



Prairie Lutheran Parish

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My Dear Parish,

The other week Kayla and I volunteered at the Regis Movie Theater for the first time. It was a kids' movie and little did we know what we had signed up for when we agreed to cover for the weekend. It was

nuts. However, Hod and Ruth Hysjulian, Don and Connie Longmuir, and Mary Kilen shared each night with us to be sure that we were not overwhelmed. News also spread quickly across the town that we would be volunteering as I fielded numerous offers to come and help us survive the masses. Kayla and I both grew up in small North Dakota communities much like Stanley, and as we handed out popcorn and candy and received those numerous offers of help, the small town life became all the more real to us. One little guy came in and exclaimed "HEY, THAT'S THE CHURCH GUY." A WeeCare Student from last year asked if I was guy that came in and talked about Jesus and sang to them. Cooper Skarsgard is most certainly not shy when it comes to ordering some candy from his pastor, and Bayley and Noah Rolfe both order two things of popcorn one buttered and one plain. I'm not sure how any of that has to do with ministry or small town life, but through it all, even cleaning up all the sticky candy that the kids at the movie spit on the floor, I just kept thinking, "I am blessed to live among all of you."

While many parishes struggle to get along and do ministry together I am continually reminded of the strength of community in Stanley. Our four churches really do function so well together and should be a model to other parishes. We live into the reality that we really are better together, and for some reason I saw that selling tickets in a movie theater the other week.

They say home is where the heart is, and much of my heart is split between all of you here in this wonderful community. So thank you for being home to us for nearly two years already. I am blessed by you, and give thanks to God for the ability to serve out God's mission here with all of you. You are love; to God, to one another, and to this community, and you are loved; by God, by me, and by so many people around you. May we always live together in the love of God.

All the best, Pastor Carter

Parish News

SUMMER WORSHIP: Please join us on **Tuesday, August 7th** for time of fellowship and worshipping together. A barbecue supper will be served from 5:00—5:30pm. Worship will be from 5:30-6:00pm. We will gather outside American Lutheran Church, weather permitting.

OPPEBOEN SCHOLARSHIPS for the 2018-2019 school year will be awarded to:

Travis Dean and Kaedyn Hanson - \$1,000.00,
Lexi Evenson and Bayley Rolfe - \$500.00.

May God bless these students as they further their education.

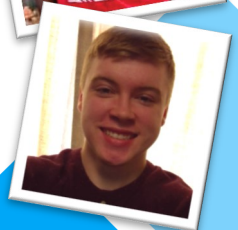
UPPER MISSOURI MINISTRIES thanks you
for sponsoring three of their 2018
Summer Camp Missionaries!

Bethlehem: Morgan Steffins from Grenora, ND.

Knife River: Devontae Riley, from Orlando, FL.

American: Jordan Benth from Williston, ND.

Thank you for your continued support of Upper
Missouri Ministries and for your support of these
young adults as they serve this summer.



Youth News

This Changes Everything! God's love, grace, and hope changes everything for all of us! This theme from the National Youth Gathering is an amazing reminder for how much God loves us and how we can show that love, grace, and hope to everyone around us.

Our group of 21 youth and 9 adults returned to Stanley on Monday, July 2nd (after a little sleepover at the Minneapolis airport). Gathering with 30,000 other youth from across the country has been a life-changing experience for all of us in one way or another. I can't speak for everyone on this trip, but, I know that I feel filled and refueled for what we can do as a youth group and as a church and parish.



During our trip, we were able to participate in interactive activities, games, and learning experiences over a range of topics such as ELCA missions and human trafficking (among many others). Our synod day allowed us to come together with 600 other youth from western North

Dakota and worship together. The service also had many opportunities to mix around the room and talk with other students that we hadn't met yet. Pastor Carter, Noah Rolfe, and I were also a part of the Synod





Day Band. We had a blast!
The last day of the National Youth Gathering was our Service Learning project. We went to an area of Houston called Freedman's Town. Different teams of workers completed tasks like painting, building fences, and moving large amounts of sand and debris. These tasks will help preserve the historical significance of Freedman's Town and the community.

The nightly Mass Gathering events had us dancing, singing, and hearing

from speakers with many different stories and testimonies that help inspire and recharge us as individuals, youth groups, and parishes when we return home.

One last thing: THANK YOU to everyone in our parish and community. Your support whether through prayers, donations, time devoted to fundraising events, and the kind and supportive conversations for our trip have been wonderful! We are grateful for what you, the youth and their parents, Pastor Carter and Sarah, and everyone in the parish and council groups have helped to accomplish over the past year!



YOU ARE AMAZING!

- Eden

Knife River

JANITORS for August are Kevin and Sandy Harstad.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at Knife River July 30 – August 2 with Camp of the Cross staff leading the activities. If you have any questions call Nikki at 629-5101.

THANK YOU to all of those who participated in the worship service and provided the brunch for our 110th Anniversary. It was a special service and enjoyed by all those attending.

SYMPATHY - We extend our sympathy to the family of **Annie Craft**, who passed away on July 14, Her funeral was on July 18 at the American Lutheran Church and she was laid to rest at Knife River Cemetery. She was one grand lady and will be missed by many. God's blessings to her family.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Sunday School Rally will be held at Knife River on September 9th.

Bethlehem

Bethlehem Ushers and Greeters for August

5 - G & C Lappara Family and C & J Johnson

12 - M Jarmin and C Schneider Family

19 - J & D Jarmin and H & J Rehak

26 - J & P Germundson Family

COUNCIL Next council meeting August 2nd at 8:00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS and blessings to Pastor Kayla Hill on her Ordination to Word and Sacrament this past July!

Faith Lutheran

BIBLE STUDIES:

Afternoon Bible Study: August 7 at 2:00pm at Phyllis Vesey's home.

Evening Bible Study: No evening Bible study in August.

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Charity serves coffee following church

5—Phyllis Vesey

12—Constance Parkinson

19—Darlene Bruhn

26—Marion Dorau

Readers

5—Iva Fox

12—Debbie Haugen

19—Darlene Bruhn

26—Lori Hanson

Alter and Greeters—Carol J and Joann O.

Work: Kathryn M. and Pat G.

BRIDAL SHOWER: August 12 at 2:00pm for Julia Larson

August

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

1

5

Sunday Worship!

11:30a ALC Potluck Meal

6

10a ALC Quilting

7

10a Ross Bible Study

10a Pastor's Text Study
2p Afternoon Bible Study

8

10a Monthl
Bible Study

5-6p Outdoor Worship

12

Sunday Worship!

13

10a ALC Quilting

14

10a Pastor's Text Study
10a Ross Bible Study
7p ALC Council Mtg

15

19

Sunday Worship!

20

10a ALC Quilting

21

10a Pastor's Text Study
10a Ross Bible Study

22

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26

Sunday Worship!

11:30a ALC Green Serving
Group Meets

27

10a ALC Quilting

28

10a Pastor's Text Study
10a Ross Bible Study

29

Sunday Worship Schedule

9a Bethlehem

9a Knife River

10:30a American

10:30a Faith

Regular Weekly Activities:

8p A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC

10a AIAnon on Saturdays at ALC

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 8a Men's Bible Study 9:30a Together 4 Prayers Parish Office Closed for Staff Planning Meeting	3 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	4
y Parish	9 8a Men's Bible Study	10 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 8a Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	11
	16 8a Men's Bible Study	17 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	18
l Deadline	23 8a Men's Bible Study 1:00p Scroll Assembly by	24 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 8a ALC fixes hair at Bethel	25
	30 8a Men's Bible Study 1p ALC Gold Group Assembles Scroll	31 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	

American Lutheran

Gold Group

Green Group

August 2018

Gold Group

Ron & Shelly Aadnes

Shane Aadnes

Dave & Paula Brown

Jacob & Ashley Carpenter

Brandon & Beth Dean

Jared Enget

Scott & Jordan Evans

Rocky & Adriana Fladeland

Larry & Nancy Hagen

Nancy Hemstad

Gerry & Chancey Henin

Jason & Christy Iverson*

Duane & Janice Lindberg

Evan & Erin Meiers

Eric & Shannon Mell

Norman & Julie Mell

Jackie Nelson

Earl Rogstad

Layne & Tyra Rolfe

Elaine Sandry

Pam & Kelly Shunke

Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard

Troy & Jenny Smith

BreeAnn Sorenson

Clay & Sarah Sorenson

Steve & Cathy Springan

Bill & June Stevens

Gordon & Sharon Aas *

Bryan & Karen Davies

Robin Enget

Gary & Sue Evenson

Jacob Hellman

Brian & Traci Hysjulien

Chad & Cammie Hysjulien

Hod & Ruth Hysjulien

Marjorie Jaha

Gary & Judy Johnson

Lynette Johnson

Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin Meyer

& Diane Kinnoin

Chase Lindberg

Dan & Karen Lindberg

Larry & Grace Lystad

Gladys Meyer

John & Devra Mogren

Greg & Stacey Mortensen

Bev Neset *

Jerry & Jennifer Neset

Lance & Teri Ostdahl

Evonne Piepkorn

Stacey Ramberg

Ken & Donna Ranum

Bill & LaRae Rudolph

Amy Strasser

Robert Western

Bernard & Joanne Wirtz

September 2018

Green Group

October 2018

Purple Group

November 2018

Red Group

December 2018

White Group

January 2019

Blue Group

February 2019

Gold Group

Power Point

Asst.

Katie 1st

Kelly/Dawn 2nd

Gary/Kay 3rd

Jeff/Karen 4th

Sound System

Jake Hellman 1st

Don Longmuir 2nd

Gary Nordloef 3rd

Jeff Colbenson 4th

Jake Hellman 5th

CONGRATULATIONS!

Darin Larson and Brandi Bieri were married on Saturday, June 16th. Together they are a family of 8. The modern "Brady bunch".

Gods blessings to them.

THANK YOU to all who helped with vacation Bible School, 2018. VBS was successful and it ran smoothly with the willingness of our volunteers. Meals and lodging were provided for our Metigoshe counselors, lunch was brought to the counselors and superintendent daily, a different superintendent was in charge each day, servers helped with lunch the night of the program, capable assistants helped the counselors, our school let us borrow a bus, a bus driver volunteered his time and talent, and our church staff helped all run smoothly. All of these added up to a "Anchored in Christ" Week for our kids! - ALC Education Committee

WELCA NEWS

The quilting women continue to make quilts this summer. They would appreciate any used jeans you may have to be used for quilts. They may be left at the church. Thank you! WELCA will met on July 23rd. Fall Fundraiser and Lutheran World Relief projects were discussed. God Bless, - Marilyn E.

Food Pantry

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry provided 6442 pounds of food to 60 families in June, for a total of 214 people served. Of those 214, 97 were children and 14 were seniors. We received a wonderful gift from the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Parshall! The Lions Club kindly gave us a donation as well! We received memorials in honor of friends and loved ones, and we surely appreciate that. We write a thank you to the giver, put the notice in the paper for the family, and say a prayer for both parties. A gentleman walked up to one of our volunteers while she was out and about, handed her a 100.00 dollar bill, and told her it was for the food pantry!! We have random gifts of farm fresh eggs, which are so very appreciated! We had a fellow donate beef liver, amongst other cuts, and how our clients loved that!! We are so blessed to live in a community of such caring folks! :) - Mary

August Birthdays

- 1 - Doug Halden, Seth Evenson
- 2 - Ted Dobrovolny
- 3 - Christopher Nordloef
- 4 - Harold Hager, Sheryl Sorenson
- 5 - Nancy Rudolph, Tyra Rolfe, Thosten Lidstrom, Colton Rudolph, Kenny Meckle
- 6 - Don Bingen, Judy Lee, Leslie Alvstad, Carissa DeBilt, Sarah Brewer, Caylie Hamers
- 7 - Jared Enget
- 8 - Abby Iverson, Sharon Prochaska, Chris Baumann
- 9 - Norma Kjellberg, Carrie Sigloh
- 10 - Brendan Wilson, Dane Dunham
- 11 - Sarah Sorenson, James Miller, June Stevens, Rylee Littlecreek, Bayla Skarsgard, Mike Craft
- 12 - RYanne Pappa, Tom Simmers,
- 13 - Dan Dennis
- 14 - Bray Meyer, Sherri Konen, Darwin Mrnak, Caryn Nelson, Katie Harwood
- 15 - Jessica Ranum, Ella Mortensen, Brandi Larson, Sam Juma
- 16 - John Wing, Sharon Aas, Kylee Janz, Noah Swegarden, Samantha Hollerim
- 17 - Jason Reep, Norman Mell, Walter Dunham, Jim Hollerim
- 18 - Carsten Hysjulien, Stephanie Pappa
- 19 - Keith Karow, Jr., Bill Whitmore, Don Hoirup
- 20 - Greg Mortensen, Marichel Mariscal, Margo Aas, Omni Roise, Brock Hamers
- 21 - Chase Lindberg, Scott Klein, Franna Fladeland, Jeff Bruhn
- 22 - Katie Nichols, Ruth Feldman, Nancy Kvamme
- 23 - Ira Walter
- 24 - Hannah Sorenson, Alexis Lee, Mike Parmeter, Stran Fladeland, Jamie Germanson, Randi Moore
- 25 - Renae Minton, Troy Smith, Kamryn Grace Halvorson, Dylan Olson, Lisa Lapica, Diann Dunham
- 26 - Rocky Fladeland
- 27 - Holly Halvorson
- 28 - Cathy Springan, Kaden Evenson
- 29 - Melissa Johnson, Fern Nelson, Ben Hamers
- 30 - Elliott Essler, Owen Craft
- 31 - Jeremiah Nelson, Brycen Yazzie, Cody Rudolph, Lonnie Fladeland

Happy Anniversary

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| 1 - Chris & Lindsay Olson | 11 - Orville & Betty Harstad |
| 1 - Layne & Tyra Rolfe | 11 - Coleen & Warren Walhaug |
| 1 - Jaren & Jasmin Enockson | 12 - Beau & Kim Vachal |
| 4 - Gary & Judy Johnson | 13 - Michael & Yanci Crider |
| 4 - Lowell & Judy Vedaa | 18 - Curt & Leslie Trulson |
| 4 - Adan & McKenzie Jarmin | 19 - Ron & Julie Roehrich |
| 5 - Gary & Sue Evenson | 19 - Monica & Bill Sem |
| 5 - Brian & Tammy Hamers | 22 - Steve & Cathy Springan |
| 6 - Cole & Lauren Hysjulien | 27 - Arlo & Faye Borud |
| 6 - Roger & Addy Evans | 29 - Nate & Mackenzie Weyrauch |
| 9 - Jacob & Ashley Carpenter | 29 - Kevin & Joanne Lapica |
| 9 - Dustin & Barb Roise | 30 - Jesse & Rita Locken |
| 10 - Curt & Summer Meyer | 30 - Wayne & Diana Evans |
| 11 - Richard & Linda Halvorson | 31 - Kelly & Dawn Evenson |
| 11 - Ron & Marion Herfindahl | |
| 11 - Clay & Sarah Sorenson | |

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Synod News

This Changes Everything...

As I write this I am sitting in Houston at the National Youth Gathering. The theme verse for this gathering of 30,000 ELCA youth and their adult leaders is Ephesians 2:8: *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.* Jesus death and resurrection changed everything! Period! End of story! The world was changed by Christ's freely going to the cross. Through the cross God has pronounced us worthy of God's love and mercy.

Daily Themes...

Each day of the gathering we engaged a different topic:

Day 1: God's Love Changes Everything

Day 2: God's Grace Changes Everything

Day 3: God's Hope Changes Everything

What amazes me is the intentional work that goes into the planning of these gatherings. From providing excellent study resources to help prep participants in the event, to the well thought out work projects and the opportunities for participants to think and talk about faith and daily life.

Do we believe it???

Do we really believe that Jesus' death and resurrection has changed everything? Do we trust God's promise of ongoing, unearned and unmerited love? If we are honest the answer is, "Not always." We live in a world where "nothing is free" and so it is hard to fathom a God whose love is.

Through God's grace we are set free to love and serve our neighbors. Such service is offered with no strings attached. We are moved to love and serve the neighbor because God first loved us. This is what it means to live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We gather weekly to worship the God who gifted us in such an incredible way. We worship to thank and praise God but also to hear God's Word of grace and forgiveness. We taste it in the meal, we hear it in the music, we encounter it as a gathered community.

Then nourished we are sent back into the world to be a witness to what

God is all about. As the Holy Spirit stirs in our life we are changed, thanks be to God!

Synod Happenings...

-We celebrate the Ordination of Kayla Hill on July 29, 2018. Kayla has been called to serve the people of United as One Parish – Powers Lake, Battleview and rural Kenmare.

-We welcome Rev. Justin Johnson who has begun a call serving the people of English Lutheran, Hazen. It is a blessing to welcome you to the Western North Dakota Synod.

-We welcome Rev. Natasha Kolles who will begin her call as Associate Pastor, Zion Lutheran, Minot in mid-August. We are looking forward to the gifts you will share.

-At the same time we say farewell to Rev. Linda Schauer who has been serving Zion, Ashley. She begins a new call in Eastern North Dakota in August. We also say farewell to Rev. Anna Haugen who has served Augustana, Underwood and Birka, rural Washburn. Blessings to both of you and thanks for sharing your gifts with the people of this synod.

Upcoming Events...

August 12-14 – Central African Republic Partners Meeting – Fargo. A gathering of the three synods and other ministry partners engaged in ministry in CAR.

Candidacy Retreat – August 17-18 at Badlands Ministry. A chance for those who are engaged in theological education to connect with synod staff and members of the Candidacy Committee.

August 29-30 – Synod Program Staff Visioning Retreat - Camp of the Cross. This time in retreat always synod staff to lay out our work for the coming year.

September 9-11, Medora Rostered Leader Gathering

Thanks... I am so thankful for each congregation in this synod and the faithful way we engaged ministry together. As you share Mission Support with your synod and churchwide you make ministry happen! Thanks for supporting congregation visioning, congregational renewal, training new pastors and deacons, sending missionaries around the world and much more. Thanks for your partnership – you are a blessing.

- Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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