



Words from Pastor Carter

My Dear Parish,

It is hard to believe that this month marks a full two years serving amongst you. Let me take a moment to say what a great two years they have been for me. We have laughed together, cried together, mourned together, and dreamed of the future together. With each day, I feel a renewed sense of call to serve along side all of you.

When I first drove into Stanley in September of 2016 to interview with the Parish Council about becoming an interim pastor here, I drove around the block a few times nervous to come inside the church. In fact, I wasn't even sure if I was in front of the correct church because I didn't want to sit outside and wait for the electronic sign to blink the name of the church. Then when it finally did blink American Lutheran, I wasn't even sure if that was what I was looking for at all. I only knew the name "Prairie Lutheran Parish." A name that has come to mean so much to me. A name that represents nearly 1,000 people in four different wonderful congregations working together in a beautiful partnership. A name that has come to be something I am proud to use in a sentence when I speak to my family and friends and especially my church colleagues (there might be some bragging about you in there as well).

I am blessed to be your pastor. I am blessed to live in this community with all of you. So as we celebrate two years together, may we also draw attention that this is the day that springboards the start of our third year together. May we look to the future and listen for God's call within our lives, the lives of the parish, and the lives of each individual congregation. You are a blessing to me.

With love, Pastor Carter

Stewardship

Stewardship at times has become a feared word in the church. Many believe it only has to do with talking about finances and giving money to the church. This is true, but it also is about the giving of oneself with both your time, and your talents. Sure, it can be simply about giving both money, and time, but it is also about stewarding generosity! It is about living into our call as people of generosity and always living beyond ourselves as Christ has called us to do. We look forward to the coming month of October where we will be launching into our stewardship conversations of "Generosity Encouraged: Shepherding Ourselves Beyond Our Wants and Needs."

Online Giving

To have your offering automatically taken from your bank account each month and never miss a week of giving! Consider giving online! You can visit prairielutheranparish.org, click on giving, and sign yourself up! Be sure to select the drop down arrow for giving via your credit or debit card to also select ACH transfer. By selecting ACH transfer and using your accounts routing number the church will be charged less fees for your giving. Also be sure to select the drop down arrow to select the correct congregation you wish to give to!

Knife Riven

JANITORS for the month of October are Jana Enger and Jim Enge. Thanks a bunch!

WELCA - **Western Fall Gathering** is at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Powers Lake on Saturday, October 6th. (Please note the date). The theme is "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary". All women are invited to attend this gathering if you are interested.

LWR - Knife River ladies have 16 fleece quilts and 10 school kits ready to go to LWR in October. **Special thanks to Dianne Moen** for providing all the fleece for us to tie the blankets in memory of her mother, Grace Amundson.

FAMILY NIGHT is scheduled for **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**ST, **beginning at 5:00 P.M.** Fall activities will be the theme----carving pumpkins and other fun activities. Lunch is being provided. **No** morning worship on this Sunday.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Sunday School Rally at Knife River on Sept. 9th. It was a special service and the weather was very cooperative! Enjoy the fall days!

Faith Sunday School

As Sunday School is just getting starts lets once again have another awesome year of learning, singing, and crafts. We never can learn too much! Our schedules for October is 7th, 14th, and 21st at 9:30am.

Faith Luthenan

Enjoy the Colors and Coolness of Fall!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Landon Jones as they became one on September 29th. May they have years of happiness! **Congratulations** also to parents, Evan and Erin Meier, and big sister Emery on the arrival of baby girl, Eila Renee. What a joy to have a new addition to their family. Proud Grandparents include Eileen and Len Jones, and Jeanie and Tony Meiers.

Fall Cluster this year is in Powers Lake. The theme is "Let Them Make Me a Sanctuary." Roll Call and Love Offering goes to the Powers Lake Food Pantry. It will be on October 6th starting at 9:30am, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Thanks to the Powers Lake Ladies for hosting. **Heads Up:** The Bethell Home Delegates for the Annual Meeting are Craig Wienbar and Mike Brewer. This is on November 15th at American Lutheran Church in Stanley. Supper is at 6:30pm with the meeting to follow.

"I Care" prayers continues on a daily basis for the people recovering from surgery, our country, and our military.

Evening Bible Study will meet on October 10th at 3:00pm. Janice K is the hostess along with a group Bible Study.

Altar and Greeters: Phyllis and Iva | Work: Debbie and Jennifer

Readers: 7-Alice, 14-Iva, 21-Eileen, 28-Darlene B.

Coffee: 7-Iva, 14-Sarah, 21-Novelyn, 28-Nikki

Insect of the Month: Owl Moth Caterpillar

Bethlehem

Church Council Meeting October 4th, at 8:00.

October Weekly Ushers

7th - Colin and Susan Vachal

14th - Kids Sunday

21st - Mike and Kim Sorenson Family

28th - Marie Roise

October Greeters and Treats

7th - Gary and Vicki Evans

14th - Grady and Lisa Uran

21st - Curt and Lesley Trulson

28th - Jason and Andie Roise

WELCA News

I start out this month's news with a correction from the September news. As you may have heard by now, the Bethel Home Auxiliary event was cancelled due to construction going on at the home along with scheduling conflicts. In its place we are doing a "bakeless bake sale" as a fundraiser at this time. If you want to take part in this fund raiser please mail your donation to PO Box 1063 Stanley, ND and write BH Bakeless Sale on the memo line of your check.

The Western Prairie Fall Gathering will be held Saturday, October 6^h at Holy Cross in Powers Lake! The theme is "Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary". We will have more information on this event soon. Please plan to attend.

We will continue to collect soap bars through the 14th of October. Lutheran World Relief pick-up dates are October 18th and 19th at Midwest Motor Express, Minot. As you consider donating to the Trinity Cancer Care Center, favorites continue to be gas stamps, gas cards, or gift cards to fulfill basic needs from places like grocery stores, restaurants, WalMart or Target for basic needs. Thank you for supporting this mission project! - Diana

Sunday School News

Sunday school is back in full swing! We celebrated Rally Sunday with our Parish at Knife River in September and began Sunday classes in Ross. To start off the year, the older elementary students will be doing a book study on the book, Case for Christ for Kids. The younger elementary kids will be starting a new curriculum called Holy Moly. Looks like it will be fun and full of info for them! Thanks to some left over funds from the National Youth gathering that we were gifted with, we were able to purchase our book study books and bean bags for our kids!

October 14th - Kids assist with worship

Reading - Jack

Offering - Annie and Jozey

Music - Katy

Coffee - Kaley, Levi, and Sadee

Usher - Owen

Bell Ringer - Briggs

Acolyte - Henry and Jake

Greeter - Omni and Jessy



American Lutheran

Purple Group

Red Group

October 2018

Purple Group

November 2018

Red Group

December 2018

White Group

January 2019

Gold Group

February 2019

Green Group

March 2019

Purple 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 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 Giellstad 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

Denise Sundean

Jim & Susie Trana

Gaige Reep

Mike & Gail Raasakka

Jerry & Nancy Rudolph

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 Frie 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

American Lutheran Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA Western Prairie Cluster Meeting will me held in Powers Lake at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on October 6th. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to sign up for a ride.

If you have purchased school supplies for Lutheran World Relief Kits bring them to the Church and we have bags to put the supplies in. Sorry I forgot to make that comment in previous articles. Thanks to those who have sent in donations for the No Bake, Bake Sale. The Quilters are in need of used blue jeans for quilts.

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors!

-Marilyn

Wee Care

Wee Care classes are back in action! There are 15 students enrolled in both the morning and afternoon classes. This is my second year as the Wee Care teacher/director. Mrs. Laparra is also back in her second year as our teaching assistant. She keeps us all organized and is a great asset to our program. We began the year with an All About Me unit and spent a lot of time learning the classroom rules and routines. Now, we'll begin learning about a new letter each week. It's so fun seeing how excited the kids are to learn and meet new friends. We're off to a great start and ready to make it a great year!

-Mrs. Lund

Oct

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
Worship Schedule 9a Bethlehem 9a Knife River 10:30a American 10:30a Faith	1 10a ALC Quilting	2 10a Ross Bible Study 10a Pastor's Text Study	3 4 - 5:15p School and C 5:15p Family 6p The Bridg 6:45p LYO &
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Regular Weekly Activities:

8p A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC 10a AlAnon on Saturdays at ALC Mondays: Boyscouts in Fellowship Hall ALC

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		GIFTS in Minot
11	12 Pastor's Sabbath	13
8a Men's Bible Study	8a Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	
18	19 Pastor's Sabbath	20
8a Men's Bible Study		
25	26 Pastor's Sabbath	27
8a Men's Bible Study 1:00 Scroll Assembly by Faith	8a ALC fixes hair at Bethel	
3:40 3rd grade Bible Class		
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Youth News

We had a successful kick-off to the 2017-2018 church calendar year! Our first night of LYO brought in 24 youth in grades 7-12 to play kickball, laugh, and have a little devotional time! We began talking about "radical hospitality" -- a topic that was discussed at the National Youth Gathering and something that we can bring back and pursue as churches and a parish. I hope to continue this discussion with our youth as we think about how Jesus showed hospitality in such a big way to all of those he encountered.

We are changing up the schedule for LYO a bit to help facilitate our meetings better, have age-appropriate conversations, and be cognizant of giving our youth a break to do homework/study. Below, you will find a schedule showing the pattern of our 7th/8th grade and then 9th-12th youth groups.

Wednesday, October 3rd -- 7th/8th grade
Wednesday, October 10th -- 9th-12th grade
Wednesday, October 17th -- NO LYO
Wednesday, October 24th -- 7th/8th grade
Wednesday, October 31st -- All grades -- Time TBA

Sunday, October 14th National Youth Gathering presentation and supper

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday for a meal and presentation about our experience in Houston in June at the National Youth Gathering. Our 30 participants will be sharing about what we did there, what we heard, and how we could use it to spread God's Word and love to those in our community and everywhere else.

October 18th-20th -- LYO Convention in Bismarck

All 9th graders and several other youth in grades 9-12 are getting registered to go! Right now, we are planning to take about 25 high schoolers with us!

Please feel free to join us for the meal, worship, and LYO to make a night out of it! The meal begins at 5:15, worship at 6:00, and LYO at 6:30/6:45. If you have any questions or concerns about LYO or Wednesday schedules, please let Eden know!



Wednesday Schedule:

4:00 - 5:15pm Wednesday School for ages 4 years old to 6th grade

4:00 - 5:15pm Confirmation for 8th and 9th Grade

5:15 - 6:00pm Supper and Fellowship

6:00 - The Bridge Worship Service

Bible study and LYO following worship

The meal and Bridge worship service take place in the fellowship hall of American Lutheran Church. Come and join us! All are welcome here as we bridge together the church and the ever changing world.

Pastor appreciation Month



October is set aside as National Pastor Appreciation month. This month was created because of the alarming statistic of people leaving the ministry as being a pastor is considered by many studies to be among one of toughest vocations the with the highest rates of depression. pastor is also considered one of the most thankless jobs with the highest amount of criticism from others. may we take this month, and all months, to give thanks leadership we have here at the Prairie

Lutheran Parish. God has blessed us with great leadership through Pastor Carter and Intern Pastor Sarah. Their ability to work together and their outlook of positivity for the future of the church has blessed our churches immensely. We give them thanks for all they do to serve us! They are always willing to go the extra mile and think outside the box to better serve this community and all people in need; even if it means doing aerobic dances and exercises on Facebook Live Videos. They love and care for all of you, and are always willing to listen to you when you need an ear to hear. They are willing to laugh at their mistakes and learn from their failures, and still pick up and carry on knowing that you all are behind them supporting them along the way.

May God bless them as they continue to serve us here. Take a moment to tell them that you appreciate them this month.

Pastor Carter has said many times that he would not be able to be the pastor he is here in this place if it were not for all the staff he gets to work with each day. So during this month may we give thanks for Carter and Sarah serving in this place as well as Eden, John, and Marichel.

Thank you Carter and Sarah

Food Pantry

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry provided 6474 pounds of food in August to 62 families, of which 88 were children and 16 were seniors. We have had 153 pounds of garden produce donated to us by good hearted gardeners! And fresh produce is eagerly welcomed by our clients!! We have had a wonderful donation given to us by a local resident that was extremely thoughtful!! I must say, as I do on a regular basis...there are such caring folks in this community that want to make certain that others are cared for, as well. And being a part of the food pantry has allowed us to witness this firsthand. :-) Our volunteers are faithfully serving, and our food pantry continues to be able to provide. Thank you to every person that makes this possible!

God bless you...Mary

October Birthdays

- 1 Aaron Nelson, Kerrington Jo Lee, Annie Roise, Andrea Vroman,
 Marie Harstad
- 2 Orville Harstad
- 3 Gail Weisenberger, Kyle Hanson, Darlene Vesey
- 4 Gene (Skip) Wing
- 5 Melissa Rostad
- 6 Jeff Olson, Isaac Summers, Melissa Evenson, Roger Vesey
- 7 Nichole Hoffert, Hope Greenlee, Kevin Kinnoin, Ashton Olson
- 9 Erika Simpson, Harrison Dupay, Erin Meiers, Eileen Jones
- 10 Kay Nordloef, Derrick Erie, Kim Walker
- 11 Rebecca Anderson
- 12 James Horne, Maizy Johnson Steen, Cade Schneider, Alice Wienbar
- 13 Nancy Hermanson, Kaydence Vachal, Rick Wendt, Swayzi Nichols
- 14 Rand Olson, Stacy Ramberg, Sara Herr, Demin Dunham
- 15 Diane Klein, Johanna Lee, Gerry Nelson-Henin, Mike Reep, Laynee Littlecreek, Madison Walter
- 16 Amy Strasser, Reed Neset, Kevin Johnson, Beth Gjellstad, Brittany Wesley
- 17 Benjamin Colbenson, Jamie Rice
- 18 Amber Greenlee, Raygen Lee, Elizabeth Wittmayer, Casyn Bieri, Laurie Craft
- 19 Katherine Wilhelmi
- 20 Joan Liebl, Milo Mell, Taylor Halvorson, Cooper Skarsgard, Tanner Wilson
- 21 Ashley Carpenter
- 22 Laurie Faber, Kristal Grinolds, Dylan Enger, Santana Lindstrom, Lakyn Bruhm
- 24 Cole Hysjulien, Abby Reep, Dalton Dralle, Remingtynn Hamers, Emma Brewer, Remingtynn Hamers
- 25 Jim Konen, LaRae Rudolph, Isaak Longmuir
- 26 Chad Lystad, Jenny Smith, Bernard Wirtz, Paige Aadnes, Dorothy Goodall, Shayla Bruhn
- 27 Cheryl Weisenberger, ReeAnn Mehus, Josh Westby, Chester Johnson

- 28 Jacob Hanson, Jim Johnson, Brandi Aadnes, Jacob Hanson Khambel Sorenson, Adriana Fladeland,
- 29 Aaron Anderson
- 30 Linda Hamers, Jackie Nelson
- 31 Diane Laib, Lisa Ann Alvstad

Happy Anniversary

1 - Jed & Jody Bohmbach

5 - Lance & Teri Ostdahl

12 - Christ & Lori Hanson

16 - Gary & Darla Craft

18 - Ron & Shelly Aadnes

18 - Gene & Jessica Lerohl

20 - Kori & Ty Taylor

21 - Clarence & Janice Kvamme

30 - Cory & Jamie Rice

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Synod News

Dwelling... As a synod, we have entered into a pilot project with Luther Seminary called Leadership for Faithful Innovation. Seven congregations have agreed to dig deeply into this process, to see what we can learn through Bible Study, Prayer, Deep Listening and Holy Experimenting where God might be leading the church. This is a faith-filled process, with deep and honest conversation. I wonder what God might be up to through it?

Much of what we have engaged with in the process so far is nothing new – it relies deeply on Bible Study and Prayer. We have been engaging a familiar tool – Dwelling in the Word. A practice of reading a scripture text, spending a time in silence, listening to the same text again followed by a time of silence. Those present are invited to talk about what stuck out to them in the text, what surprised them in the text and what questions the text raised.

I am amazed at the insights people share through this process. This process honors the fact that no matter your age, no matter your level of Biblical knowledge, no matter your educational level or anything else – God's Word speaks to us. I have been blessed through this process.

Something new we have been introduced to is a process called Dwelling in the World. This process holds scripture in one hand and our personal calendar in the other. The questions are a bit different – it might include a question like, "When has God used you to provide comfort to another?" or "When has God used someone else to provide comfort to you?"

Dwelling in the World helps us be on the lookout for God at work in our lives and in our world. It is about mindfulness – helping us realize that by the power of the Holy Spirit, God is still at work in the world.

I am not certain how this three-year process will unfold. At same time I am certain that as we grow in faith and awareness of God's presence congregations will be strengthened.

Western ND LYO - Ramada Inn - Bismarck

October 18-20 - Register now! Hope to see you there.

GIFTS – October 6, 2018 "The Gospel of Luke" Lectionary Year C Rev. Dr. Troy Troftgruben, Wartburg Theological Seminary First Lutheran Church, Minot

Synod Council

Your Synod Council met September 14-15 in Bismarck. Here are some of the work they engaged:

- entered into a discussion around the question, "When you think of the
 work of our interdependent church congregation, synod and
 churchwide what activities/functions are best done by each
 partner?" This conversation was meant to help me as I prepare for a
 similar conversation at this fall's Conference of Bishops meeting.
- had conversation with Sunitha Mortha, ELCA Global Mission about Cultural Competence and decided to move forward with further conversation and action planning around this topic as a council.
- discussed healthcare coverage for synod staff. Decided to allow staff
 to work together to set the level either Gold+ or Silver A. At the
 same time encouraged congregations to have their rostered leaders
 look closely at Silver A as it may provide long term benefits.
- spent time in conversation around shared ministries or the possibilities of shared operations with the Eastern North Dakota Synod
- heard an update from two strategic mission partners, Heart River
 Bridges of Hope and Lutheran Campus Ministry, Bismarck.

"Dishin' With the Bish" We are in the process of planning our Annual "Dishin' with the Bish" events. We work hard to move these gatherings around the synod. These are times of Bible study, conversation and good food. (At least in previous years, the food we cooked was good!) Following are the locations and times:

Sunday, October 21st	5:30 PM	St. John, Dickinson
Monday, October 22nd		Christ, Lignite Peace, Burlington
Tuesday, October 23rd		New Hope, Upham St. Paul, Garrison
Wednesday, October 24th	10:00 AM	Faith, Bismarck

- Rev. Mark Narum

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