



MARCH 2018



Wednesday Parish
Schedule:
See full Wednesday
schedule below

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00 Parish Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 7:00pm Beth. Council	2 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> ALC Fellowship Hall reserved	3
4 Sunday Worship! Hans Peterson will lead worship at ALC /potluck 11:30: ALC Council 11:30 Faith WELCA	5 10:00 ALC quilting 2:00 Faith Aft. Bible study 2:30 ALC WELCA meeting	6 10 Pastor's Text Study 10:00 Bethlehem Bible Study at Centennial Crt	7 See Wednesday Parish schedule below 10:00 Monthly Parish morning Bible study-ALC 4:00 1st communion at ALC	8 8:00 Parish Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court 9:30 Together-4-Prayer	9 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> Bethlehem hair fix at Bethel home	10 Turn your clocks ahead! 
11 Sunday Worship!	12 10:00 ALC quilting	13 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	14 See Wednesday Parish Schedule below NO PLPWS during school spring break	15 8:00 Parish Men's Bible Study at Centen- nial Court 3:00 Faith Evening Bi- ble study	16 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	17 
18 Sunday Worship! ALC Contemp. Worship 5:00 KR Family Night	19 10:00 ALC quilting	20 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	21 See Wednesday Parish Schedule below 4:00 1st Communion class at ALC Noon: Scroll Deadline	22 8:00 Parish Men's Bible Study at Centen- nial Crt	23 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> ALC hair fix at Bethel home	24
25 Sunday Worship! ALC Purple Serving Group meets after worship 1st Communion Sunday Faith Council meeting after service	26 10:00 ALC quilting	27 10 Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	28 No Wednesday Activi- ties tonight See you Thursday!	29 8:00 Parish Men's Bible Study at Centennial Crt 1:00 Scroll Assembly KR 5:30 Maundy Thursday Worship Supper—Parish	30 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>  6:30 Worship	31
Serving Lent Supper 7 - Knife River 14 - ALC WELCA 21 - Rural Churches 29 - Parish Board			Wednesday Parish Schedule 3:00-4:00 7th grade confirmation 4:00: 8th & 9th grade confirmation 4:00—5:15 Prairie Lutheran Parish Wed. School 5:30 Parish Supper (see supper schedule) 6:30 Midweek Lent Service 7:00 LYO		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	